

Sunday, February 9, 2014

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Come Ye Sinners”

Fernando Ortega, John Andrew Schreiner
Joseph Hart

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you full of pity love and power

Come ye thirsty come and welcome God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance every grace that brings you nigh

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, You will never come at all.

View Him prostrate in the garden, on the ground your Maker lies;
On the bloody tree behold Him, sinner will this not suffice?

Lo the incarnate God ascended pleads the merit of His blood;
Venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

Call to Worship

The triune God calling His church to worship Him

Prayer of Invocation

Asking God to be present and to receive our worship through Christ

Reading of the Law

God's perfect law condemns and convicts us of our sin and serves as a guide for the Christian life

Deuteronomy 26:16-19

This day the LORD your God commands you to do these statutes and rules. You shall therefore be careful to do them with all your heart and with all your soul. You have declared today that the LORD is your God, and that you will walk in His ways, and keep His statutes and his commandments and his rules, and will obey his voice. And the LORD has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all His commandments, and that He will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the LORD your God, as He promised.

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

Ezekiel 36:24-29a

The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the penalty and power of sin

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey My rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be My people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God: a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate
On earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side: the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be! Christ Jesus it is He!
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And tho' this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also,
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

“I Will Rise”

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves,
Louie Giglio, Matt Maher

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul; I can say it is well.

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won; He is risen from the dead.

*(And) I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings, before my God fall on my knees and rise,
I will rise.*

There's a day that's drawing near, when this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, worthy is the Lamb.
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, worthy is the Lamb;
Worthy is the Lamb.

I will rise, I will rise.

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-22

pages 858-9, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

Asking God's Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of His Word

Sermon

“Preparing the Way”

Rev. Dave O'Connell

5th in the series, “Seeking and Saving the Lost: The Gospel of Luke”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“In Christ Alone”

Keith Getty
Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe;
This gift of love, and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His, and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Declaration of Faith—The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Passing the Peace of Christ

Closing Song

“I Have Been Redeemed”

Wendy O’Connell

When I am lost, when I am all alone,
Burdened by my sin and shame, there’s one place I can go:

I look towards the cross where my Savior died,
Suffered in my place, the perfect sacrifice
For me so I can know.

Now I am forgiven, I have been set free
Through the blood of Jesus; I have been made clean,
Now I know of His mercy because He died for me,
I have been redeemed.

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Benediction

Pronouncing God’s blessing on His people

If you have an offering please leave it in the plate at the back of the sanctuary.

We would like to thank the musicians who participated in this evening’s service of worship.

Next Sunday, February 16

Morning Service

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

“A Promise Recalled” | 2 Samuel 6:1-23

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“Jesus’ Lineage” | Luke 3:23-38

Dr. Todd Smedley

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated.

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