

# Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, May 18, 2014

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

# Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Song of Preparation

“How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice;  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God, sing with me!  
How great is our God and all will see how great,  
How great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End.  
The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son;  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;  
My heart will sing, how great is our God.

## Welcome

### New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Katie Wahlbeck

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, Who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

### Song of Thanksgiving

“Marvelous Light”

I once was fatherless, a stranger with no hope. Your kindness wakened me, wakened me from my sleep.  
Your love, it beckons deeply, a call to come and die by grace. Now I will come and take this life, take Your life.

Sin has lost its power, death has lost its sting. From the grave You’ve risen victoriously.

*Into marvelous light I’m running, out of darkness, out of shame.  
By the cross You are the truth; You are the life, You are the way.*

My dead heart now is beating, my deepest stains now clean. Your breath fills up my lungs, now I’m free, now I’m free. (2x)

Lift my hands and spin around, see the light that I have found, O the marvelous light, marvelous light!

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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*

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alle-luia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav’n along, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God, and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

“The Love of Christ is Rich and Free”

The love of Christ is rich and free; fixed on His own eternally;  
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove; long as He lives, His own He’ll love.

His loving heart engaged to be their everlasting Surety;  
'Twas love that took their cause in hand, and love maintains it to the end.

*Love cannot from its post withdraw; nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,  
Can turn the Surety’s heart away; He’ll love His own to endless day.*

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood; and love will bring them safe to God;  
Love calls them all from death to life; and love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene, nor aught from Him can Zion wean;  
Not all the wanderings of her heart can make His love for her depart.

At death, beyond the grave, He’ll love; in endless bliss, His own shall prove  
The blazing glory of that love which never could from them remove.  
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**Prayer of Illumination**

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

Jeremiah Stauffer

**Sermon**

“Samson: The Flawed Judge”  
~ Judges 16:23-31

Mr. Ben Holloway

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## Song of Response

### “Jesus I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold Jesus, I come to Thee.

## 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, May 25**

### **Morning Service**

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

“Un-reconciled” | *II Samuel 14.1-33*

Dr. Robert M. Norris

### **Evening Service**

6pm in the Sanctuary

“The Master and His Men” | *Luke 6:12-16*

Rev. Corey Gray

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