

"Christian baptism is a naming ceremony. The baptized is given a name: the name of the Triune God. Baptism gives Christians their family name, the name they bear as those called the children of God."

Ed Clowney, *The Church*

"The rules that are intended to make us pure are essentially designed to try to keep us apart from sinful people, and to keep our children apart from sinful children or children from sinful homes. We teach our children to be undefiled and separate rather than to show mercy—then, when they grow up, we wonder why they find evangelism to be so difficult... We need to ask ourselves, 'In what way do others see salvation dwelling in my house?'"

Jerram Barrs, *Learning Evangelism from Jesus*

"The church exists by mission, just as a fire exists by burning."

Emil Brunner, *The Word and the World*



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship • February 7, 2016



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 99:1-5**

The LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!  
The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.  
Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!  
The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.  
Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

# Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: John Darwall • Public Domain

Tenor

8 Re - joice the Lord is King: your Lord and King a -  
Je - sus the sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and  
His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and  
He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub -  
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall  
8 dore! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing and tri - umph ev - er -  
love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a -  
heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus  
mit, and bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his  
8 come, and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal  
more. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I  
bove.  
giv'n.  
feet.  
13 home.  
8 say re - - - - joice!

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

The Lord be with you. <sup>Ruth 2:4</sup>

*The Lord bless you.*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Romans 7:18-19**

I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*O Lover of the loveless, it is your will that I should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and my neighbor as myself. But I am not sufficient for these things. There is by nature no pure love in my soul; every affection in me is turned from you; I am bound as a slave to lust, and I cannot love you, lovely as you are, until you set me free. By grace I am free and would serve you, for I believe you are my God in Jesus, and that through him I am redeemed, and my sins are forgiven. With this freedom I would always obey you, but I cannot walk in liberty, any more than I could first attain it, of myself. May your Spirit draw me nearer to you and your ways. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Romans 8:1**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Matthew 10:8**

“Freely you have received. Freely give.”

## **DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!*

*Praise him, all creatures here below!*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host!*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Ezekiel 36:24-28

<sup>24</sup> "I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray...

Most gracious God, who has promised to reveal his glory among all nations,

*Hear us as we pray for your church. Bless all the ministers of your word and sacraments and unite all Christians in the bonds of holy faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Lord God of our fathers, who has promised to take care of our every need,

*Give us peaceful times and fruitful seasons. Grant all in authority over us wisdom and strength to do your will through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Most merciful Father, comfort all who believe the good news of your grace.

*We pray for all who are distressed: the poor, the homeless, the sick, the bereaved, and those afflicted in body and mind. Comfort and relieve them according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

And now, as our Savior taught us, let us humbly pray:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

# Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

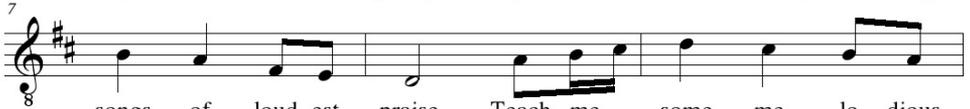
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Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing tune my heart to sing thy  
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm  
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for  
come; and I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly  
be; Let that grace, now, like a fet - ter, bind my



songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
wand' - ring heart to thee. Prone to wand - er - Lord, I



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the  
strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God: he, to  
feel it - prone to leave the God I love: Here's my



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

# May Jesus Christ Be Praised

Text: Common Book of Prayer • Music: Benjamin Wilkinson

Tenor

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Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find;  
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this, while life is mine, my love, my song divine:  
*May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!*  
*My God, the Savior, reigns! May Jesus Christ be praised!*

