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children's ministries

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Dear parents of young worshipers,

Welcome! We are delighted to have you and your children worshipping with us this morning. Our goal each Sunday is to glorify and enjoy the God Who made us and saved us by His grace.

This bulletin was designed to help your children follow along with this morning's worship service. Here are some ideas to guide you:

- * Have children use the **stickers** provided as they follow along with this morning's liturgy. We've included some **brief definitions** for various parts of the liturgy to help you as you guide your child through the worship service.
- * Encourage your children to **color (or draw)** the main points of this morning's sermon as you listen together.
- * Help your children as they listen for the answer to the **question for young worshipers** during the sermon.
- * Check out the back of the bulletin for suggestions on **preparing for next week's worship service!** (Practicing can be especially helpful for young worshipers who cannot yet read!)

If you have any questions about our church, please do not hesitate to ask.

**In Christ,
Pastor Wiersema**

MORNING WORSHIP



Prelude: Be Thou My Vision

Think about why we are here. Get ready to worship!



Call to Worship: from Psalm 93

God calls us to worship Him from His Word

PASTOR: *The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.*

PEOPLE: Yes, the world is established;
it shall never be moved.
Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

PASTOR: *The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.*

PEOPLE: Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the LORD on high is mighty!

ALL: **Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.**



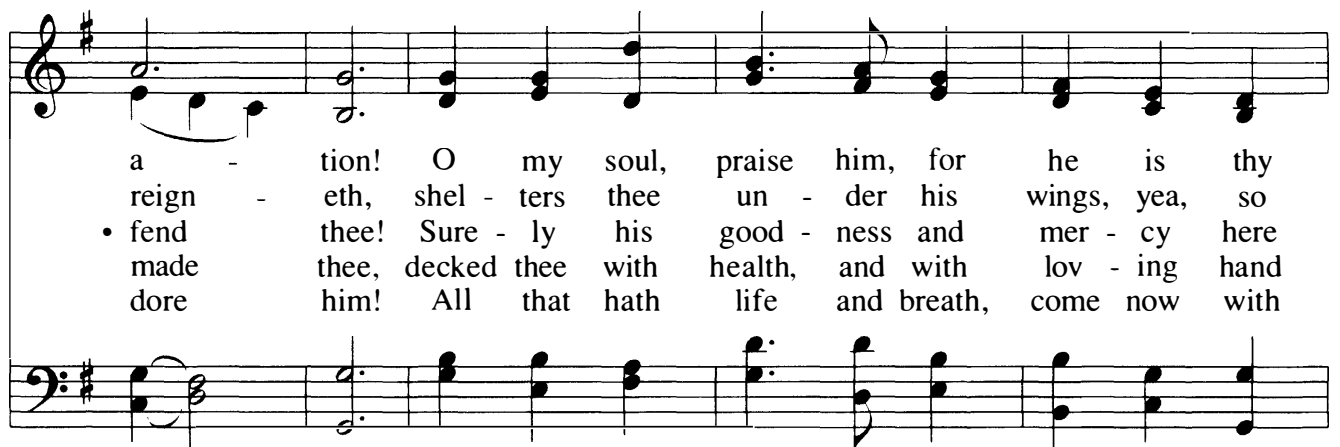
Hymn of Adoration:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #53

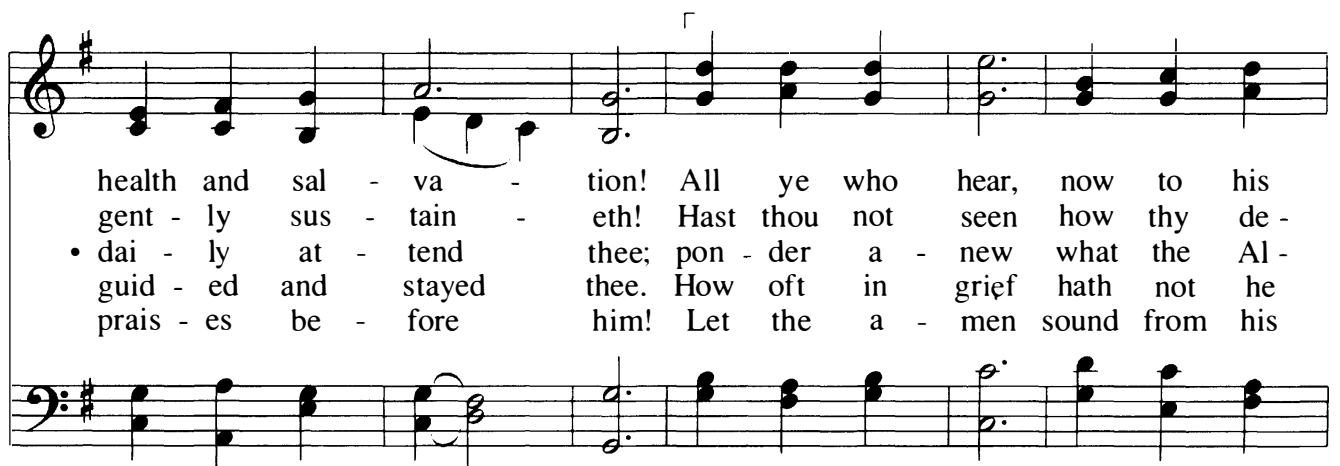
We respond to God's call to worship in praise and love!



