

Sunday, November 12, 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— Judges 10:10–15

Denise Wiesch

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

And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, “We have sinned against you, because we have forsaken our God and have served the Baals.” And the LORD said to the people of Israel, “Did I not save you from the Egyptians and from the Amorites, from the Ammonites and from the Philistines? The Sidonians also, and the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you, and you cried out to me, and I saved you out of their hand. Yet you have forsaken me and served other gods; therefore I will save you no more. Go and cry out to the gods whom you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress.” And the people of Israel said to the LORD, “We have sinned; do to us whatever seems good to you. Only please deliver us this day.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel—2 Corinthians 4:7–15

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

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Songs of Thanksgiving

"O Great God"

Bob Kauflin

O great God of highest heaven 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 heaven glorify your Name through me.

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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 13:1–6

page 1009, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

"Loving the Brethren"

Dr. Robert Norris

35th in the series, "Hebrews—Confident of Better Things"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“At the Name of Jesus”

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight, all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way, all the heavenly orders, in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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

“Behold the Lamb”

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us — and we remember,
The promise made that all who come in faith, find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you —eat and remember,
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love, around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you — drink and remember,
He drained death's cup that all may enter in, to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

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, November 19

Morning Service

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

"God's Covenant with Israel"

Galations 4:15-29

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6:00pm

"Living at Jesus' Feet"

Hebrews 13:7-19

Rev. Thomas Myrick

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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