



Sunday Night Worship

Second Presbyterian Church · November 3, 2019 · 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

✦ **Call to Worship** Todd Erickson
Associate Pastor

✦ **This Is Amazing Grace**

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness;
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder;
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace; this is unfailing love;
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You lay down Your life that I would be set free!
O, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order;
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

Words and Music: Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham; arr. Mott / I Chronicles 17:16

✦ **Invocation** *(please raise hands)*

Worship of God with the Gifts of God

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
All creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God, seated on His throne, come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come let us adore Him.*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God, eternal, humbled to the grave;
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign.

You will reign forever (let Your glory fill the earth).

Music: Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge / Isaiah 25:9

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

✦ Greetings and Announcements

Reception of New Members

Cheryl Barton, Paulette Blankinship, Rebecca & John Dicken, Audrey Heppé*,
Nick Kokoropoulos, Amber Murphey, Charlotte Nichols, Emily Rankin, Emalea Rieckhoff,
Collier Roberts, Preston Roberts, Jonathan Russell, Grace Shepherd, Tee Shipmon,
Jeremy Turner*, David Wallace, Kelly & Daniel Weise, Anne & David Willson

**to be baptized*

Membership Vows

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the church?

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 2:6-16
(page 952 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

Sermon: Enlightening our Minds George Robertson
Senior Pastor

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 31

What is effective calling?

**Effective calling is the word of God's Spirit,
who convinces us that we are sinful and miserable,
who enlightens our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and who renews our wills.
This is how He persuades and makes us able to receive Jesus Christ,
who is freely offered to us in the gospel.**

Prayer of Commitment

Invitation to the Table

This is the Lord's table. All who profess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are invited to receive communion. If this is not your faith, we would still encourage you to walk forward, knowing that no one will make you take the elements. Any of our elders or pastors will be happy to talk to you about questions or doubts you have about faith in Christ. We encourage children not to take communion until they have joined the church but do welcome them to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. All communion wafers are gluten free.

Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Songs for the Table

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!
Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!
Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut His glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.
Thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

Words: Isaac Watts / arr. Robert Smith / Isaiah 53:5

All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will.
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indiff'rent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place,
And bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be: My only boast is You.

Music: Jordan Kauflin / Isaiah 53:4-6

✦Prayer of Thanksgiving

✦Benediction *(please raise hands)*

✦Amen Chorus

Postlude

✦Indicates standing

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Elders are available following the service for prayer and anointing with oil.

*Following the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall
for a reception in honor of our newest members.*

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Today we join Christians around the world in observing the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. When sisters and brothers who face all manner of suffering because of their belief in Christ are asked how we who worship freely can help them, their first response is, "Pray for us!"

- Pray for courage, strength, and protection for those imprisoned for their faith.
- Pray for holy boldness and gracious witness even to their persecutors.
- Pray also for assurance of God's presence and provision for those who have lost homes, livelihoods, and family members.
- Finally, pray that Christians in free nations will begin to understand "the fellowship of suffering" (Philippians 3:10) and choose to stand with and support our persecuted brothers and sisters.