



Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Changing People and Places Through the Power of the Gospel

June 21, 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

"According to a word of Scripture we pray for the clarification of our day, for preservation from sin, for growth in sanctification, for faithfulness and strength in our work. And we may be certain that our prayer will be heard, because it is a response to God's Word and promise. Because God's Word has found its fulfillment in Jesus Christ, all prayers that we pray conforming to this Word are certainly heard and answered."

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

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.*

**I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!**

-Psalm 34:1-3 (ESV)

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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Samuel ... named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the LORD helped us." 1 Sam. 7:12

♯ D A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A⁷ D G D A⁷ D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.*

Heavenly Father, we come before You fully aware that You know us better than we know ourselves. You know our every thought and attitude though we try to hide them from You and others. You see our pride, envy, competitiveness, selfish ambition, temptations and struggles. Forgive us and lavish us with Your grace so we don't drown in ourselves, but give fully to You and others. Give us a deeper awareness of who we are in Christ, and strengthen us each day by Your Holy Spirit to serve you in joy. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."

- Isaiah 43:25 (NIV)

We Praise Our Merciful and Gracious God

Blessed Be Your Name (below)

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

Verse

A E/G# F#m⁷ D

1. Blessed be Your name in the land that is plen - ti - ful, where Your
2. Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the de - sert place, though I
3. Blessed be Your name when the sun's shi - ning down on me, when the
4. Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suf - fer - ing, though there's

5 A E D E

streams of a - bun - dance flow, bles - sed be Your name.
 walk through the wil - der - ness, bles - sed be Your name.
 world's all as it should be, bles - sed be Your name.
 pain in the of - fer - ing, bles - sed be Your name.

Chorus

9 A E/G# F#m⁷ D A

Evry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the dark - ness

14 E F#m⁷ D A E/G#

clo - ses in, Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your

19 F#m⁷ D A E F#m⁷ E D E

name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glo - ri - ous name."

Bridge

26 D A E/G# F#m⁷ D

You give and take a - way, You give and take a - way. My

31 A/C# E F#m⁷ D/F# E/G#

heart will choose to say, "Lord, bles - sed be Your name."

PROCLAMATION | God feeds his people

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

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

Sermon: "Persistent Prayer"

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](#). It is a secure and convenient way to continue your financial support.

***We Sing**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (below)

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B F# E B B/A#

1. O Love that will not let me go,
 2. O Light that follow'st all my way,
 3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
 4. O Cross that liftest up my head,

B/A# G#m F#/A# B E F#

I rest my weary soul in thee;
 I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
 I can not close my heart to thee;
 I dare not ask to fly from thee;

F# B F# E B B/A#

I give thee back the life I owe,
 My heart restores its borrowed ray,
 I trace the rainbow through the rain,
 I lay in dust life's glory dead,

B/A# G#m F#/A# B E F#

That in thine ocean depths its flow
 That in thy sun-shine's blaze its day
 And feel the promise is not vain,
 And from the ground there blossoms red

F# C#m G#m F# F#/E F#/D# F#

May richer, fuller be
 May brighter, fairer be
 That morn shall tearless be
 Life that shall end less be

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*