



ASCENSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PUBLIC WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 96:1-4

Oh sing to Yahweh a new song; sing to Yahweh all the earth!
Sing to Yahweh, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Text: Francis of Assisi

Music: *Giestliche Kirchengesänge* (1623) • Public Domain



All creatures of our God and King, lift
Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye
Thou flowing water pure and clear, make
And all ye men of tender heart, For
Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And
up your voice and with us sing Al - le -
clouds that sail in heav'n a - long, O
mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, Al - le -
giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, O
wor - ship Him in hum - ble - ness, O
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en
praise Him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re -
lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and
sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row
praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fath - er, praise the
beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O
joice, Ye lights of eve - ning find a voice,
bright, That giv - est man both warmth and light,
bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care!
Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One!
praise Him, O praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hebrews 4:15

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

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

OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving 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.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING • Acts 9:1-19

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

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 we join together with the Beloved Son in the prayer he taught us:

*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.*

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Text & Music: Colin Buchanan, Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

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The image shows a musical score for the song 'Jesus, Strong and Kind'. It is written in 4/4 time and uses a treble clef. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar chord line. The chords are indicated by letters above the staff: C, F, C, Am, G, C. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains four verses. The second system contains three verses. The third system contains one verse. The fourth system contains one verse. The score ends with a double bar line.

C F C Am G C

1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
4. Je - sus said if I am lost, He will come to me.

5 C F C Am G C

No one else can sat - is - fy, I should come to Him. For the
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield. I should come to Him.
And He showed me on that cross. He will come to me.

9 F C G C F C G C

Lord is good and faith - ful, He will keep us day and night. We can

13 F C G Am F G C

al - ways run to Je - sus. Jes - us, strong and kind.

We Rest on Thee

Text: Edith G. Cherry, ca. 1895 (based on 2 Chronicles 14:11)

Music: *Finlandia*, arr. Jean Sibelius • Public Domain

“We rest on thee”—our shield and our defender!

We go not forth alone against the foe;
strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,

“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go,”
strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,

“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.”

Yea, “in thy name,” O Captain of salvation!

In thy dear name, all other names above;
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
our Prince of glory and our King of love,
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
our Prince of glory and our King of love.

“We go” in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
and needing more each day thy grace to know:

yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,

“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go,”

yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,

“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.”

“We rest on thee”—our shield and our defender!

Thine is the battle, thine shall be the praise
when passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
victors—we rest with thee, through endless days,
when passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
victors—we rest with thee, through endless days.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Exodus 20:7

¹ God spoke all these words, saying,

² “I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...

⁷ “You shall not take the name of Yahweh your God in vain, for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “Taking Your God’s Name”

“Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

Yahweh bless you and keep you;

Yahweh make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

Yahweh lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

‘So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.’” (Numbers 6)

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us).” (Matthew 1)

“Pray then like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.’” (Matthew 6)

“Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.” (3 John)

“Remarkably, in Scripture, God does share his name with his people. This fact underscores the fundamentally personal character of our relationship with the Supreme Being... A former student pointed out to me that in Confucian societies one may not call a superior by his name, only by a title. In the West, that principle exists in military discipline (‘Yes, Sir!’) and in other areas such as the use of ‘Majesty’ and ‘Highness’ in royal etiquette. Fathers and mothers, also, for good reasons, discourage their children from addressing them by name. These facts underscore the greatness of the privilege we have of addressing God by his personal name Yahweh and by the name Jesus.” (John Frame)

“The third commandment requires that the name of God, his titles, attributes, ordinances, the Word, sacraments, prayer, oaths, vows, lots, his works, and whatsoever else there is whereby he makes himself known, be holily and reverently used in thought, meditation, word, and writing; by a holy profession, and answerable conversation, to the glory of God, and the good of ourselves and others.” (Westminster Larger Catechism 112)



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION 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].)

