

Sunday, March 8, 2015
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Holy Holy Holy”

John Bacchus Dykes, Reginald Heber

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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

Exodus 31:12-17

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

And the LORD said to Moses, “You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you. You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death. Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.’”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You. Hear us as we come humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, pleading for pity and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds, by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings towards You and towards our fellow man. Most merciful Father, grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins, according to Your grace; deliver us from evil; preserve and confirm us in good; and lead us to everlasting life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

Hebrews 9:23-28

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

Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then He would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“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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“Lord I Need You”

Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson
Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher

Lord I come I confess, bowing here I find my rest.
And without You I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart.

*Lord I need You, Oh I need You, ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more, where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me.

So teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You, Jesus You're my hope and stay.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory

"Calon Lan"
Evening Worship Team

Traditional Welsh Hymn

I seek not life's ease and pleasures, earthly riches pearls nor gold;
Give to me a heart made happy, clean and honest to unfold.

*A clean heart o'reflow'd with goodness, fairer than the lily bright;
A clean heart forever singing, singing through the day and night.*

If I cherish earthly treasures, swift they flee and all is vain;
A clean heart enriched with virtues brings to me eternal gain.

Morn and ev'ning my petition wings its flight to heav'n in song;
In the name of my Redeemer, make my heart clean, pure and strong.

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:35-48

pages 871-2, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

"Dressed and Waiting"

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

"By Faith"

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
Stuart Townend

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth, with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth.

By faith the mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the Gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

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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

“Blessed Assurance” Fanny Jane Crosby, Phoebe Palmer Knapp

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Benediction

Pronouncing God’s blessing on His people

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

Next Sunday, March 15

Morning Service

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

“God’s Glory”

Exodus 33:15-23

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“Does Jesus Ever Divide?”

Luke 12:49-59

Dr. Todd Smedley

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated.

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