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Sunday, February 8, 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

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## Prelude

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



## Call to Worship: Psalm 95:3, 6-8

**God calls us to worship Him from His Word**

PASTOR: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down;*

PEOPLE: **Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

PASTOR: *For he is our God,*

PEOPLE: **And we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

PASTOR: *Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
when your fathers put me to the test  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.*

ALL: **For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.**



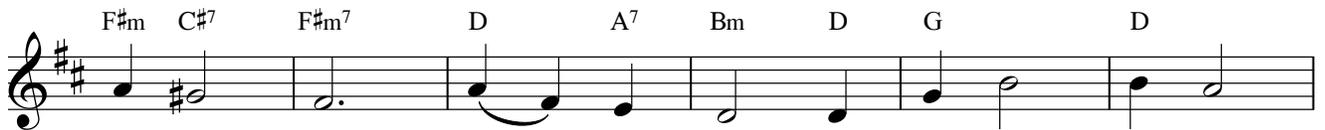
# Hymn of Adoration:

## Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven #77

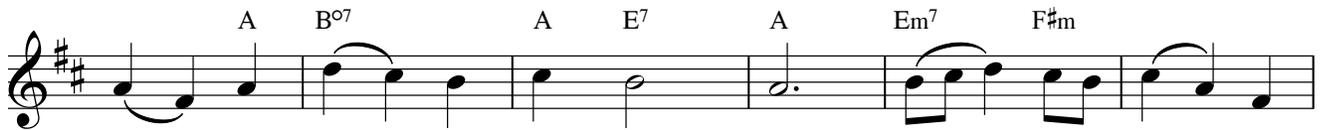
We respond to God's call to worship in praise and love!



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to\_\_ his feet\_\_ your  
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to\_\_ our fa - thers  
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well\_\_ our fee - ble  
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and  
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you\_\_ be - hold\_\_ him



trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; praise him, still the same for - ev - er,  
 frame he knows; in\_\_ his hands he gent - ly bears us,  
 it is gone; but\_\_ while mor - tals rise and per - ish,  
 face to face; sun\_\_ and moon, bow down be - fore him,



who,\_\_ like me,\_\_ his praise should sing? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow\_\_ to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 res - cues us\_\_ from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God\_\_ en - dures un - chang - ing on. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 dwell - ers all\_\_ in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God\_\_ of grace.

From Psalm 103  
 Henry F. Lyte, 1834; mod.

ANDREWS 8.7.8.7.8.7.  
 Mark Andrews, 1930

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## Invocation

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



## Profession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the  
living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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 95 and Joshua 5

We confess our sins together as God's people.

ALL: Lord, we come before you confessing that  
 though you have worked mightily on our behalf,  
 we are guilty of hardening our hearts,  
 of putting you to the test, of going astray.  
 We struggle to obey you  
 and to walk in gratitude to you  
 and in humility before you.  
 Help us to remember  
 your steadfast love and faithfulness,  
 that our hearts might melt  
 in sorrow and repentance,  
 as we seek to renew our obedience to you.



## **Silent confession**

**Confess your own sins quietly to God.**



## **Assurance of Pardon: from Acts 10:39-43**

**God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!**

*PASTOR: They put Jesus to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.**



# Hymn of Assurance

## Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (I Will Arise)

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



- ▶ 1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed\_\_
- ▶ 2. Come, ye need - y,\_\_ come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty\_\_
- ▶ 3. Come, ye wea - ry,\_\_ heav - y lad - en, bruised and bro - ken
- ▶ 4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness
- ▶ 5. Lo! th'in - car - nate\_\_ God as - cend - ed, pleads the mer - it\_\_



- ▶ sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save\_ you,
- ▶ glo - ri - fy; true be - lief\_\_ and true re - pent - ance,
- ▶ by the fall. If you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter,
- ▶ fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness He re - quir - eth
- ▶ of His blood: Ven - ture on\_\_ Him, ven - ture whol - ly,

REFRAIN



- ▶ full of pit - y,\_\_ love and pow'r.
- ▶ ev - 'ry grace that\_ brings you nigh.
- ▶ you will nev - er\_\_ come at all. I will a-rise and go to Je - sus,
- ▶ is to feel\_ your need of Him.
- ▶ let no oth - er\_\_ trust in - trude.



