

Sunday, November 23, 2014

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“We Fall Down”

Chris Tomlin

We fall down;
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus;
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy,
And we cry holy, holy, holy;
And we cry holy, holy, holy, is the Lamb.

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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

Judges 10:10-15

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

And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, “We have sinned against you, because we have forsaken our God and have served the Baals.” And the LORD said to the people of Israel, “Did I not save you from the Egyptians and from the Amorites, from the Ammonites and from the Philistines? The Sidonians also, and the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you, and you cried out to me, and I saved you out of their hand. Yet you have forsaken me and served other gods; therefore I will save you no more. Go and cry out to the gods whom you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress.” And the people of Israel said to the LORD, “We have sinned; do to us whatever seems good to you. Only please deliver us this day.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge that we were conceived and born in sin, and are therefore inclined to all evil and slow to all good; that we transgress Your holy commandments without ceasing, and ever more corrupt ourselves. But we are sorry for the same, and beseech Your grace and help. Have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us Your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the bottom of our hearts, attain true repentance and sorrow for them, die to them wholly, and please You by a new godly life. Amen.

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

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in You. Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for Your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Songs of Thanksgiving

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation. All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;
Shelters thee under His wings yea so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires ever have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper Thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him.
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him.
Let the amen sound from His people again, gladly for aye we adore Him.

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name; sing like never before,
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again;
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger; Your name is great, and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore!

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Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Come, set Your rule and reign in our hearts again,
 Increase in us we pray, unveil why we're made;
 Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope like wildfire in our very souls;
 Holy Spirit come invade us now, we are Your church,
 We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst,
 Refuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize;
 To see the captives' hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace;
 We lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are Your church,
 We pray revive this earth.

*Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear,
 Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land.
 Set Your church on fire, win this nation back,
 Change the atmosphere, build Your kingdom here we pray.*

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far;
 No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts;
 You made us for much more than this, awake the kingdom seed in us;
 Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are Your church.
 We are the hope on earth.

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Scripture Reading

Luke 10:38-42

page 869, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

“Sitting at the Feet of Jesus”
 39th in a series: “Seeking and Saving the Lost: The Gospel of Luke”

Rev. David O'Connell

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“As The Deer”

Martin Nystrom

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after You;
 You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield;
 You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King;
 I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy;
 You alone are the real joygiver, and the apple of my eye.

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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

“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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Benediction

Pronouncing God's blessing on His people

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

Advent

First Sunday of Advent
Next Sunday, November 30

2014

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

“The Branch”

Luke 1:68-79

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Evening Service, 6pm in the Sanctuary

Advent by Candlelight

A program of instrumental music
and Christmas carols.

“Rejoice in God Our Savior,” | Psalm 47:1-9

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