

# Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, May 20, 2012

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

# Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Call to Worship

*Calling the congregation to worship the triune God*

## Prayer of Invocation

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

## Gathering Anthem

“Go Light Your World”

Chris Rice

*High School Youth Choir*

*Diana Mears, Director Jane Grunstra, Piano*

*Briannah Steele and Hannah Shoultz, soloists*

There is a candle in ev'ry soul; some brightly burning, some dark and cold.  
There is a Spirit who brings a fire, ignites a candle and makes His home.

So carry your candle, run to the darkness, seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.  
Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light your world.

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to light His own candle some other way.  
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to, still holds a candle without a flame.

We are a family whose hearts are blazing so let's raise our candles and light up the sky!  
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus, make us a beacon in darkest time.

## Adoration

Hymn

“From the Inside Out (Everlasting)”

Joel Houston

A thousand times I've failed, still Your mercy remains.  
Should I stumble again, still I'm caught in Your grace  
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades;  
Never ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.

*In my heart, in my soul Lord, I give You control;  
Consume me from the inside out, Lord, let justice and praise  
Become my embrace to love You from the inside out.*

Your will above all else my purpose remains,  
The art of losing myself in bringing you praise,  
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades,  
Never ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.

Everlasting, your light will shine when all else fades, never ending, your glory goes beyond all fame.  
And the cry of my heart is to bring you praise from the inside out, Lord my soul cries out.

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Dr. Robert M. Norris, *Senior Pastor*, Dr. Todd Smedley, *Senior Associate Pastor*;  
Rev. Corey Gray, Rev. Ron Meyer, Rev. David O'Connell, and Rev. Blair Smith, *Pastors*

“Our God is Greater”

Chris Tomlin, Jonas Myrin  
Matt Redman, Jesse Reeves

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind,  
There's no one like You, none like You.  
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise,  
There's no one like You, none like You.

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger,  
God You are higher than any other;  
Our God is Healer, awesome and power  
Our God, Our God.*

Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise;  
There's no one like You, none like You.

And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?  
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**Confession**

Private Confession  
Public Confession

Our Merciful Father, we gather before Your throne a thankful, redeemed people. Prepare our hearts to worship rightly through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son who brought us peace. We confess our repeated sins that plague us relying on Your grace and mercy. Forgive us and free us from the bonds of sin, and grant to each a heart of steadfast devotion to You alone. For we ask this in the mighty name of our Savior who is now our friend, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

**Thanksgiving**

*For what God is doing in the lives of his people*

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

page 459, pew Bible

Hymn of Thanksgiving

“Christ is Risen”

Matt Maher

Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame;  
We fix our eyes upon the cross, and run to Him who showed great love,  
And bled for us freely; You've bled for us.

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death;  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.  
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again;  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.*

Beneath the weight of all our sin You bowed to none but heaven's will;  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden great can hold You down.  
In strength You reign forever, let Your church proclaim!

O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light, the glory of God has defeated the night.  
O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light; Our God is not dead.  
He's alive! He's alive!

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## Supplication

*Presenting our needs before God*

Prayer of Intercession

## Song of Praise

“In Christ Alone”

Getty & 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:  
’Til 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;  
’Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I’ll stand!

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## Evening Offering

*Cheerfully responding to God’s generosity with the giving of our resources*

## Offering

“Doxology”

Michael Gungor  
Daniel Falcone

## Sermon

Philippians 4:8-9

“Finally..”

Rev. Corey Gray  
page 982, pew Bible

## Closing Hymn

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

Kate Wilkinson  
A. Cyril Barham-Gould

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,  
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph only through His power.

May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in everything.  
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

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**Presentation of Graduates**  
Prayer for Graduates

**Benediction**

*Participating Officers: Wen-Tsing Choi, Paul Kokulis and Mike Looney*

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## *2012 High School Seniors*

<b>Name</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>Fall 2012 Plans</b>
<b>Nolan Boyle</b>	South Lakes	Frostburg State University
<b>Danny Campbell</b>	Winston Churchill	University of South Carolina
<b>Kimberly Crosby</b>	Wootton	University of Maryland–College Park
<b>Taylor Davis</b>	Washington Christian	Virginia Tech
<b>Christina Farley</b>	St. Andrews	University of Pennsylvania
<b>Mary Hospedales</b>	Stone Ridge	Loyola University
<b>Stephen Thomas Jackson</b>	Quince Orchard	Virginia Tech
<b>Seth Kreider</b>	Oak Lawn Academy	Citadel or Norwich University (ROTC)
<b>Katie Lacy</b>	Granite Classical Tutorials	University of Maryland
<b>Christopher McPherson</b>	Quince Orchard	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
<b>Jonathan Gabriel Menkis</b>	Washington Christian	MC- School of Art & Design
<b>Amy Catharine Miller</b>	Bethesda Chevy Chase	University of Michigan
<b>Joshua Miller</b>	Winston Churchill	College of Wooster
<b>Emmalee Nerantzis</b>	Home School	Ohio Wesleyan University
<b>Jed Palmer</b>	Walt Whitman	Virginia Commonwealth University
<b>Melissa Parker</b>	Poolesville	University of Pennsylvania
<b>Kathleen Rankin</b>	Broad Run High School	Virginia Commonwealth University
<b>Kelly Reed</b>	Wootton	Kenyon College
<b>Julia Ritterpusch</b>	Northwest	University of Maryland–College Park
<b>Caroline Hylton Rushton</b>	Stone Ridge	Vanderbilt University
<b>Rachel Scola</b>	Winston Churchill	University of South Carolina–Columbia
<b>Gerardo Vazquez Nart</b>	Walt Whitman	Florida International University
<b>Chad Yeatman</b>	Yeatman Academy	Westmont College

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### **Next Sunday, May 27**

**Morning Service, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am**  
“Guardians of the Gospel” | *John 20:19-23*  
Dr. Robert M. Norris

**Evening Service, 6:00pm**  
“The Raging War Within” | *Romans 7:14-25*  
Dr. Todd Smedley