

ALL SAINTS

PRESBYTERIAN

The world rings with praise—lovers praising their mistresses, readers their favorite poet, walkers praising the countryside, players praising their favorite game—praise of weather, wines, dishes, actors, motors, horses, colleges, countries, historical personages, children, flowers, mountains, rare stamps, rare beetles, even sometimes politicians or scholars... Praise almost seems to be inner health made audible.

I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation. It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed.

—CS Lewis

Sunday Schedule

9:00 Christian Formation
10:00 Worship

Nursery for Ages 0-5 and Mother's Room: We have a safe and fun nursery located at the end of the hall in the Veritas Cafe. Please follow the signs. We use a Kid Check program for security.

Video: There is a video feed of the worship live-streamed to the Conference Room at the end of the hallway for anyone who needs to step out of the service.

From Isaiah 40

The average lifespan in each country:

Angola	52
Belgium	80
Chad	51
Denmark	81
Ethiopia	64
USA	79

Average height of a man:

17th-18th c.:	5' 5"
Today:	5' 9"

"All men are like grass...
God is the Ancient of Days."

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 11, 2018 | Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Call to Worship

All men are like grass,
and all their beauty is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

**Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket;
they are regarded as dust on the scales;
he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.**

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,
or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens?
He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,
and its people are like grasshoppers.

**He brings princes to naught
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.
No sooner are they planted,
no sooner are they sown,
no sooner do they take root in the ground,
than he blows on them and they wither.**

"To whom will you compare me?" says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
Who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name?
Because of the LORD's great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.

Blessed be the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE

WALTER CHALMERS SMITH, 1867



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. Life - giv - ing Cre - a - tor of both great and small,
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes;
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, you rule day and night;
of all life the mak - er, the true life of all;
your an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glor - ious, the An - cient of Days,
your just - ice, like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove,
we blos - som, then with - er like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der, O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, your great name we praise.
your clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
but you are for - ev - er, who was and will be.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.



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Opening Prayer

Scripture

From Psalm 147

In the middle section of the Psalm, vv 7-11, the focus moves from God's universal provision (rain, so that all animals have food) to his special care for his loved people.

The godly are secure, not because they have superior strength (whether by the warrior's horse or legs), but because they fear God and hope in his steadfast love (pledged in his covenant in Christ), and the Lord takes pleasure in them.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God.
He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.
He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.
He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs;
who can stand before his cold?
He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.
Praise the LORD.
How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!**

HOW GREAT THOU ART

CARL G. BOBERG, 1885



1. O Lord, my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
2. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
3. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me



all the worlds your hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, your pow'r throught - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
ra - tion and there pro - claim: my God, how great thou art!

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee; how great thou art! _____



How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee; how great thou art! How great thou art!

Ending



How great thou art! How great thou art! _____

Confession of Sin

Confession

This is not meant to be a time of maudlin groveling in our failures. Nevertheless, we are to feel genuine sorrow and contrition for our sins. If you don't feel anything, then ask the Spirit to make your sins clearer: the damage it has inflicted on others, the hurt it brings to God's creation, and its effects on yourself.

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

Assurance of Pardon

Assurance

It's taken from chapter 18 in the Westminster Confession of Faith, the theological foundation for our church.

Those who truly believe on the Lord Jesus, love him sincerely, and strive to live in all good conscience before him, may in this life be certainly assured that they are saved and will be saved.

But true believers may also have the assurance of their salvation shaken, diminished, or temporarily lost in various ways: because of sin God sometimes withdraws the light of his face and allows even those who fear him to walk in darkness and have no light.

Yet, this assurance may in due time be revived; and by which, in the meantime, they are supported from utter despair.

“In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace” (Ephesians 1:7).

I RUN TO CHRIST

CHRIS ANDERSON, 2010



1. I__ run to Christ when chased by fear and find a__ ref - uge sure.
2. I__ run to Christ when worn by life and find my soul re - freshed.
3. I__ run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a__ sure es - cape.



"Be - lieve in me," his voice I____ hear; his words and wounds se - cure.
"Come un - to me," he calls through strife; fa - tigue gives way to rest.
"De - liv - er me," I cry to____ him; temp - ta - tion yields to grace.



