



# Covenant

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Changing People and Places Through the Power of the Gospel*

**November 15, 2020**

### **Welcome Guests, Friends, & Family!**

*As a Reformed church, we are part of a long and enduring tradition that places worship as our highest calling. Therefore, we lean heavily on those who have gone before and see the value of creeds, catechisms, responsive readings, and other forms that are part of our heritage. However, our services are not highly liturgical, following a fixed pattern, nor spontaneous, but seek to follow a liturgical pattern that reenacts the gospel and renews us in God's grace. Rather than focusing on getting God to bless us, it focuses on the blessings, promises, and grace that we already have in Christ. Our basic gospel pattern is: We approach God based on His initiation and invitation, we see our sin and confess it, we are assured of forgiveness, we hear the good news, and we respond in faith and obedience.*

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### **REFLECTION |** God's people prepare for worship

*"Too often we treat the gospel like an airplane ticket we save up to use on a distant day in the future. Having entered through one door, we put the gospel in our pocket until we come to another door. We don't pull out the gospel until we're in the hospital, facing only a few days to live. Then we peacefully tell our children, 'Don't worry. I know I'm going to heaven because I trusted in Jesus. I believe the gospel and I have hope for eternal life.' Yes, the gospel provides great comfort when we face death. But there's a whole life we live between the first door and the second door. If we forget the gospel is for now—for sins we struggle with today, for areas where we still want to grow, for relationships that are broken—then we miss the rich treasure that belongs to us in Christ. There's a treasure stored up in heaven for us, but God doesn't want it reserved just for eternity. It spills into our daily lives today if we just reach up our hands and receive it."*

– Ken Sande

**Prelude:** Psalm 126

## **PRAISE** | We praise our merciful & gracious God

**The Lord Gathers Us** – *Worship is dialogical, meaning it is a conversation between God and his people. Just as God is the initiator of grace in the Gospel, he continues to graciously summon his people to worship. We come and are graciously blessed and renewed by him through the Gospel.*

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

People: For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

Leader: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me.

People: I will praise the name of God with a song;  
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Psalms 95:1-3; 50:14a, 23a; 69:30

**PRAYER** | *The first prayer of the service is meant to invoke the presence and favor of the Triune God in the name of Jesus, giving praise, and asking the Holy Spirit to help us put aside all our distractions and worship God in "Spirit and truth."*

### **Songs of Praise** (below)

Christ Is Mine Forevermore  
All My Ways Are Known To You  
At The Cross

# Christ is Mine Forevermore

1, 2, 3, C, B(3x), C, Tag(2x)



1. Mine are days that God has num - bered; I was made to walk with Him. Yet, I  
2. Mine are tears in times of sor - row, dark-ness not yet un - der - stood. Through the  
3. Mine are days here as a stran - ger, pil - grim on a nar - row way. One with



look for word - ly trea - sure and for - sake the King of kings. But mine is  
val - ley I must trav - el where I see no earth - ly good. But mine is  
Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and ha - tred for His name. But mine is



hope in my Re - deem - er; though I fall, His love is sure. For Christ has  
peace that flows from heav - en, and the strength in times of need. I know my  
ar - mor for this bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the war. And He has



paid for ev' - ry fail - ing; I am His for - ev - er - more. shore.  
pain will not be wast - ed; Christ com - pletes His work in me.  
said He will de - liv - er safe - ly to the gold - en



And mine are keys to Zi-on's ci - ty where be - side the King I walk. For there my



heart has found its trea - sure; Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.



Come re - joice now, O my soul, for His love is my re - ward. Fear is



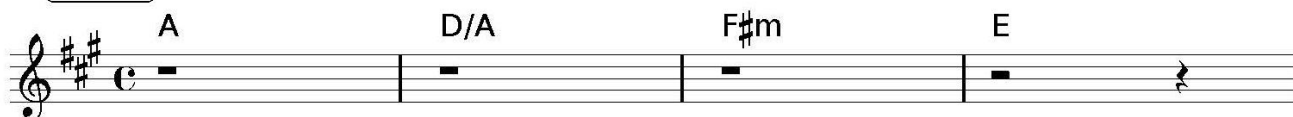
gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine for - ev - er - more. Come re

