



Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Changing People and Places Through the Power of the Gospel

July 26, 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

"A great deal is entailed in being a disciple of Jesus. But the enrichment of one's whole life and the eternal welfare resulting from it, is still much greater and more glorious. In addition we must remember: not to be a disciple of Jesus means to be a disciple of the powers of darkness. And to be a servant of the world and of sin costs incalculably more than to be a disciple of Jesus – the price of it is the loss of the highest happiness in this life and darkness and affliction of soul throughout eternity. How insignificant is the price of self-renunciation in His service in comparison with the price to be paid for rejecting Him!" - Norval Geldenhuys

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.*

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. - Hebrews 4:14-16 (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)

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God
When All Thy Mercies

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

G G/B Em C/E D G C G/B C⁶ D G

1. I sing the migh - ty pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes thy glo - ries known;

G G/B Em C/E D G C Em D^{sus4} D G

that spread the flo - wing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 that formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from thy throne;

G D/F# G C D G D/F# G C D

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played where - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is e - ver in thy care,

D G/B Em C/E D G C Em D^{sus4} D G C/G G

the moon shines full at his command and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze u - pon the sky!
 and e - v'ry - where that man can be, thou, God, art pre - sent there.

When All Thy Mercies

V/C/V/C/V/C/C

Verse

F C Dm C B♭ F C Dm

1. When all Thy mercies, O my God, My ri - sing soul sur - veys,
2. When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou With health renewed my face
3. Through ev - ery per - iod of my life Thy goodness I'll pur - sue,

B♭ C Dm C B♭ F C B♭ F

Trans - por - ted with the view, I'm lost In won - der, love, and praise
 And when in sins and sor - row sunk Renewed my soul with grace
 And af - ter death, in dis - tant worlds, The glo - rious theme re - new.

Dm C/E F C B♭ C Dm

Un - numbered com - forts to my soul Thy ten - der care be - stowed,
 Ten thousand thou - sand pre - cious gifts My dai - ly thanks em - ploy;

B♭ C Dm C B♭ F C B♭ F

Before my in - fant heart con - ceived From Whom those com - forts flowed.
 Nor is the least a cheer - ful heart That tastes those gifts with joy.

Chorus

Dm Am B♭ F B♭/D C/E F

Through all e - ter - ni - ty to Thee A joy - ful song I'll raise

Dm Am B♭ F Dm C B♭ F

For oh, e - ter - ni - ty's too short To ut - ter all Thy praise!

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 God, we boldly come before Your throne of grace trusting only in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. We confess that there is so much fear in us that none of us are prepared to follow where You may ask us to go. Forgive us for valuing our personal comfort over the lives of those who are lost in their trespasses and sin. We confess to You, and those around us, that in doing so, we have not loved You with all our heart, soul and mind, and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Be gracious to us, and give us the courage to do what You have called us to. Amen

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

– Romans 5:18; 8:1 (ESV)

We Praise Our Merciful and Gracious God

His Mercy Is More (below)

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V/C/V/C/V/C/C

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. — Micah 7:19

Intro

E A E/G# E/D# E/C# E/B E/A E/B B^{sus4} B

Verse

E E/G# A E

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?
 3. What ri - ches of kind - ness He la - vished on us.

B/D# C#m A B^{sus4}

Om - ni - scient, all kno - wing, He counts not their sum.
 What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is cal - ling us home?
 His blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost.

E F#m⁷ E/G# A

Thrown in - to a sea wi - thout bot - tom or shore,
 He wel - comes the wea - kest, the vi - lest, the poor.
 We stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford.

E/G# A E/G# B^{sus4} B⁶ B^{sus4} E

our sins, they are ma - ny; His mer - cy is more.
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Chorus

E A E/G# B^{sus4} E/G# A E/G# B^{sus4} B B^{sus4} A E

Praise the Lord, — His mercy is more. — Stronger than darkness,

B/D# C#m⁷ A/F# E/G# B^{sus4} E A/E A/C# B/D#

new ev - ry morn. — Our sins, they are ma - ny; His mer - cy is more.

PROCLAMATION | God feeds his people

Scripture: Luke 14:25-33

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

Sermon: "Count the Cost"

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**

All To Jesus I Surrender (below)

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We have left everything to follow you! Mark 10:28

C F C G⁷ Em G⁷ C F C G⁷ Em C

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;
 2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, hum - bly at his feet I bow,
 3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;
 4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

F C G⁷ Em G⁷ C F C G⁷ Em C

may I ev - er love and trust him, in his pres - ence dai - ly live.
 world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en, take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy pow'r di - vine.
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless - ing fall on me.

REFRAIN
 C F C G G G⁷ C

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all.
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all.

F C F C/G G⁷ C 7

All to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

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*