I__ run to Christ when torn by grief and find a - bun - dant peace.
I__ run to Christ when vexed by hell and find a might - y arm.
I__ run to Christ when plagued by shame and find my one de - fense.



"I__ too had tears," he gent - ly__speaks; thus joy and sor - row meet.
"The dev - il flees," the Scrip - tures tell; he roars, but can - not harm.
"I__ bore God's wrath," he pleads my case. My ad - vo - cate and friend.

Ending



"I bore God's wrath," he pleads my case. My ad - vo - cate and friend.

Welcome and Announcements

Offering

The offering is part of our regular worship. Our hope is that all gifts offered will come from an understanding that we give because God first gave to us, and that every penny will be carefully and thoughtfully invested in cultivating faith in Jesus Christ.

Prayers for the Church and World

Passing of the Peace

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "The peace of Christ be with you."

Sermon

Colossians 3:18-21

Sermon Series
*The Book of Colossians:
Rooted in Christ*

18 Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

21 Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

"Putting on Christ in Marriage"
Rev. Brad Chaney

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors, and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. You set us in this world to love and serve you, and to live in peace with all that you have made.

When we turned from you, you did not turn from us. When we were captives in slavery, you delivered us to freedom, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. When we were stubborn and stiff-necked, you spoke to us through prophets who looked for that day when justice shall triumph and peace shall reign over all the earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You sent him into this world to satisfy the longings of your people for a Savior, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed. He came among us as one of us, taking the lot of the poor, sharing human suffering. We rejoice that in his death and rising again, you set before us the sure promise of new life, the certain hope of a heavenly home where we will sit at table with Christ our host.

Communion

Wine is available in the inner two circles; grape juice is available in the outer ring. Gluten-free wafers are available in a basket on the back table.

We hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served in order to eat and drink together.

We ask that you dispense with your cups by the back door following the service.

Just as the climax of all history will be the Wedding Supper of the Lamb, we conclude our worship in the presence of God by feasting. The Spirit takes the common elements of bread and wine and feeds us spiritually with the body and blood of Jesus, for our nourishment and growth in grace, and so strengthens us to be sent out into the world as God's agents of his generous hospitality.

AROUND THE TABLE OF THE KING

KEITH & KRISTYN GETTY, STUART TOWNEND, 2006



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us;
2. The bo - dy of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you;
3. The blood that clean - ses ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you;
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond;



and we re - mem - ber the pro - mise made that all who
eat and re - mem - ber; the wounds that heal, the death that
drink and re - mem - ber he drained death's cup that all may
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we share in this
brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we share in this
steps of Christ as his bo - dy here on earth. As we share in his



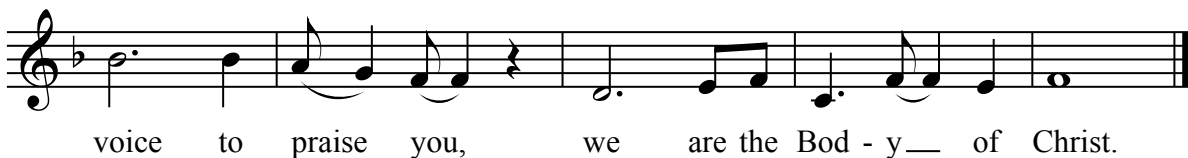
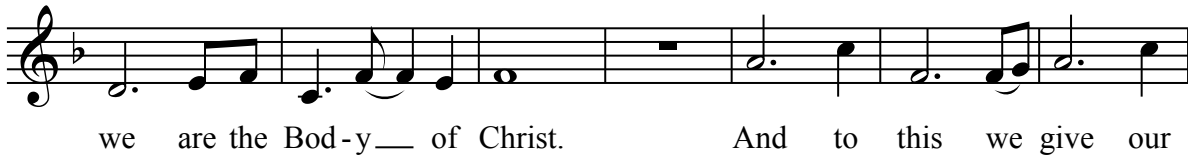
bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a sign
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bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a sign
suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join



of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.
of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

SCOTT WESLEY BROWN, DAVID HAMPTON, 1998



Benediction

Now may the God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good
that you may do his will,
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen.**