

"That which unites all true Christians is always more than that which separates them."

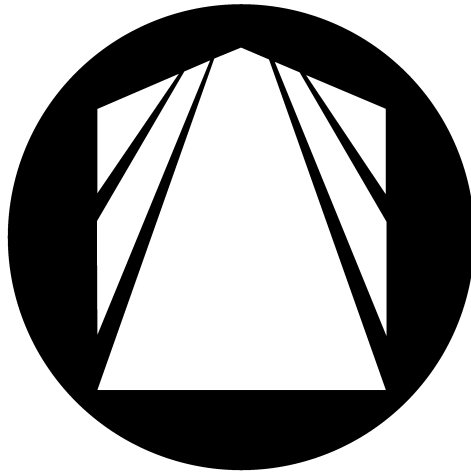
Herman Bavinck

"Church is not what we do; it is what God does."

Eugene Peterson

"Christians proclaim unity as a gift of God. We understand our life of faith and discipleship as inseparably a call both to personal holiness and to participation in community... Christians belong together, and the unity that is already ours must appear more fully in our worship, our mission, and the structures of our religious life."

In One Body Through The Cross: The Princeton Proposal For Christian Unity



ASCENSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP • Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

All Praise To God Who Reigns Above

Text: Johann Schultz • Music: *Mit Freuden Zart*, arr. Ascension Presbyterian Church

8 All ——— praise to God who reigns a - bove the ———
 What ——— God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his ———
 I ——— cried to him in time of need: Lord ———
 The ——— Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his ———
 Ye ——— who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to ———
 Then ——— come be - fore His pre - sence now and ———

3 8 God of all cre - a - tion the ——— God of won - ders
 grac - ious mer - cy keep - eth. By ——— morn - ing glow or
 God, O hear my ——— call - ing! For ——— death he gave me
 chos - en gen - er ——— a - tion; He ——— is their re - fuge
 God give praise and ——— glo - ry! Ye ——— who the Fath - er's
 ba - nish fear and ——— sad - ness; To ——— your Re - deem - er

6 8 pow'r and love, the ——— God of our sal - va - tion! With
 eve - ning shade his ——— watch - ful eye ne'er ——— sleep - eth; With -
 life in - deed and ——— kept my feet from ——— fall - ing. For
 and their rock, their ——— peace and their sal - va - tion. As
 pow'r pro - claim, to ——— God give praise and ——— glo - ry! All
 pay your vow and ——— sing with joy and ——— glad - ness: Though

9 8 heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - ery
 in the king - dom of his might, Lo! all is just and
 this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his
 i - dols un - der foot be trod, the Lord is God! The
 great dis - tress my soul be - fell, the Lord, my God, did

12 8 sor - row stills. To God all praise and ——— glo - ry!
 all is right, To God all praise and ——— glo - ry!
 God with me, To God all praise and ——— glo - ry!
 cho - sen band. To God all praise and ——— glo - ry!
 Lord is God! To God all praise and ——— glo - ry!
 all things well, To God all praise and ——— glo - ry!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Genesis 3:7-9

The eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Genesis 3:21

The LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Ephesians 5:1-2

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 84

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

² My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

³ Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!
- 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- 6 As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
- 7 They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!
- 9 Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!
- 10 For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
- 12 O LORD of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

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.*

God Of My Life

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800) • Music: Benj Pocta, Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy
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1. God of my life to Thee I _____ call;
2. Friend of the friend - less and the _____ faint,
3. That were a grief I could not _____ bear,



Af - flict - ed at Thy _____ feet I _____ fall;
Where should I lodge my _____ deep com - - paint?
Didst Thou not hear and _____ an - swer _____ prayer;



When the great wa - ter floods pre - - vail,
Where but with Thee whose o - pen _____ door,
But a prayer - hear - ing, an - swer - ing _____ God,



Leave not my tremb - ling heart to _____ fail.
In - vites the help - less and the _____ poor?
Sup - ports me un - der _____ ev - 'ry _____ load.



Poor though I am, des - pised, for - got, _____ Yet God, my God, for -



gets me not; _____ And he is safe, and must suc -



ceed, For whom, the Lord is sure to _____ plead. _____

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)

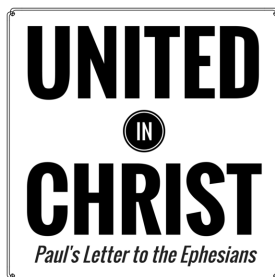
NEW TESTAMENT READING • Ephesians 2:11-22

