

Sunday, January 15, 2017
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“How Great Is Our God”

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice;
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me!
How great is our God and all will see how great,
How great is our God!*

And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing, how great is our God.

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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—Matthew 5:27-30

Diane Jones

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

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that we have sought to earn your love by our works and have tried to appease your anger by our worldly sorrow. Teach us again that only through Christ's righteousness can we find favor with you, and only Christ's blood can appease your wrath against our sin. As we flee to him, humble us with the horrific nature of our sin, and yet lift us in gratitude with wonder of your free grace. And now hereafter, as new creatures in Christ, enable us to delight in those works which you have prepared for us that we may glorify our loving Savior. 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.

Songs of Thanksgiving

"There Is A Fountain"

William Cowper

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day,
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away.

Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.

Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.

When this poor lisping stammering tongue lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing thy power to save.

I'll sing thy power to save; I'll sing thy power to save;
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing thy power to save.

"Speak O Lord"

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word;
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority; words of power that can never fail.
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak O Lord and renew our minds, help us grasp the heights of your plans for us;
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us;
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

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Scripture Reading

1 Peter 5:5-11

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Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

"Lessons in Time for the Church"
13th in a series on the Book of 1 Peter

Rev. Ron Meyer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there, until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

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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

Communion Response

“Communion Song”

Getty

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 22

Morning Service

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

“An Advocate for Sinners”

1 John 2:1-6

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6:00pm

“Grace and Truth”

1 Peter 5:12-14

Dr. Robert Norris

A Deacons Offering will be received at all morning services on January 22.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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