

Sunday, August 20, 2017
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Come Thou Almighty King”

Charles Wesley, Felice de Giardini
arr. Adam 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.

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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— Romans 1:18–27

Tom Tucker

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.

Songs of Thanksgiving

"Blessed be Your Name"

Beth Redman, Matt Redman

Blessed be your name, in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name, when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

*Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll, turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,*

*"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."*

Blessed be your name, when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be," blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name, on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

You give and take away, you give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name."

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"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

Stuart Townend

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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“We Long to See You”

Wendell Kimbrough

Almighty God, we long to see you.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy;
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:19–25

page 1007, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

“Building Upon the Foundation of Christ”
24th in the series, “Hebrews—Confident of Better Things”

Rev. Ron Meyer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“Jesus Paid It All”

Alex Nifong, Elvina M. Hall
John Thomas Grape; arr. Adam Kunsberg

And I hear the savior say, thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.”

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord now indeed I find, thy pow’r and thine alone
Can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone.

And when before the throne, I stand in him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat.

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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 Hymn”

Keith and Kristyn Getty
Stuart Townend

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, August 27**Morning Service**

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

"Gates and Trees"

Matthew 7:13-20

Rev. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6:00pm

"The Worshipper Who Angers God"

Hebrews 10:26-31

Rev. Thomas Myrick

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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