

Sunday, October 23, 2016
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Hymn of Preparation No. 59

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Ellacombe

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—Romans 1:18-27

Paul McLendon

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

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Father, we are astonished at the difference between our receiving and our deserving, between the status we now possess in Christ and our past gracelessness, between the heaven we are bound for and the hell we merited. Who made us differ but you? We confess that we could not have loved you had you not loved us first. It is our deepest shame that we continue to sin in light of such marvelous grace. Forgive us O Lord as we fly repenting to the cross of Christ, whose mercy has never turned us away. Enlarge our hearts with the assurance that you will never forsake us, and cause us to grow in the grace of obedience and faith, for this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel—Galatians 3:10-14

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

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Hymns of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 455

Hymn No. 462

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Beach Spring

Bradbury

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:13-25

page 1015, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

“The Messianic Revolution”

Dr. Robert Norris

7th in a series on the Book of 1 Peter

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Response No. 175

“Hallelujah, What a Savior!”

Man of Sorrows

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 Hymn No. 43

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Faithfulness

Benediction

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

If you have an offering, please leave it in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.

We welcome children in our worship service this evening.

If needed, Room 210, off lower Halverson Hall, is open for parents of young children.

A live-feed of the service is available as you care for your children.

If you have to leave the service, feel free to do so, but please come back.

As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”

Next Sunday, October 30

Morning Service

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

“A Ram, a Goat, and a Little Horn”

Daniel 8:1-27

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6:00pm AGAPE meal in the Upper Room

“Marriage in a Foreign Land”

1 Peter 3:1-7

Rev. Robert Yancey

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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