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
• fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
• dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



Based on Psalm 103
Joachim Neander, 1680
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.
Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665
Arr. in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668



Invocation

We ask God to be present with us as we worship Him.



Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**We declare what we believe about God —
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen



Gloria Patri

We praise God for who He is.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with-out end... A - men, a - men.

2nd Cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851



Corporate Confession of Sin: from Psalm 78

We confess our sins together as God's people.

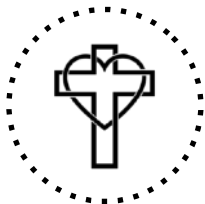
PASTOR: The LORD has done glorious deeds for us, his people.

ALL: Yet we have forgotten his works
and the wonders that he had shown.
We have rebelled against him
and tested him in our hearts.
So often we flatter him with our mouths
and lie to him with our tongues.
Our hearts are not steadfast toward him;
we are not faithful to his covenant.
O LORD we repent and seek you earnestly.
You are our rock and redeemer.



Silent confession

Confess your own sins quietly to God.



Assurance of Pardon: from Psalm 78 and Luke 9

God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!

PASTOR: *Beloved, the Lord is compassionate and has atoned for our iniquity. Jesus Christ has come, he was delivered over into the hands of men. He suffered many things and was rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and was killed, and on the third day was raised. He has accomplished a greater Exodus. Therefore, whoever loses his life for Christ's sake will save it.*

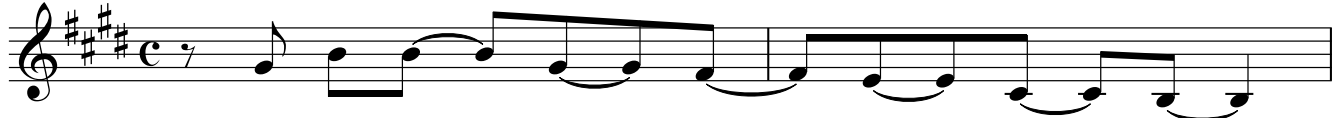
ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.



Hymn of Assurance:

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

We sing that we are forgiven and held secure by God.



- ▶ 1. Je - sus I ___ my ___ cross ___ have ___ ta - ken, ___
- ▶ 2. Let the world de - spise ___ and ___ leave me ___
- ▶ 3. Man may trou - ble ___ and ___ di - stress me, ___
- ▶ 4. Go then earth - ly ___ fame ___ and ___ trea - sure, ___



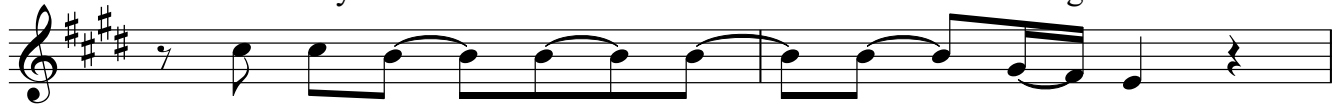
All to leave ___ and ___ fol - low ___ Thee ___
They have left ___ my ___ sa - vior ___ too ___
Twill but drive ___ me ___ to ___ they ___ breast ___
Come dis - as - ter, ___ scorn ___ and ___ pain ___



Des - ti - tute, ___ de - spised, ___ for - sa - ken ___
Hu - man hearts ___ and ___ looks ___ de - ceive me, ___
Life with tri - als ___ hard ___ may ___ press me, ___
In thy ser - vice ___ pain ___ is ___ plea - sure, ___



Thou from hence ___ my ___ all ___ shalt ___ be ___
Thou art not ___ like ___ them ___ un - true ___
Heaven will bring ___ me ___ sweet - er ___ rest ___
With thy fa - vor ___ loss ___ is ___ gain ___



Per - ish ev - ery ___ fond ___ am - bi - tion, ___
Oh while thou ___ dost ___ smile ___ u - pon me ___
Oh 'tis not ___ in ___ grief ___ to ___ harm me, ___
I have called ___ thee ___ A - bba ___ Fa - ther, ___



All I've sought or ___ hoped ___ or ___ known ___
God of wis - dom, ___ love ___ and ___ might ___
While thy love ___ is ___ left ___ to ___ me ___
I have stayed ___ my ___ heart ___ on ___ thee ___



▶ Yet how rich___ is___ my___ con - di - tion,
 ▶ Foes may hate___ and___ friends___ dis - own_ me.
 ▶ Oh 'twere not___ in___ joy___ to___ charm me,
 Storms may howl___ and___ clouds___ may___ ga - ther,



God and heaven are___ still___ my___ own___
 Show thy face_ and_ all___ is___ bright___
 Were that joy___ un - mixed___ with___ thee___
 All must work for___ good___ to___ me___

5. Soul then know thy full salvation
 Rise o'er sin and fear and care
 Joy to find in every station,
 Something still to do or bear
 Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
 Think what Father's smiles are thine
 Think that Jesus died to win thee,
 Child of heaven, canst thou repine

▶ 6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer
 Heaven's eternal day's before thee,
 God's own hand shall guide thee there
 Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
 Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
 Hope shall change to glad fruition,
 Faith to sight and prayer to praise.



