

Sunday, January 22, 2017
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

Christian Henry Bateman
arr. Adam Kunsberg

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—Genesis 1:26-28

Jenni Noll

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

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Lord, we come humbly to confess our sins. Forgive us for not loving our neighbor as ourselves. We confess that we are more prone to harsh judgment towards others than to patient forbearance. We are slow to forgive others while we are quick to justify our sins. Forgive the pains we have inflicted on others and while we have sought to indulge ourselves. Have mercy on us in Christ. While our failures and shortcomings present to us a list of accusations, we thank you that they will not stand against us for all have been laid on Jesus. Remind us again of the One whose punishment brought us peace that we might be delivered from all our sins. This we pray in the great name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel—Colosians 1:11–14

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

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“Jesus Messiah”

arr. Adam Kunsberg

He became sin, who knew no sin, that we might become his righteousness;
He humbled himself, and carried the cross, love so amazing, love so amazing.

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel;
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven,
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, his blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn; love so amazing love so amazing.

All our hope is in you.
All our hope is in you.
All the glory to you God.
The Light of the world.

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“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Adam Kunsberg

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision O ruler of all.

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Scripture Reading

1 Peter 5:12–14

page 1017, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

“Grace and Truth”

Dr. Robert Norris

14th in a series on the Book of 1 Peter

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving kindness as the flood,
 When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
 Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?
 He can never be forgotten, throughout Heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
 Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
 Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
 And Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all thy love accepting, love thee, ever all my days;
 Let me seek thy kingdom only and my life be to thy praise;
 Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
 Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, thou thyself hast set me free.

In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;
 And thy grace my need is meeting, as I trust in thee, my Lord.
 Of thy fullness thou art pouring thy great love and power on me,
 Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

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

Communion Response

“Communion Song”

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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.

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.
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, January 29

Morning Service

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

"Love and Light"

1 John 2:7-14

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6:00pm

"Sinners Saved"

Hebrews 1:1-4

Dr. Robert Norris

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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