**GOSPEL READING • Matthew 28:16-20**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

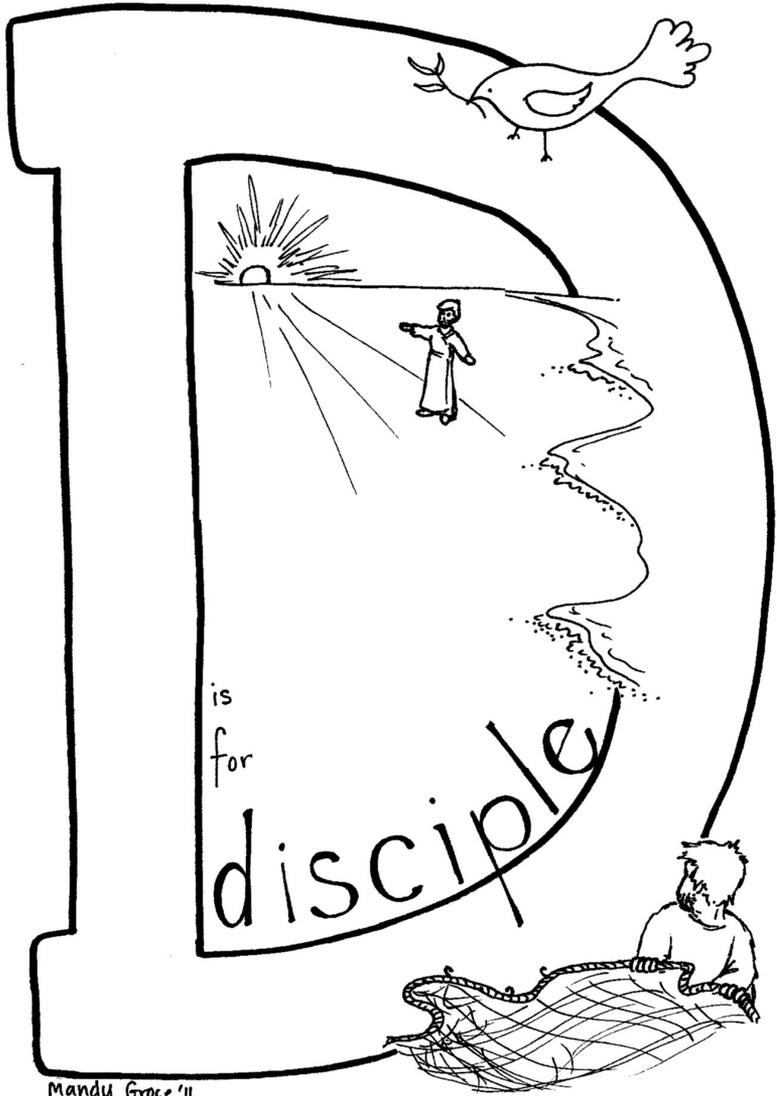
*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

**SERMON • "Ascension's Basic Commission" (Rev. Eric Costa)**

Simon \* Andrew \* James \* John \* Philip

\* James \* John \* Philip \* Bartholomew \* Matthew \*

\* Bartholomew \* Matthew \* Thomas \* James \* Simon \*



Mandy Grace '11

Thaddaeus \* Judas \* Simon \* Andrew



THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 1**

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

*That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him. Amen.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet one another with the words, “*The peace of Christ be with you.*”)

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE AND PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God’s grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after the musicians. The glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available in the back for prayer [James 5:13-16].)

# A Hymn To God The Father

A Poem by John Donne • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

Wilt Thou for - give that sin where I be - gun, which  
5 was my sin, though it were done be - fore? Wilt Thou for -  
10 give that sin through which I run, and do run still, though  
15 still I do de - plore? When Thou hast  
19 done, — Thou hast not done, — for I have more, — I have  
25 more. When Thou hast done, — Thou hast not done,  
30 — for I have more, — I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won  
others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun  
a year or two, but wallow'd in a score?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done,  
for I have more, I have more. (2x)

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun  
my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
but swear by thyself, that at my death thy sun  
shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.

And, having done that, thou hast done.  
I fear no more. I fear no more. (2x)

## Victory In The Lamb

Text & Music: Wesley Randolph Eader • © 2014 Door of Hope

He will clothe the poor with crowns  
in the kingdom he calls theirs.  
He will raise them to the halls of heaven  
and release their earthly cares.

And the hard times, they will come.  
And the black clouds, they will break.  
But his riches come with the morning sun  
and they grow green fields of grace.

*(Chorus)*

*So let all condemnation cease!  
Let guilt have no more claim!  
Let the devil lose all dominion!  
For the Lamb of God he came!  
And the Lamb of God was slain!  
And the Lamb of God was raised!*

We will fix our wandering eyes  
on the wonders of our Lord.  
By his sacred stripes we have been healed,  
through his wounds our joys supplied.

*(Chorus)*

Now the strong ones and the weak  
are the same under his blood.  
For empty-handed all must come  
to receive his endless love.

*(Chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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*Remember:* every gathering is an opportunity to invite a friend, to introduce people to the Christ-centered community and life of the church!

**Sunday School** • After Worship, and some time for fellowship and coffee, join us for Sunday School. Kids will meet in the sanctuary before going to their classes. Adults will meet in the fellowship hall for sermon discussion (young children are welcome to accompany their parents).

**Mercy Sunday** • On the first Sunday of each month we collect a special offering—*Alms*—during the Lord's Supper, to help meet needs in our congregation and community. After Worship we engage together in a ministry of compassion—the *Backpack Project*—providing food to children in need at W. L. Henry Elementary School. This is a great opportunity to engage our kids in generosity and service as a regular part of our lives as Christians.

**Moms' Group** • 10am Fri., Feb. 19 at the home of Tracy Edwards. Coffee, treats, and lunch will be provided. RSVP if you can come, and if you can bring something (tracyedwards78@yahoo.com).

**Musicians** • Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 at the Costa home for fellowship and preparation for the coming Sunday. Families are welcome. Contact Kady Boden (kady@ascensionpc.org).

**Nursery Volunteers** • Contact: Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

Today: Aznoe      Next Sunday: Costa

**Refreshments Volunteers** • Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com).

Today: K. Boden      Next Sunday: Hamilton

**Regular Gatherings** • For information about our meetings like home groups and bible studies for men and women, visit [ascensionpc.org/calendar](http://ascensionpc.org/calendar).



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