

Sunday, December 27, 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

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

James 4:6-10

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Most merciful Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before You that we have sinned; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Reading of the Gospel

Romans 5:6-11

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

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“In Christ There Is No East or West”—*Hymn No. 285*

St. Peter, John Oxenham

In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord, close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, members of the faith, whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as His child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet North and South;
All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Isaac Watts
Xavier Ludwig Hartig

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye;
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

“Rock of Ages”

Augustus Montague Toplady
Thomas Hastings

Rock of Ages cleft for me; let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood from Thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labor of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone, Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to the cross I cling.
Naked come to Thee for dress, helpless look to Thee for grace,
Foul I to the fountain fly, wash me Savior or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

Huxley Charles Hettinger, son of Alex and Kira Hettinger

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”
Evening Worship Team

Henry Williams Baker, John Mason Neale
Marcus Aurelius, Clemens Prudentius

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

This is He whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord,
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing,
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:1-23

pages 1-82, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

“On the Night of Jesus' Betrayal”

Mr. Thomas Myrick

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“Because He Lives”—*Hymn No. 213*
God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He bled and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives.

Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

How sweet to hold our newborn baby,
And feel the pride, and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance.
This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives.

And then one day I'll cross that river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns.

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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, January 3

Morning Service

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

“Essential Commitments of Christ's Church”

Acts 2:42-47

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“Temptations and Opportunities of the New Year”

Luke 22:24-30

Rev. Ron Meyer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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