

Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Changing People and Places Through the Power of the Gospel

July 19, 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

"Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch, like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see."

– John Newton

"What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

– Blaise Pascal

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.*

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

- Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29 (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, Christians, Join to Sing

All Glory Be to Christ

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 - joice;
 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,

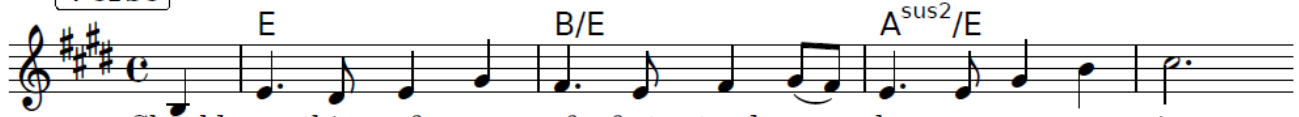


praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall ne - ver end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sin - ging fo - re - ver - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

All Glory Be To Christ

V/C/V/C/V/C

Verse



1. Should no-thing of our ef-forts stand, no le-ga-cy sur-vive;
2. His will be done, his king-dom come, on earth as is a-bove;
3. When on that day, the great I Am, the faith-ful and the true,



un-less the Lord does raise the house in vain the buil-ders strive.
who is Him-self our dai-ly bread, praise Him the Lord of love.
the Lamb who was for sin-ners slain, is ma-king all things new.



To you who boast to-mor-row's gain, tell me what is your life?
Let li-ving wa-ter sa-tis-fy the thir-sty wi-thout price,
Be-hold our God shall live with us and be our stead-fast light,



a mist that va-ni-shes at dawn, all glo-ry be to Christ!
we'll take a cup of kind-ness yet, all glo-ry be to Christ!
and we shall e'er His peo-ple be, all glo-ry be to Christ!

Chorus



All glo-ry be to Christ our King! All glo-ry be to Christ!



His rule and reign we'll e-ver sing, all glo-ry be to Christ!

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.*

Almighty and Merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have what we want, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the kingdom of heaven, and our neglect of Your Word. Help us to change our way of life so that we will value Your kingdom, desire what is good, love what You love, and live as witnesses during these challenging times. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement

“I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth...I myself will see him with my own eyes.”

- Job 19:25, 27 (NIV)

We Praise Our Merciful and Gracious God

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me (below)

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D G/B D/A G/B

D G

1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - dee - mer. There is no
 2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sa - ken, for by my
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - gi - ven, the fu - ture
 4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has

D Bm A D

more for hea - ven now to give. He is my joy, my righ - teous - ness and
 side the Sa - vior, he will stay, I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -

G D A^{sus4} A D^{sus4} D

free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and boun - dless peace. To this I
 joi - cing, for in my need, his po - wer is dis - played. To this I
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
 new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I

G D D/F# G D

hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
 hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me. Through the dee - pest val - ley he will
 hold: my sin has been de - fea - ted. Je - sus now, and e - ver, is my
 hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry e - ver - more to

A^{sus4} A D Em⁷ D/F# G

His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine!
 lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come!
 plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free!
 him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat:

D/A A^{sus4} A D G/B

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
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PROCLAMATION | God feeds his people

Scripture: Matthew 13:44-46

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

Sermon: "Recognizing Value"

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**

Lift High the Name of Jesus (below)

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1.Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King.
2.Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord.
3.Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light.



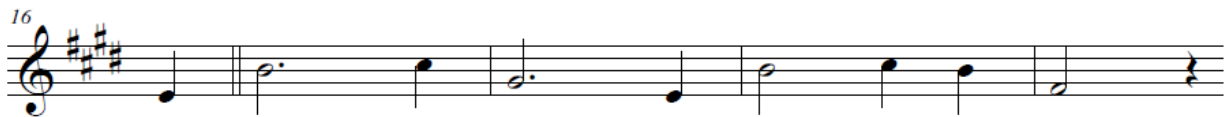
Make known the pow - er of His grace, the beau - ty of His peace.
His pow'r in us is great - er than, is great - er than this world.
No oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a sould to life.



Re - mem - ber how His mer - cy reached and we cried out to Him.
To share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace,
He o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest He has grown.



He lift - ed us to sol - id ground, to free - dom from our sin.
that all who see Him shine through us might bring the Fa - ther praise.
We la - bor in His fields of grace as He leads sin - ners home.



Oh sing my soul and tell all He's done



'til the earth and heav - ens are filled with His glo - ry.

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*