# All My Ways Are Known to You

V/V/C/V/C/B/B/C/C

*You search out my path and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. — Psalm 139:3*

## Intro



## Verse



1. In days of peace and days of rest, in times of loss and lone - li - ness, though
2. No trial has come be - yond Your hand. No step I walk be - yond Your plan. The
3. I do not fear the fi - nal night, for death will be the door to life. You

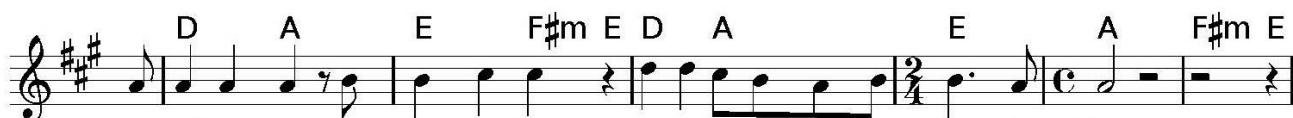


rich or poor, Your word is true, that all my ways are known to You.  
 path is dark out - side my view. Still all my ways are known to You.  
 take my hand and lead me through, for all my ways are known to You.

## Chorus



And O, what peace that I have found wher - e - ver I may be.



For all my ways are known to You. Halle-lujah, they are known to You.

## Bridge



O - pen up my eyes so I may see that You have made these ways for me.



O - pen up my eyes so I may see that You, my God, will walk with me. (Open)

# At The Cross

V/V/C/V/C/C

## Verse

1. O Lord, You've searched me; You know my name.  
 2. You go be-fore me; You shield my way.  
 3. And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes,

5 E - ven when I fail You, I know You love me!  
 As Your hand up-holds me, I know You love me!  
 When I stand be-fore You, I know You love me!

## Chorus

9 At the cross I bow my knee, where Your blood was shed for me.

There's no grea-ter love than this! You have o-ver-come the grave!

Glo-ry fills the high-est place! What can se-pa-rate me now?

## **RENEWAL |** The Lord forgives his people

**Confessing our Sin** – *Confession is a time when we are truly honest with ourselves and God, and because he knows our every thought, there is no need to pretend. Thus we confess our sin and admit that we're not what we should be, nor what we will be.*

**Gracious Father, you have told us that the wise see where they are going while the foolish stumble in the dark. We confess that we have foolishly stumbled into the darkness of sin and have not walked in your light. You have told us that a wise person's heart directs them to what is right but a foolish person's heart leads them astray. We confess that we have foolishly allowed our affections to lead us into sinning against you, ourselves, and one another. Forgive us we pray, and Lord make us aware of our end and what is the number of our days; let us know how fleeting our lives are! Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Amen.**

(From Ec. 2:14; 10:2; Ps. 90:12; Pr. 39:4)

### **Private Confession**

### **Words of Encouragement**

*Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

(1 Corinthians 10:12-13)


**Prayer**— *The prayer of intercession follows the pattern found in Scripture, as we pray for Civil Authorities (1 Tim 2:1,2), Christian ministry and mission (Matt. 9:36-38), Salvation of all people (1 Tim. 2,3-4), Sanctification of Believers (Eph. 6:18), and the afflicted (Jm. 5:13-16).*

### **We Praise Our Merciful and Gracious God**

You Came To Us (below)

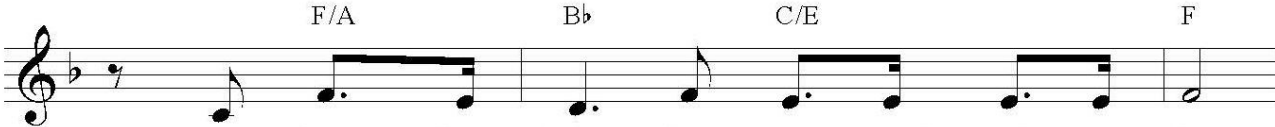
# You Came To Us

F/A B♭ C/E F



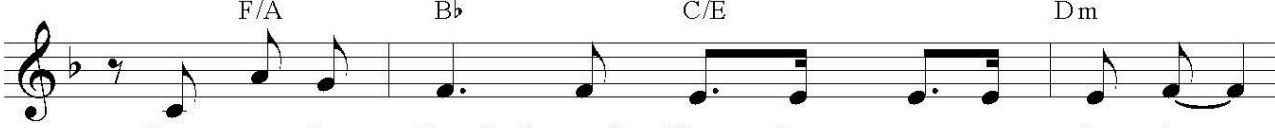
1. You came to us, dear Je - sus, in our dy - ing,  
 2. You came to us, dear Je - sus, in our sigh - ing,  
 3. You came to us, dear Je - sus, in our fear - ing;  
 4. You came to us, dear Je - sus, in Your bro - thers  
 5. You came to us, dear Je - sus, in Your dy - ing,

