

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Come Christians Join to Sing”

Christian Henry Bateman

Come Christians join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come lift your hearts on high, Alleluia Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, Alleluia Amen!

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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 5:27–30

Lia Harrison

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, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that we have sought to earn your love by our works and have tried to appease your anger by our worldly sorrow. Teach us again that only through Christ's righteousness can we find favor with you, and only Christ's blood can appease your wrath against our sin. As we flee to him, humble us with the horrific nature of our sin, and yet lift us in gratitude with wonder of your free grace. And now hereafter, as new creatures in Christ, enable us to delight in those works which you have prepared for us that we may glorify our loving Savior. 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

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Robbie Seay Band
arr. Mac Meador

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from thee; Savior, pilot me.
Though the sea be smooth and bright, sparkling with the stars of night,
And my ship's path be ablaze with the light of halcyon days,
Still I know my need of thee; Savior, pilot me.
As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey thy will, when thou sayest to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Savior, pilot me.
When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar
'Twi'x me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on thy chest,
May I hear thee say to me, "I will pilot thee."

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"Rock of Ages"

James Ward

Rock of Ages cleft for me; let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.
Not the labor of my hands, can fulfill thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone, thou must save and thou alone.
Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to the cross I cling.
Naked come to thee for dress, helpless look to thee for grace,
Foul I to the fountain fly; wash me Savior or I die.
While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:17–22

page 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

"Living When Dying By Faith"
29th 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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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 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, October 1

Morning Service

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

"Shepherds Protect and Care for Their Sheep"

Acts 20:17-38

Dr. Todd Smedley

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Evening Service

6:00pm

"The Persevering Soul"

Hebrews 11:23-31

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