

"He who in Scripture is called God in an absolute and undifferentiated sense is in truth the only God, and Christ indeed is called God in an absolute sense."

Irenaeus

"Our ideal of human dignity is in fact the very ancient one advocated by the Serpent (Gen. 3:5): needing nothing and independent of any judgment of good and evil other than our own."

"All ideas about what the word 'God' means must be tested by what is to be seen in the words and deeds of this totally humble and obedient man."

Lesslie Newbigin

"From where does the New Testament doctrine and ethic of humility come? It comes from the New Testament doctrine of the God who humbled himself in his Incarnation."

Karl Barth

ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship on the Lord's Day
February 12, 2017



CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 99:9

Exalt the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

O Worship The King

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Alto

O worship the King all - glo - rious a -
bove, O grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his
love; our shield and De - fend - er the An - Ancient of
Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with
praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

CONFESION OF SIN

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Colossians 2:13-14

You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

OFFERING • Psalm 96:8

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

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 • Psalm 75

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO DO NOT DESTROY. A PSALM OF ASAPH. A SONG.

- 1 We give thanks to you, O God;
we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.
- 2 "At the set time that I appoint
I will judge with equity.
- 3 When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants,
it is I who keep steady its pillars. Selah
- 4 I say to the boastful, 'Do not boast,'
and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up your horn;
- 5 do not lift up your horn on high,
or speak with haughty neck."
- 6 For not from the east or from the west
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up,
- 7 but it is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.
- 8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup
with foaming wine, well mixed,
and he pours out from it,
and all the wicked of the earth
shall drain it down to the dregs.
- 9 But I will declare it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
- 10 All the horns of the wicked I will cut off,
but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

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...

(Elder prays)

And now as our Savior taught us, we 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.

In Christ Alone

Text & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend • ©2001 Thankyou Music

A musical score for 'In Christ Alone' featuring a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The music is in common time (indicated by a '3') and consists of 14 measures. The lyrics are integrated directly onto the musical notes. The key signature changes from no sharps or flats at the beginning to one sharp (F#) starting in measure 11.

In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the
light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner -
God in help less babe! This gift of
world by dark ness slain: Then burst - ing
stone, this so - lid ground. firm throughthe
love and right-eous - ness, scorned by the
forth in glor - ious day up from the
fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of
ones he came to save: 'Till on that
grave He rose a - gain! And as He
love, what depths of peace when fears are
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has
stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sa - tis - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
lost its grip on me, for I am His and He is
all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
'till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

For All The Saints

Text: William H. How • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1998 Christopher Miner

Tenor

For all the saints who from this world well fought;
Thou wast their rock, labor's rest to thee by faith and their might;
thy name O Je-sus, be for-ever blessed,
Alleluia.

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia, Alelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest,
Alleluia, Alelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Aleluia, Alelu...

Aleluia, Aleluia.

GOSPEL READING • John 5:18-20

This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

¹⁹ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “The Humble God” (Rev. Eric Costa)



THE UPPER ROOM



FRENCH REFORMED BAPTISMAL LITURGY

Little child, for you Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. For you he entered the shadow of Gethsemane and the horror of Calvary. For you he uttered the cry, "It is finished!" For you he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven and there he intercedes —for you, little child, even though you do not know it. But in this way the word of the Gospel becomes true. "We love him, because he first loved us."

VOWS FOR BAPTISM OF COVENANT CHILDREN

Boaz O'Brien Hamilton

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
 3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
- * *Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?*

VOWS FOR OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Joe Hamilton

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
 2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
 3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
 4. Do you accept the office of deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
 5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
 6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?
- * *Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a deacon, and do you promise to yield to him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?*

CONFESSTION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

I believe that Jesus Christ, being God, made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born a man. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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 for prayer upon request [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 forgive that sin where I begun, which
was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin through which I run, and do run still, though
still I do de-plore?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more, I have more.
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done,
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)

I'll Fly Away

Text & Music: Albert E. Brumley (1929) • Public Domain

Some bright morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away!
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away!

(*Chorus*)

*I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away!
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away!*

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away!
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly, I'll fly away!

(*Chorus*)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away!
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away!

(*Chorus*)

BENEDICTION • Ephesians 1:2

Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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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).

Setup Help Needed • If you can help Robert with setup once a month, please contact Joe Hamilton (joehamilton10@georgefox.edu).

"Ascension Congregation" Facebook Group • Members and regular attendees of Ascension may request access to this "secret" group (contact Joe Hamilton) for the purpose of community conversations.

Monthly Men's Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., Feb. 18 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street). Each time we meet we discuss a phrase of the Apostles' Creed. This time: "He Ascended into Heaven." (Keep an eye on applyingthegospel.com this week for the blog post we'll discuss together.) Bring a friend! RSVP and let Eric know if you can help by bringing part of the meal (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

Home Group • The home group discussing Paul Tripp's book, *Parenting*, will meet next Sunday (Feb. 19) at the home of Joe & Cindy Pope.

School Garden Service Project • 9am - 12pm, Sat., March 11 at W. L. Henry Elementary. Come help us improve the garden for classroom teaching. Contact Jerilee (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

Men's Retreat • Fri. - Sun., March 17-19 in Lincoln City... Stay tuned for more details!

Regular Gatherings • For information about our meetings like home groups, bible studies for men and women, and more, please visit ascensionpc.org/calendar.

Nursery Volunteers

Today: Aznoe Next Sunday: Sery

Refreshments Volunteers

(Contact: Nicole Hamilton, neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Today: Jaques Next Sunday: Hamilton



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Name(s)

- I am a visitor.
- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
- Please send me the email newsletter.
- Please use this info for the photo directory.

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