

Sunday, September 21, 2014

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Come Christians Join to Sing”

Christian Henry Bateman

Come Christians join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come lift your hearts on high, Alleluia Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, Alleluia Amen!

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

Genesis 1:26-28

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

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and followed our own desires. When we do not truly trust and obey You, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry. We are sorry for our sins and turn from them. For the sake of Your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By Your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for You, and to please You more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

Colossians 1:11-14

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

May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“Stronger”

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

There is Love that came for us, humbled to a sinner's cross;
You broke my shame and sinfulness, You rose again victorious.

Faithfulness none can deny through the storm and through the fire;
There is truth that sets me free: Jesus Christ who lives in me.

*You are stronger, You are stronger,
Sin is broken, You have saved me.
It is written, Christ is risen,
Jesus, You are Lord of all.*

No beginning and no end, You're my hope and my defense;
You came to seek and save the lost, You paid it all upon the cross.

So let Your Name be lifted higher,
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher.

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“Jesus Messiah”

Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson
Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

He became sin, who knew no sin, that we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross, love so amazing, love so amazing.

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names, blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel;
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven,
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn; love so amazing love so amazing.

All our hope is in You!
All our hope is in You!
All the glory to You, God;
The Light of the world.

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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

Sermon

“Humanity’s Most Pressing Question”
30th in a series: “Seeking and Saving the Lost: The Gospel of Luke”

Dr. Todd Smedley

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“Hallelujah, What a Savior”

Philip Paul Bliss

Man of sorrows what a name for the Son of God who came,
Ruined sinners to reclaim; Hallelujah what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude in my place condemned He stood,
Sealed my pardon with His blood; Hallelujah what a Savior!

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

Guilty vile and helpless we, spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement can it be; Hallelujah what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, it is finished was His cry;
Now in heaven exalted high; Hallelujah what a Savior!

When He comes our glorious King all His ransomed home to bring;
Then anew His song we'll sing, Hallelujah what a Savior!

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, September 28

Morning Service

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

“Loyal and Disloyal Friends”

2 Timothy 1:14-17

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“Taking Up His Cross”

Luke 9:23-27

Dr. Todd Smedley

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated.

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