

Proclaiming Christ | Delighting in His Grace | Sharing in His Mission

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GATHERING

WELCOME

HYMN 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 calls his church to worship him*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Asking God to attend and bless the worship of his people*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## "There Is a Higher Throne"

1. There is a high-er throne than all this world has known, Where faith-ful ones from ev'-ry tongue  
 2. And there we'll find our home, our life be-fore the throne. We'll hon-or him in per-fect song  
 will one day come. Be-fore the Son we'll stand, made fault-less through the Lamb; Be-  
 where we be-long. He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hun-ger die. The  
 liev-ing hearts find pro-mised grace; sal-va-tion comes. Hear heav-en's voic-es sing  
 Lamb be-comes our Shep-herd-King; we'll reign with Him.  
 Their thund'-rous an-them rings through em'-rald courts and sap-phire skies; their prais-es rise. All glo-ry,  
 wis-dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and ho-nor are to God our King, who reigns on high for-ev-er-more.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Acknowledging our sins before our Holy God and seeking his forgiveness in Christ*

O most great, most just and gracious God; you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. Therefore, we confess that we are sinful by nature and all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have not been content with our daily bread. You have revealed your love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him, but we have turned away. We have run into temptation, and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. We confess you alone are our hope. Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the guilt of sin and punishment of God's Law*

## PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Psalm 119:129–136

Larry Mayberry

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments. Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts. Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM 89 & 90

Q89: How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

**A89: The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.**

Q90: How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

**A90: That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Colossians 1:3–8

page 983, pew Bible

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON

“We Thank God”  
*2nd in the series, “Christ Preeminent”*

Rev. Thomas Myrick

RESPONSE

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“In Christ Alone”

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In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin, on him was laid—here in the death of Christ, I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am his, and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home—here in the power of Christ, I'll stand.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Communion Hymn”

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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.

**NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

**MORNING SERVICE**

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

“Paradise Lost”

“Genesis 3:1-24”

Dr. Todd Smedley

**EVENING SERVICE**

6:00 p.m.

“A Passionate Prayer”

Colossians 1:9-14

Dr. Robert Norris

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
will be celebrated.*