He will em-brace me\_\_ in His arms. In the arms\_ of



my dear Sav - ior, O there are\_\_ ten\_\_ thou - sand charms.

Joseph Hart  
Refrain, source unknown

Traditional American Melody  
Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835



## **Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-12**

**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!**



## **Baptism (8:30)**

**We see a sign of God's loving adoption and the washing away of sin.**



## **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: Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer

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



CHOIR: Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm.  
You have called me to this passage,  
and I'll follow though I'm worn.

CHORUS: May this journey bring a blessing,  
may I rise on wings of faith;  
and at the end of my heart's testing,  
with Your likeness let me wake.

Jesus guide me through the tempest,  
keep my spirit staid and sure.  
When the midnight meets the morning,  
let me love You even more. CHORUS

Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go.  
And at the end of this long passage,  
let me leave them at Your throne. CHORUS

### **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:

## Christ Is Mine Forevermore

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

♩ = 72



1. Mine are days that God has num - bered I was made to walk with  
2. Mine are tears in times of sor - row dark - ness not yet un - der -  
3. Mine are days here as a stran - ger pil - grim on a nar - row



Him. Yet I look for world - ly trea - sure and for - sake the King of  
stood. Through the val - ley I must trav - el where I see no earth - ly  
way. One with Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and ha - tred for His



kings. But mine is hope in my Re - deem - er though I fall His love is  
good. But mine is peace that flows from heav - en and the strength in times of  
name. But mine is ar - mor for this bat - tle strong e - nough to last the



sure. For Christ has paid for ev - 'ry fail - ing I am His for - ev - er  
need. I know my pain will not be wast - ed Christ com - pletes His work in  
war. And He has said He will de - liv - er safe - ly to the gold - en



more. shore. And mine are keys to Zi - on Ci - ty where be - side the King I  
me.



walk. For there my heart has found its trea - sure Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.



Come re - joice now O my soul for his love is my re - ward Fear is



gone and hope is sure Christ is mine for - ev - er - more And mine are



# Sermon: Joshua 5:1-12

**Getting Started on the Right Foot (Pastor Chris)**

**We listen to God's Word preached to us.**

<sup>1</sup> As soon as all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the people of Israel until they had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no longer any spirit in them because of the people of Israel.

<sup>2</sup> At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel a second time." <sup>3</sup> So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth. <sup>4</sup> And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way after they had come out of Egypt. <sup>5</sup> Though all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people who were born on the way in the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. <sup>6</sup> For the people of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD; the LORD swore to them that he would not let them see the land that the LORD had sworn to their fathers to give to us, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>7</sup> So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised. For they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

<sup>8</sup> When the circumcising of the whole nation was finished, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. <sup>9</sup> And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup> While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup> And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup> And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

## **Question for young worshipers:**

**Why does the manna stop?**

A large, empty rounded rectangle with a dashed red border, intended for a child to write their answer to the question.

GETTING

STARTED ON THE

RIGHT FOOT

1. Melting

2. Marking

3. Making Good



# Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

## We Will Feast in the House of Zion

**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.**

**Chorus** F F/D Bb F Dm C Bb

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored.

F F/D Bb F

He has done great things, we will say to - geth - er We will feast

C F Verse Bb

and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the fire,
2. In the dark of night be-fore the dawn
3. Ev -'ry vow we've bro - ken and be-trayed

Bb C Dm Bb

He is the Lord our God we are not con - sumed by the  
 my soul be not a - fraid for the prom - ised morn - ing O how  
 You are the faith - ful one and from the gar - den to the

Dm Bb C Dm C/E

flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.  
 long O God of Ja - cob be my strength.  
 grave Bind us to - geth - er bring sha - lom.



**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



## Doxology

We praise God and call others to praise Him!

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures  
 here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.  
Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter 1551



## 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!**

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Musicians – Brent Johnson, Piano; Bekah Marsh, Vocals;  
Will Nabholz, Guitar & Vocals

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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.





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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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