



# Covenant

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**January 10, 2021**

### **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

*"To doubt the good will of God is an inborn suspicion of God with all of us. Besides, the devil...goes about seeking to devour us by roaring: 'God is angry at you and is going to destroy you forever.' In all these difficulties we have only one support, the Gospel of Christ. To hold on to it, that is the trick. Christ cannot be perceived with the senses... The heart does not feel His helpful presence. Especially in times of trials a Christian feels the power of sin, the infirmity of his flesh, the goading darts of the devil...the scowl and judgment of God. All these things cry out against us, death thunders at us, the devil roars at us. In the midst of the clamor the Spirit of Christ cries in our hearts, 'Abba, Father.' And this little cry of the Spirit transcends the hullabaloo of the Law, sin, death, and the devil, and finds a hearing with God. The Spirit cries because of our weakness...(and) is sent forth into our hearts...to assure us of the grace of God."*

Martin Luther, Commentary on Galatians

**Prelude:** My Jesus, I Love Thee

## **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:**

It is good to praise the LORD  
and make music to your name, O Most High,  
To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,  
To the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

**People:**

For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;  
I sing for joy at the works of your hands.  
How great are your works, O LORD,  
How profound your thoughts!

**All:**

The LORD is upright; he is my Rock,  
and there is no wickedness in him.

Psalm 92:1-5, 15 (NIV)

**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."*

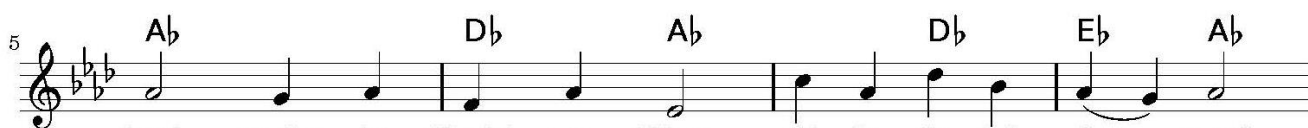
### **Songs of Praise (below)**

Come, Christians, Join To Sing  
Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)  
Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

# Come, Christians, Join to Sing



1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 let prai - ses fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;  
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 on hea - ven's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall ne - ver end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sin - ging fo - re - ver - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

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

18 who shall stand be-fore 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)

# Magnificent Marvelous Matchless Love

V/V/C/V/C/C

## Verse



1. Mag - ni - fi-cent, mar - ve - lous, match-less love too vast and a-stounding to
2. Cre - a - tion is brimming with thank-ful-ness, the mountains, ex - ul - tant they
3. What grade that You en-tered our bro - ken-ness; You came in the full-ness of



tell, fo - re-ver ex-is-ting in worlds a - bove, now of-fered and gi - ven to  
stand, the sea-sons re-joice in your faith-ful-ness, all life is sustained by your  
time. How far we had fal-len from righ-teous-ness but not from the mer-cies of

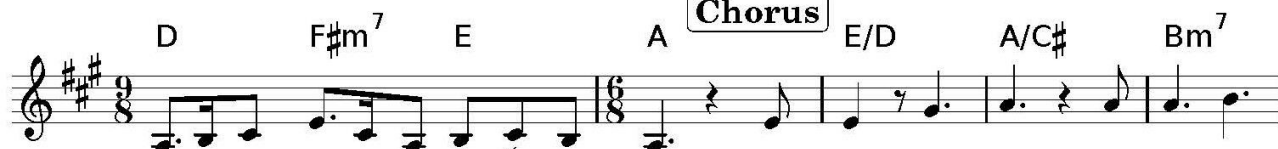


all. Oh, foun-tain of beau-ty e - ter - nal, the Fa-ther, the Spi-rit, the  
hand. You crown ev-'ry mea-dow with co - lor; You paint ev - 'ry shade in the  
Christ. Your croww is our door to re-demp-tion; Your death is our full-ness of



Son, suf - fi - cient and en - dless - ly ge - ne - rous, mag-  
sky. Each day the dawn wakes as an en-core of mag-  
life. That day, how for - give-ness flowed as a flood, mag-

## Chorus



ni - fi-cent, mar-velous, match-less love. How great, how sure, His love en -  
ni - fi-cent, mar-velous, match-less love.  
ni - fi-cent, mar-velous, match-less love.



dures fo-re - ver-more. Mag - ni-fi-cent, marvelous, matchless love.

