

Sunday, November 22, 2015

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“God of Wonders”

Marc Byrd, Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky,
The heavens are Your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high!

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy,
The universe declares Your majesty.
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth*

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light,
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night.

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth),
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth),
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth),
You are holy.

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

“Always”

Jason Ingram
Kristian Stanfill

My foes are many, they rise against me, but I will hold my ground.
I will not fear the war. I will not fear the storm.
My help is on the way. My help is on the way.

*Oh my God, He will not delay,
My refuge and strength always
I will not fear, His promise is true.
My God will come through always,
Always.*

Trouble surrounds me, chaos abounding, my soul will rest in You.
I will not fear the war. I will not fear the storm.
My help is on the way. My help is on the way.

I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord.
I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord.

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“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Charles Wesley
Felice de Giardini

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise, Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious, come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword.
Our prayer attend, come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success, spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear.
In this glad hour, Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart, and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

To Thee great One in Three, eternal praises be.
Hence evermore, Thy sov'reign majesty,
May we in glory see, and to eternity,
Love and adore.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Evening Worship Team

Hyfrydol

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Scripture Reading

Luke 21:25-38

page 881, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

"Perpetual Preparedness"

Rev. Rob Yancey

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

John Wyeth
Robert Robinson

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

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

“The Solid Rock”

Charlie Hall, Edward Mote
Kendall Combs, Trent Austin
William B. Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

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.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

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

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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 29

2015

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

“A Spirit Filled Womb”

Luke 1:5-17

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service, 6pm in the Sanctuary

Advent by Candlelight

A program of instrumental music
and Christmas carols.

“Finding What Is Important” | *1 Kings 22:3 - 23:3*

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