

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

# Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Welcome

## Song of Preparation

“How Great Is Our God”

Tomlin, Cash, 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—Judges 10:10–15

Phil Gatti

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

And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, “We have sinned against you, because we have forsaken our God and have served the Baals.” And the LORD said to the people of Israel, “Did I not save you from the Egyptians and from the Amorites, from the Ammonites and from the Philistines? The Sidonians also, and the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you, and you cried out to me, and I saved you out of their hand. Yet you have forsaken me and served other gods; therefore I will save you no more. Go and cry out to the gods whom you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress.” And the people of Israel said to the LORD, “We have sinned; do to us whatever seems good to you. Only please deliver us this day.”

## Confession of Sin

*Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness*

### Private Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## Reading of the Gospel—2 Corinthians 4:7-15

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

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

## Songs of Thanksgiving

"Jesus Messiah"

Tomlin, Carson, Cash, Reeves

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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"In Christ Alone"

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In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin, on him was laid—here in the death of Christ, I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am his, and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home—here in the power of Christ, I'll stand.

## Scripture Reading

Hebrews 3:1–6

page 1002, pew Bible

## Prayer of Illumination

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

**Sermon**

“More Glory than Moses”  
6th in the series, “Hebrews—Confident of Better Things”

Rev. Thomas Myrick

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Song of Response**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Stone, S. Wesley  
arr. Kunsberg

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation, by water and the Word.  
From heaven, he came and sought her to be his holy bride,  
With his own blood, he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

’Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore.  
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed.  
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up how long,  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

**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 would like to thank the musicians who participated in this evening’s service of worship.*

***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, March 19**

### **Morning Service**

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

“God Is Love”

*1 John 4:7–21*

Rev. Thomas Myrick

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated.

### **Evening Service**

6:00pm

“Perseverance—God’s Provision”

*Hebrews 3:7–19*

Dr. Robert Norris

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