## 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.*

**Father, you have graciously given us the confidence to come into Your presence by the body and blood of Jesus our great priest. Yet rather than drawing near with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, we have forgotten that our hearts have been sprinkled clean from a guilty conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. We have not held fast the confession of our hope and have wavered: we have forgotten that the One who promised is faithful. Forgive and strengthen us as a community to inspire one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting worshipping together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another. Amen.**

### Private Confession

**Assurance of Pardoning Grace**—*During the assurance of pardon, God powerfully speaks to the hearts of Believers, reassuring them of His infinite love and forgiveness provided through faith in Christ.*

*"This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary."*

Hebrews 10:16-18

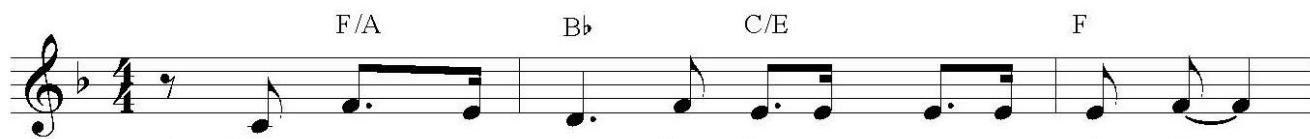
**Prayer**—*The prayer of intercession follows the pattern found in Scripture, as we pray for Civil Authorities (1 Tim 2:1, 2), Christian ministry and mission (Matt. 9:36-38), Salvation of all people (1 Tim. 2:3-4), Sanctification of Believers (Eph. 6:18), and the afflicted (Jm. 5:13-16).*

### We Praise Our Merciful and Gracious God

\*You Came To Us (below)

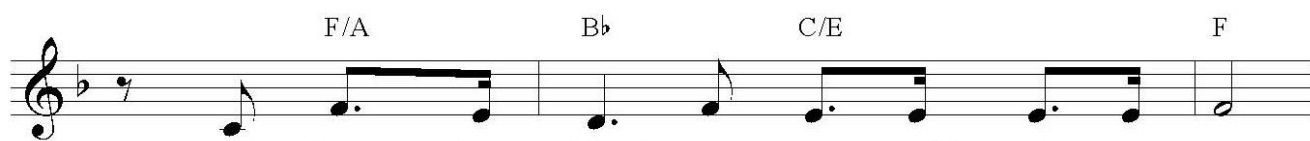
# You Came To Us

F/A B♭ C/E F



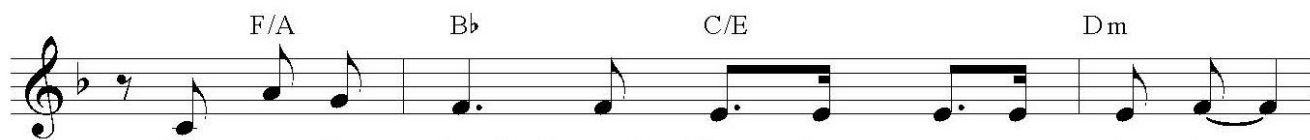
1. You came to us, dear Je - sus, in our dy - ing,  
 2. You came to us, dear Je - sus, in our sigh - ing,  
 3. You came to us, dear Je - sus, in our fear - ing;  
 4. You came to us, dear Je - sus, in Your bro - thers  
 5. You came to us, dear Je - sus, in Your dy - ing,

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:** Mark 1:1-8

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

### **Sermon:** “Pointing To Jesus”

*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.”*<sup>0</sup>

## **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**

O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (below)



# O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

*Having loved his own, he now showed them the full extent of his love. — John 15:4*

Dm Dm/F A B $\flat$  Gm<sup>6</sup> A Dm F C/E A/C $\sharp$  Dm

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,  
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from  
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

Gm A<sup>7</sup> Dm Dm/F A B $\flat$  Gm<sup>6</sup> A Dm

bound - less, free; rol - ling as a migh - ty o - cean  
 shore to shore; how he lo - veth, e - ver lo - veth  
 love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bles - sing,

F C/E A/C $\sharp$  Dm Gm A<sup>7</sup> Dm F F/A C<sup>sus4</sup> C

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me,  
 chan - geth ne - ver, ne - ver - more; how he wat - ches  
 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep

Dm Dm/F A<sup>sus4</sup> A Dm Dm/C B $\flat$ <sup>6</sup> C Dm B $\flat$ <sup>6</sup> A B $\flat$  Dm/F A B $\flat$

all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love; lea - ding on - ward,  
 o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; how for them he  
 love of Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me

Gm<sup>6</sup> A Dm F C F B $\flat$  Gm<sup>6</sup> A<sup>7</sup> Dm Dm/C B $\flat$  A

lea - ding home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.  
 in - ter - ce - deth, wat - cheth o'er them from the throne.  
 up to glo - ry for it lifts me up to thee.

**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*