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

Text: Horatius Bonar • Music: *Kingsfold* • Public Domain



I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come ___
I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be -
I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I ___



un - to me ___ and rest; Lay ___ down O wear - y one lay down your ___
hold, I free - ly give The ___ liv - ing wa - ter; thirs - ty one, stoop -
am this dark ___ world's Light; Look ___ unto Me your morn shall rise, and and ___



soul u - pon ___ my breast." I ___ came to Je - sus as I was ___
down, and drink, ___ and live." I ___ came to Je - sus, and I drank of
all your days ___ be bright." I ___ looked to Je - sus, and I found in



wear - y worn ___ and sad I ___ found in Him my rest - ing place and ___
that life - giv - ing stream; My ___ thirst was quenched my soul re - vived and ___
Him my Star, ___ my Sun; and ___ in that light of life I'll walk till ___



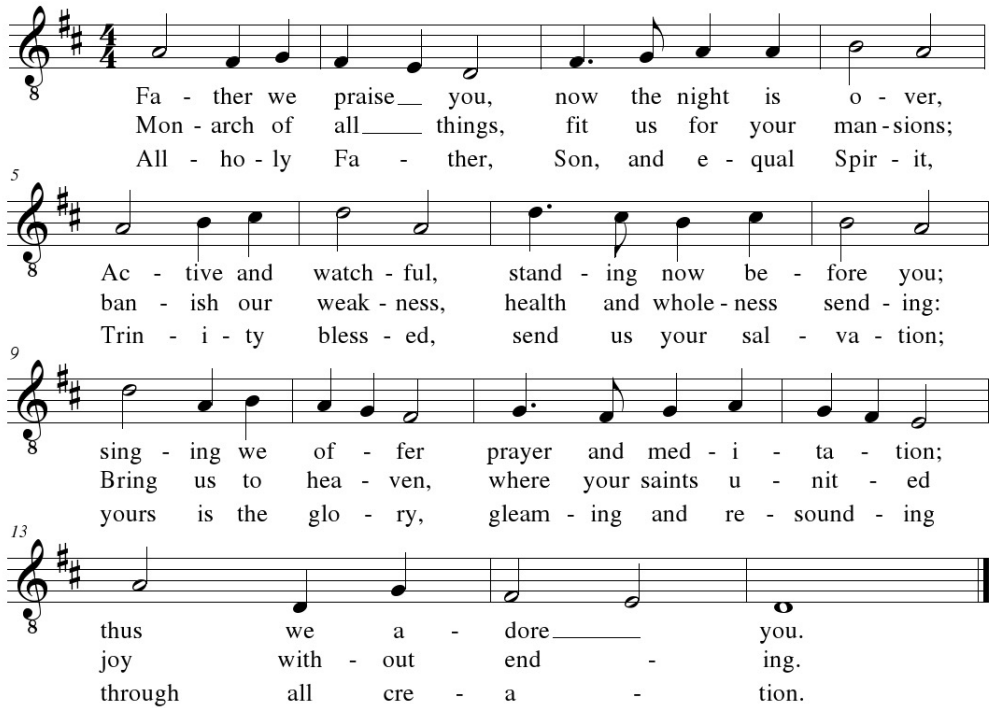
He has made ___ me glad.
now I live ___ in Him.
travel - ing days ___ are done.

Father, We Praise You

Text: Gregory I (540-604)

Music: *Christe Sanctorum*, French Church Melody (1681)

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8 Fa - ther we praise you, now the night is o - ver,
Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;
5 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,
8 Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you;
ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing:
9 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion;
8 sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i - ta - tion;
Bring us to hea - ven, where your saints u - nit - ed
yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re - sound - ing
13 thus we a - dore you.
joy with - out end - ing.
through all cre - a - tion.

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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After Worship Today • Join us at 11:30 for Sunday School (kids) and Sermon Discussion (adults).

Midweek Meetings:

- 8:15am Tue. Men's Study - contact: Eric Costa.
- 1pm Wed. Women's Study - contact: Cheryl Boden.
- 6:30pm Wed. Youth Group - contact: Tim Sery.
- 9am Thu. Women's Study - contact: Audrey Jaques.

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (Feb. 2) we collect *Alms*, gifts of mercy that the deacons can use to meet urgent needs as we are made aware of them. If you need financial help, please let us know! Contact: deacons@ascensionpc.org.

Men's Retreat • Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 on the Sandy River. Contact: Rob Stevenson.

Shepherding Meetings • The Elders want to check in with the members of the church. We like to use these questions to kickstart our conversations: *1) What are you thankful for? 2) Where are you seeing the grace of God at work in your life? 3) How can we as Elders (or the Deacons) serve you?* To schedule a shepherding meeting, contact Eric.

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