

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 107.1; Hebrews 12.28

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, and His love endures forever.

All: **Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping Him with holy fear and awe.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Come Thou Almighty King | No. 101

TRINITY

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: come and thy people bless,
And give thy Word success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Romans 5.8, Ephesians 1.7; Hebrews 4.16

Minister: In our sinful failures and shortcomings, where do we find hope?

All: **God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Ancient of Days

CityAlight

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one King reigning over all,
So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

*Chorus: None above Him, none before Him; All of time in His hands,
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name,
For my God is the Ancient of Days.*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me, I am not alone.
O His love is sure and He knows my name,
For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Chorus

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King,
Then my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.

Chorus

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from The Valley of Vision

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy god.

All: O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn and quick to forget. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, and my sullied conscience. I am blind while your grace shines around me: take the scales from my eyes and help me to repent of my unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study thee, meditate on thee, and gaze on thee. Enable me, by your Spirit, to grow in grace so that there may be more fervor in my devotion and more constancy in my zeal. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Children's Time

After the intercessory prayer, children in kindergarten through 3rd grade and their teachers may exit the sanctuary through the north doors of the sanctuary. Teachers will return with the children after the sermon. Parents may meet them by the north entrance, or children may join their parents at their seats.

¹ And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. ² And it was told to the king of Jericho, “Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land.” ³ Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land.” ⁴ But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, “True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. ⁵ And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them.” ⁶ But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. ⁷ So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

⁸ Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof ⁹ and said to the men, “I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. ¹⁰ For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. ¹¹ And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. ¹² Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father’s house, and give me a sure sign ¹³ that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.” ¹⁴ And the men said to her, “Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the LORD gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.”

¹⁵ Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. ¹⁶ And she said to them, “Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way.” ¹⁷ The men said to her, “We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours that you have made us swear. ¹⁸ Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father’s household. ¹⁹ Then if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be guiltless. But if a hand is laid on anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head. ²⁰ But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath that you have made us swear.” ²¹ And she said, “According to your words, so be it.” Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

²² They departed and went into the hills and remained there three days until the pursuers returned, and the pursuers searched all along the way and found nothing. ²³ Then the two men returned. They came down from the hills and passed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they told him all that had happened to them. ²⁴ And they said to Joshua, “Truly the LORD has given all the land into our hands. And also, all the inhabitants of the land melt away because of us.”

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

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Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing. I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted. Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter, harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armour for this battle, strong enough to last the war.
And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk,
For there my heart has found its treasure. Christ is mine forevermore.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S TABLE

All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and belong to a Bible believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

A word to parents: *Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong. Please hold the bread, and we will partake together. Please drink the cup as you receive it.*

The outer ring is grape juice and the inner rings are wine.

During the bread

The Risen Christ (O Breath of God)

RISEN CHRIST

O breath of God, come fill this place. Revive our hearts to know Your grace,
And from our slumber make us rise that we may know the Risen Christ.

O word of God, so clear and true, renew our minds to trust in You,
And give to us the bread of life that we may know the Risen Christ.

O love of God, so unrestrained, refresh our souls in Jesus' name.
Let us reflect Your sacrifice that we may know the Risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit make us one.
In holiness, let us unite that we may know the Risen Christ.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!

HYFRYDOL

Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Chorus: Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find.
He has granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

Chorus

Jesus, what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.

Chorus

BENEDICTION*

Minister: May the blessing of God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you all now and forever.

Joshua 6.22-25

²² But to the two men who had spied out the land, Joshua said, “Go into the prostitute’s house and bring out from there the woman and all who belong to her, as you swore to her.” ²³ So the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought all her relatives and put them outside the camp of Israel. ²⁴ And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. ²⁵ But Rahab the prostitute and her father’s household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Church Stewardship Sunday School Class - September 10 (Adults)

Next Sunday, September 10, all adult classes will meet for a special Sunday School class in the sanctuary. We will hear an update from our deacons on our church stewardship. We strongly encourage everyone to attend. *Our children and youth will begin their fall Sunday School classes that week and will meet as normal.* Our regular adult Sunday School classes (listed below) will begin the following Sunday, September 17.

Sunday School Classes Begin September 10!

Sunday school classes for all ages will start on Sunday, September 10 at 9 a.m. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to study and apply God's Word, enjoy fellowship, and grow in our relationships with one another during this time.

Adult classes:

Generations - a class open to adults of all ages and stages, taught by Robby Rucker in the sanctuary.

30s and 40s - a class intended to foster fellowship and build community at this frenzied stage of life, taught by David Rea in room #136.

Young Adults - a class intended to build community while addressing the unique challenges and opportunities of faith in the 20s and 30s, taught by Chris Bennett in room #135.

Youth classes: Our high school and middle school students will meet in the youth wing in their respective rooms.

Children's classes: A full slate of children's classes for infants, preschoolers and elementary-aged children will be offered in the children's wing.

Fall Bible Studies

Fall Bible studies begin next month. Please see the bulletin insert for a list of class offerings and more information!

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