

Sunday, February 8, 2015
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

James 4:11-12

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

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, He who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Father, we do not come to this table trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold mercies and grace. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs from underneath it; yet You have invited us to this table, and opened it up for us, by giving us Your beloved Son. Father, thank You for our Savior, who suffered upon the cross for our redemption, and who there made a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice and satisfaction for our every sin.

Reading of the Gospel

Isaiah 11:1-5

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

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“Cornerstone”

Edward Mote, Eric Liljero,
Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan
William Batchelder Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

*Christ alone, cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love;
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil;
My anchor holds within the veil.

He is Lord Lord of all.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

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“Before The Throne of God”

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me;
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb my perfect spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God;
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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Offertory

“Fight the Good Fight”
Evening Worship Team

arr. Adam Kunsberg

Fight the good fight with all thy might. Christ is Thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near. God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:1-12

page 871, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

“A Rough Road to Travel”

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“Lift High the Cross”

Sydney H. Nicholson

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.
O Lord, once lifted on this glorious tree, as Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.
Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair may cease beneath the shadow of its healing peace.
For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone, creation's praises rise before Thy throne.

~ George Kitchin and Michael Newbolt

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

“Behold the Lamb”

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb Who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ torn for you, eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love, around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again.
And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King.

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Benediction

Pronouncing God's blessing on His people

Our thanks to the musicians who participated in this evening's service of worship.

Next Sunday, February 15

Morning Service

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

“Grace Flows”

Exodus 17:1-7

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“Danger & Life”

Luke 12:13-21

Rev. Dave O'Connell

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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