

Sunday, September 10, 2017
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Come People of the Risen King”

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
Stuart Townend

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice.*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight;
For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease;
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.
Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace;
Over all the world his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age: our God is all in all.

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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 19:16–21

Harris Adams

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

And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

O King and Father, your Son died and was raised up in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to new life in him. We confess to you: Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Dr. Todd Smedley, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Corey Gray, Rev. Ron Meyer,
Rev. Thomas Myrick, and Dr. Robert Norris, *Pastors*

Reading of the Gospel—Matthew 5:17–20

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

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“Jesus Messiah”

Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson
Ed Cash, Jesse 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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“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 pow'r,
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 lisp'ring stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing thy pow'r to save.
I'll sing thy pow'r to save, I'll sing thy pow'r to save;
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing thy pow'r to save.

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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.

Psalm 24

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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

“Faith Is a Busy Thing”
27th in the series, “Hebrews—Confident of Better Things”

Rev. Thomas Myrick

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“By Faith”

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
Stuart Townend

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith our fathers roamed the earth, with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.
We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.
By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth.
By faith the mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the Gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

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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, September 17

Morning Service

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

“Shepherds Feed Their Sheep”

Ezekiel 34:1–16

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6:00pm

“The Faith of Friend of God”

Hebrews 11:8–16

Dr. Robert Norris

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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