Scripture Reading: Luke 9:23-36

We hear God's word being read and thank him for it.

PASTOR: *This is the word of the Lord.*

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**



Ordination and Installation of Elders & Deacons

Elders help lead us and teach us. Deacons help serve the people of our church and our community.



Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

The pastor prays for God's Church, locally and globally, then we pray the prayer Jesus taught His disciples.

ALL: 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,
for ever. Amen



Offertory: Sacred Harp Suite

We give back to God a portion of what He has given us.



Children's Worship (8:30 service only)



Parents, please bring participating **children ages 4-1st grade** to meet their Worship leader in the Narthex during the following hymn. Children can be picked up downstairs in Room 13. They are also invited stay with us during the remainder of the service!



Hymn of Preparation:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #598

We praise God as we prepare to listen to His Word.

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.



Sermon: Joshua 4:1-24

Crossing the Jordan Pt.2: The Crossing Remembered (Pastor Noah)

We listen to God's Word preached to us.

1 When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, 2 "Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, 3 and command them, saying, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests' feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.'" 4 Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. 5 And Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, 6 that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' 7 then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever."

8 And the people of Israel did just as Joshua commanded and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, just as the LORD told Joshua. And they carried them over with them to the place where they lodged and laid them down there. 9 And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there to this day. 10 For the priests bearing the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to tell the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua.

The people passed over in haste. 11 And when all the people had finished passing over, the ark of the LORD and the priests passed over before the people. 12 The sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh passed over armed before the people of Israel, as Moses had told them. 13 About 40,000 ready for war passed over before the Lord for battle, to the plains of Jericho. 14 On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel, and they stood in awe of him just as they had stood in awe of Moses, all the days of his life.

15 And the LORD said to Joshua, 16 "Command the priests bearing the ark of the testimony to come up out of the Jordan." 17 So Joshua commanded the priests, "Come up out of the Jordan." 18 And when the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD came up from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up on dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks, as before.

19 The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they encamped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. 20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. 21 And he said to the people of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in times to come, 'What do these stones mean?' 22 then you shall let your children know, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.' 23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, 24 so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever."

Question for young worshipers:

Why did God do this miracle?

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners, outlined by a thick, dashed red line. This box is designed for a young worshiper to write their answer to the question posed above it.

CROSSING THE JORDAN -

REMEMBERED

1. Commemoration

of the crossing

2. Interpretation



Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

The Goodness Of The Lord

As Christians, we share this meal - reminding us of and strengthening our union with Christ and with one another - as Jesus told His disciples to do before He was crucified.

D G A D D G A

His af - fec - tion nev - er wea - ries, and his mer - cy nev - er ends. He re -

D G A Bm G D A

minds me ev - 'ry morn - ing, "I am still your faith - ful friend." He is

D G A D D G A

good to those who seek him. I will wait for him to bless. And the

D G A Bm G A Bm

Lord will be my por - tion in the emp - ty wil - der - ness. In the

G D A G D A

good - ness of the Lord, in the good - ness of the Lord, I will

G D A Bm G A D

wait for him and set my hope in the good - ness of the Lord.



Parents, if you think your child or children are ready to come to the table, please contact your fold elder or a pastor.



Benediction

The pastor proclaims a blessing on God's people



Threefold Amen

"Amen" means "Let it be so" or "It is true"



The Peace of Christ

We greet one another and are sent out on our way.

LEADER: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

ALL: **And also with you!**

Musicians – Jonathan McGuire, Organ & Piano, Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals;
Jesse Herche, Violin; Tim Cole, Choir Director

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Join us for Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.!

Check in downstairs at the Children's Ministry Desk to learn more!

Preparing for next week's worship service

We know that **training our children to worship** does not happen overnight. Especially for children who are not yet able to read, worship services can be difficult to follow, much less participate in! By practicing some of the elements of the service at home as a family during the week as you are able, your child(ren) can be prepared for what to say and sing along with the congregation.

- **PRAY:** We need the Lord's help as we train our children in worship. Even our best efforts to prepare them will fall flat without His aid!
- **MEMORIZE:** Work on memorizing **The Apostles' Creed** and **The Lord's Prayer** with your child(ren). We say these almost every week! In addition, we almost always include one or more of the following songs: the **Doxology**, the **Gloria Patri**, and the **Threefold Amen**.
- **PRACTICE:** You can scan the QR code to find a Spotify playlist with hymns commonly sung in our service and other worshipful hymns.



Joshua's Memorial Rocks



<http://sunday-schoollessons.blogspot.com/>



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Statement of Faith

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), which believes that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God and holds to that system of doctrine summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms.

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