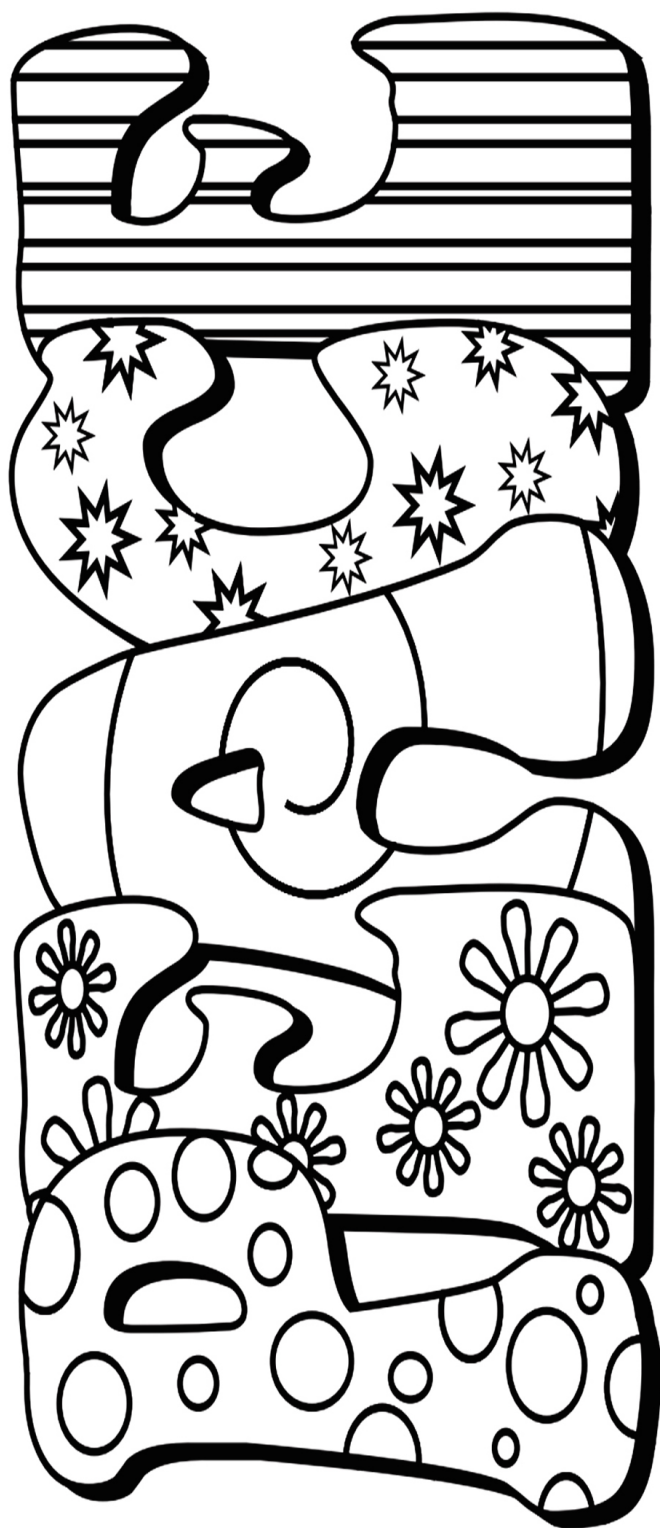
¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “He Is Our Peace” (Rev. Eric Costa)







THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • Colossians 1:15-20

Who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 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 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].)

Love Me To The End

Text: Samuel Medley • Music: Jeff Koonce • ©2006 Red Mountain Music

Tenor

8 A beg - ar poor, at mer - cy's door, lies
A wick - ed heart is no small part, of
3 My stub - born will op - pos - es still, Thy
such a wretch as I; Thou know'st my need is
my dist - ress and shame; Let sover - eign grace its
6 wise and ho - ly hand; Thy spi - rit send to
great in - deed, Lord hear me when I cry.
crimes ef - face, through Jes - sus' bles - sed name.
9 make it bend, to Thy su - preme com - mand.
8 With guilt be - set and deep in debt, for
My dark - ened mind I dail - y find, is
11 Af - fect - ions wild by sin def - iled, oft
pard - on Lord, I pray; O let Thy love suf -
prone to go as - tray; Lord on it shine with
14 hur - ry me a - way; Lord, bring them home nor
fi - cient prove, to take my sins a - way.
light di - vine, and guide it in Thy way.
let them roam, from Christ the Li - ving Way.

Before thy face I've told my case; Lord help and mercy send;
pity my soul and make me whole, and love me to the end.

Within A Crib My Savior Lay

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, Matthew H. Curl • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Public Domain

Tenor

With-in a crib my Sav-ior lay, a woo-den man-ger
filled with hay, come down for love on Christ-mas day:
All glo - ry be to Je - sus! Up-on a cross my
Sav-ior died, to ran-som sin-ners, cru-ci-fied, His lov-ing arms still
o-pen wide: All glo - ry be to Je - sus! And this is
love! And this is grace! He came to earth our souls to
save! All glo - ry be to Je - sus!

A victor's crown my Savior won,
his work of love and mercy done,
the Father's high ascended Son:
all glory be to Jesus!

And soon to glory we will rise,
because of our Lord's sacrifice,
new life through him, the crucified:
All glory be to Jesus!

And this is love! And this is grace!
He came to earth our souls to save!
And this is love! And this is grace!
That Christ, our God, did come to save!
All glory be to Jesus.
All glory be to Jesus.

BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

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Finance Team • We need a couple volunteers to help with church accounting. Contact: rev.eric.costa@gmail.com.

Side By Side Conversations • 9am Sundays. Join us this summer for discussions of Ed Welch’s book, Side By Side: Walking With Others In Wisdom And Love. Next week (July 26): chapter 12.

It Takes A Church To Raise A Christian Home Group • Sun., July 19 at the Costa home. We will discuss chapters 8 & 9. RSVP: jerilee.costa@gmail.com.

Moms’ Group • 10am Tue., July 21. Contact: jerilee.costa@gmail.com.

Church Campout • Aug. 28-30 (Friday through Sunday) at Oxbow Regional Park in Gresham on the Sandy River. Contact Tim Sery to reserve a spot.

Nursery Volunteers • Contact: Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).
Today: Friesen Next Sunday: Childers

Refreshments Volunteers • Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com).
Today: Friesen Next Sunday: _____

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



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- ☐ I want to know more about being a Christian.
- ☐ I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
- ☐ Please send me the email newsletter.
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