

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Brent Milligan, David Crowder
St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise him, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along.
O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising moon in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice, O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship him in humbleness
O praise him alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit three in One, O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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 5:21–26

Kathy Hall

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 to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Father, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess that we often live as if we are enslaved to our sinful nature. Rather than living like you delight in us we flee from you in shame and guilt. Rather than receiving your free grace we try to earn your favor by our efforts. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. According to your steadfast love blot out our transgressions and cleanse us from our sin for this we ask in the name of Jesus, Amen.

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

Reading of the Gospel—1 Peter 2:22-25

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

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“Lord I Need You”

Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson
Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill
Matt Maher

Lord I come I confess, bowing here I find my rest.
And without you I fall apart; you're the one that guides my heart.

*Lord I need you, oh I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need you.*

Where sin runs deep your grace is more, where grace is found is where you are.
And where you are Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me.

So teach my song to rise to you, when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you, Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

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“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Louisa M. R. Stead
William James Kirkpatrick

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word.
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know thus saith the Lord.

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him, how I've proved him o'er and o'er,
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, O for grace to trust him more.*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing cleansing flood.

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus, simply taking life and rest and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, savior, friend,
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:8-16

pages 1007-1008, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

“The Faith of a Friend of God”
28th in the series, “Hebrews—Confident of Better Things”

Dr. Robert Norris

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“Nothing But The Blood of Jesus”

Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow,
That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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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."

Short-term Missions Trip Reports

Following the worship service, come to the Upper Room. Enjoy some cookies and hear what this year's mission trips to Jamaica, Lebanon, and Romania were all about. Learn what trips will be offered next year, and sign up for them.

Next Sunday, September 24

Morning Service

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

"Shepherds Lead Their Sheep"

1 Peter 5:1-11

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6:00pm

"Living When Dying By Faith"

Hebrews 11:17-22

Rev. Thomas Myrick

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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