F/A B♭ C/E F




as bro - ken, bleed - ing, we could make no sign.  
 as blind and lame and par - a - lyzed we lay.  
 our dread, the lash ing waves, the temp est shrill.  
 in pri - son, need - y, hung - ry, sick, and cold;  
 Your wounds poured love as blood up - on the tree.

F/A B♭ C/E Dm



Com - pas - sion, Lord, brought You where we were ly - ing  
 Com - pas - sion, Lord, turned You to still our cry - ing  
 Com pas sion, Lord, drew You to us and near - ing,—  
 Com - pas - sion, Lord, sees You in all these o - thers,  
 Com - pas - sion, Lord, from Cal - va - ry is cry - ing

3 Gm B♭6 C/E F



to lift us up and pour on oil and wine.  
 and touch our dark - ened eyes with light of day.  
 to wind and wat - er, You said "Peace, be still."  
 in touch - ing them, our Sav - ior's hand we hold.  
 "Bind up their wounds as You would do for me!"

## **PROCLAMATION** | God feeds his people

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 10:1-20

*We believe the Bible is the inerrant word of the true and living God, and our infallible rule for faith and practice.*

**Sermon:** “Street Smart Faith”

*The sermon is meant by God’s design to be ancient, timeless truth from his Word, explained, expounded, and applied, so that all who are listening will understand it and be changed by it. It is the way in which God speaks to his church. As J.I. Packer has stated, “God has spoken in the Bible and He has not stuttered.”*

## **RESPONSE** | We respond with thanksgiving

**We Give** – *Our offering is not simply the way our church “pays the bills;” it is an act of worship where we respond to God’s grace and generosity and give back to the Lord His resources as tangible evidence of our love for Him.*

*We are grateful for your ongoing generosity to the church. It is your gifts that sustain our ministry here in Cherry Hill and around the world. Please remember that you can give on line by going to this link: <https://secure.egsnetwork.com/donate/CA64B97A627940A>. It is a secure and convenient way to continue your financial support.*

**\*We Sing**

Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe) (below)



# PSALM 130 (FROM DEPTHS OF WOE)

Words by Martin Luther  
Music by Christopher Miner

1. From depths of woe I raise to Thee, The voice of lam - en - ta - tion; Lord,  
2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace a - lone a - vail - eth; Our

6 turn a gra - cious ear to me And hear my sup - pli - ca - tion; If  
works, a - las! Are all in vain; In much the best life fail - eth; No

10 thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, Our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, **Men:** O  
man can glo - ry in thy sight, All must a - like con - fess thy might, And

14 who shall stand be - fore thee? O  
**Women:** O who shall stand be - fore  
live a - lone by mer - cy And live a - lone by mer -

18 who shall stand be - fore thee?  
thee? Who shall stand be - fore thee?  
live a - lone by mer - cy Live a - lone by mer - cy

3. Therefore my trust  
is in the Lord,  
And not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word  
Upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
My comfort and my sweet support;  
I wait for it with patience (echo)  
I wait for it with patience (echo)

4. What though I wait  
the live-long night,  
And till the dawn appeareth,  
My heart still trusteth in his might;  
It doubteth not nor feareth;  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,  
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;  
And wait till God appeareth. (echo)  
And wait till God appeareth (echo)

5. Though great our sins  
and sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our upmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)  
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)

**Benediction** | *Please stand as you are able*

*From the Latin “beneficiary,” meaning “to bless,” this is the pronouncement of God’s blessing as we are sent out into our places of influence.*

**We Go** – *Heeding his commission, we go to our places of influence to rescue other wandering and lost sheep like ourselves*