

Sunday, October 1, 2017
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

John Wyeth, Robert Robinson
arr. Adam Kunsberg

Come thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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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—Genesis 1:26–28

Taylor Davis

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

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Lord, we come humbly to confess our sins. Forgive us for not loving our neighbor as ourselves. We confess that we are more prone to harsh judgment towards others than to patient forbearance. We are slow to forgive others while we are quick to justify our sins. Forgive the pains we have inflicted on others and while we have sought to indulge ourselves. Have mercy on us in Christ. While our failures and shortcomings present to us a list of accusations, we thank you that they will not stand against us for all have been laid on Jesus. Remind us again of the One whose punishment brought us peace that we might be delivered from all our sins. This we pray in the great name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel—Colossians 1:11–14

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

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“O Great God”

Bob Kauflin

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart;
Own it all and reign supreme; conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forever more.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice;
Did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your word to me
Through the gospel of your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace;
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heav'n glorify your Name through me.
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“Jesus Is Lord of All”

William and Gloria Gaither
arr. Jay Rouse

All my tomorrows, all my past, Jesus is Lord of all.
I've quit my struggles, contentment at last! Jesus is Lord of all.

King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus is Lord of all;
All my possessions and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all.
Lord of all.

All of my conflicts, all my thought, Jesus is Lord of all.
His love wins the battles I could not have fought; Jesus is Lord of all.

King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus is Lord of all;
All my possessions and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all.
Lord of all.

All of my longings, all my dreams, Jesus is Lord of all.
All of my failures His power redeems; Jesus is Lord of all.

King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus is Lord of all;
All my possessions and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all.

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“Be Thou My Vision”

Brooke Norsworthy, Eleanor Henrietta Hull
Grant Norsworthy, Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, o ruler of all.

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:23–31

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

“The Persevering Soul”
30th in the series, “Hebrews—Confident of Better Things”

Dr. Robert Norris

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“O Church Arise”

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

O Church, arise, and put your armour on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, who battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness.
Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which he died, an inheritance of nations.
Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen.
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.
So Spirit, come, put strength in e'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle;
That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a servant, good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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 8

Morning Service

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

“Our Only Foundation: Scripture Alone”

2 Timothy 3:10-17

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6:00pm

“The Triumph of Faith”

Hebrews 11:32-40

Rev. Thomas Myrick

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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