

Sunday, February 12, 2017
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Come Thou Almighty King”

Wesley, de Giardini
arr. Kunsberg

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.

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 22:34–40

John-Rick Dudley

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

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and followed our own desires. When we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry. We are sorry for our sins and turn from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel—John 3:16-18

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

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“I Stand Amazed”

Gabriel, arr. Kunsberg

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.

*How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!*

For me it was in the garden he prayed, “Not my will, but thine;”
He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.

He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them his very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,
’Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me.

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

Thomas Campbell
arr. Kunsberg

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood,
Died he for me who caused his pain,
For me who him to death pursued.
Amazing love how can it be,
That thou my God shouldst die for me.

*Amazing love how can it be,
That thou my God shouldst die for me.*

He left his Father's throne above,
So free so infinite his grace,
Emptied himself of all but love!
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
’Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night,
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke the dungeon flamed with light.
My chains fell off my heart was free,
I rose went forth and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread,
Jesus and all in him is mine,
Alive in him my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach thèternal throne,
And claim the crown through Christ my own.

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 2:1-4

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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

“Paying Attention”

Rev. Rob Yancey

3rd in the series, “Hebrews—Confident of Better Things”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“Revelation Song”

Riddle, arr. Kunsberg

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
Holy, holy is he; sing a new song
To him, who sits on heaven's mercy seat.
*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come.*
*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings:
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore you.*
Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning,
Rolls of thunder, blessing and honor,
Strength, and glory, and power be to you;
The only wise King.
Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of your name; Jesus, your name is power,
Breath and living water, such a marv'lous mystery.

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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”

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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, February 19

Morning Service

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

“Love Lays Down Life”

1 John 3:11-18

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6:00pm

“Jesus the Savior”

Hebrews 2:5-9

Dr. Robert Norris

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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