



For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but  
Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your  
servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

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October 20, 2024

## ***SERVICE TIMES***

8:15am	Worship
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

## ***ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES***

Room 158:	Ecclesiastes
Room 167:	Romans
Room 168:	Philippians

## ***WEDNESDAY NIGHTS***

5:00pm	Soli Deo Gloria
5:30pm	Meal
6:00pm	NextGen & Youth
6:15pm	Adult Choir
6:30pm	Adult Groups

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

Worship is the heart and soul of the church; we are made for exalting Christ. We are intentional to invite everyone each Lord's day to encounter the living Christ in a joyful, reverent, and accessible way, receiving all the blessings of his Gospel to the praise and glory of God.

## ***OUR IDENTITY***

Vision: A community of transforming grace

Mission: Inviting everyone to love and follow Jesus

## ***CORE VALUES***

**Worship:** Reverent and Relevant  
**Community:** Close-knit and Outward-facing  
**Discipleship:** Robust and Transformational  
**Service:** Compassionate and Bold

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## LITURGY NOTES

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column throughout the worship guide answers the "what" and "why" of the elements of our liturgy.

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, and **the part of the People will be in bold.**

This song allows us to get situated in the room and prepare our hearts for worship.

## Song of Assembly:

### How Great Is Our God<sup>1</sup>

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

*How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see how great  
How great is our God*

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

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## ***PSALM 91:1-2***

At God's command and invitation, we enter his presence and respond with worship.

Worship involves the whole person: body, soul, intellect, emotions. Singing hymns and songs grounded in biblical truth engages all our faculties in worship together.

## **Call to Worship**

**PASTOR:** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord,

**PEOPLE:** “**My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.**”

## **Prayer of Adoration & Praise**

### **Hymn of Praise:**

#### **I Sing the Almighty Power of God**

I sing the almighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with His Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed  
where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes Your glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests blow  
by order from Your throne;  
While all that borrows life  
from You is ever in Your care,  
And everywhere that man can be, You, God, are present there.

## Reading of the Word

Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Father, we ask that You would forgive the sin that so often entangles us, and the doubt and fear that prevents us from boldly serving You. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives, that we might demonstrate the reality of Christ's resurrection in our daily living, and know the joy of your salvation through Your Son, our Savior, Jesus**

...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

## *DANIEL 3:13-18*

Faith That Delivers

When we confess our sins, we agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. We confess general sins together, followed by a silent moment for personal confession.

## *COLOSSIANS 2:13-15*

All who confess their sins and trust in God's mercy through Jesus Christ believe their sins are pardoned. We remember this truth with a weekly Scripture assuring us of God's willing forgiveness.

# Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

## Indescribable

From the highest of heights, to the depths of the sea,  
Creation's revealing your majesty.  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring;  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings;  
All exclaiming:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable!  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And you know them by name.  
You are amazing God!  
All powerful, untamable;  
awestruck we fall to our knees  
as we humbly proclaim.  
You are amazing God!*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go?  
Or seen Heavenly storehouses laden with snow?  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light?  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?  
None can fathom:

*Incomparable, unchangeable;  
You know the depths of my heart  
and you love me the same.  
You are amazing God!  
You are amazing God!*

# Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship.  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.  
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe.  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

*Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest.  
Your name stands above them all.  
All thrones and dominions. All powers and positions.  
Your name stands above them all  
And the angels cry, Holy! All creation cries, Holy!  
You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!*

If you've been forgiven, and if you've been redeemed.  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.  
If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name.  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.  
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

*And the angels cry, Holy All creations cries, Holy!  
You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!  
Hear Your people sing, Holy! To the King of kings, Holy!  
You will always be Holy! Holy forever!*

# 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.

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?

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

*You will reign forever.  
Let Your glory fill the earth.*

Elders, responsible before God to care for and lead the church, serve by giving thanks for our blessings and praying for our needs.

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

Elder Allen Schmidt

*(Immediately following this prayer, during the 10:45 service only, 4-6 year olds are invited, but not required, to attend Teach Me to Worship. They will meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary and from there, will follow them to the classroom. They will return to sit on the back row to see Communion and hear the Benediction. Parents can pick them up there at the conclusion of the service.)*

## **Singing to the Lord**

God Is For Us!

Kids Choirs

All we have belongs to God. One act of worship is to acknowledge his generosity through cheerful and sacrificial giving.

## **His Tithes & Offerings**

God promises to communicate with us through the preaching of his Word. Our trust is not in the preacher's ability, but in the Holy Spirit using the scriptures to engage our minds and hearts.

## **Sermon**

The Source of the Church's Courage

Acts 4:23-31 (Page 912)

Pastor Scott Phillips



(10:45 service)

# The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Levi Alexander McKinney

Silas Allen McKinney

Covenant Children of Luke & Peyton McKinney

Ruling Elder Prayer, Blake Temple

# Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*(Elders will bring the bread and cup in trays to each row. Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; simply pass the regular bread to the next person and raise your hand to signal the pastor. He will bring you the gluten free bread. In each tray of drink, the clear communion cups contain juice and the purple contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)*

# Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Jesus gave the Church this symbolic washing to communicate his willingness to forgive sins and his promise of new spiritual life through the Holy Spirit poured out on all who respond with faith.

Jesus gave the Church this symbolic meal to communicate his presence and fellowship with believers. It is the family meal of Christians.

## To those not taking the Supper

We're glad you're here and welcome you back any time. Take this moment to reflect on the claims made in this service and consider praying to ask God if he will persuade you of how you can know him.

***FROM  
COLOSSIANS 1:11-12***

Just as God welcomed us into his presence at the beginning, now he blesses his children as we depart. We receive this blessing in faith as we trust God to do all he says he will do.

**Benediction**

[May you be] strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

# *SERMON NOTES*

## ***SESSION***

George Godwin	Allen Schmidt
Jeff Keith	Jay Suggs
Mike McMahan	Blake Temple
Brian Rodgers	Andy Thompson
Connor Ross	Chip Walraven

## ***DIACONATE***

John Elder	Steve Sasser
James Fudge	Sam Thompson
Wade Littrell	David Whitcomb
Bill Nelson	David Zajic
Kris Olin	

## ***CHURCH STAFF***

Scott Phillips	Senior Pastor
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Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator

If this is your first time joining us, we would love to get to know you better. Please use the QR code to give us as much contact information as you are comfortable sharing. In this way, we reconnect with you and find ways that we may be able to serve you or pray for you.



## ***Church Family Reminders***

### **Fall Festival**

Wednesday, October 30th at 5:30 PM. Free for everyone! Chili, live music, games, hayrides, and more. Bring a friend for this "Inviting EveryONE" event!

### **"Welcome to DPC" Seminar.**

Join us Saturday, November 9th, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the Café. Visitors and those interested in learning more about our church are welcome. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Contact Pastor Rick Stark or Jesse Pawley for more info or childcare

### **Marriage Conference**

Valley Presbyterian Church is hosting a relationship conference with Dr. John Cox on November 15th (6-9 PM) and November 16th (9 AM-noon). Whether you're single, married, or widowed, this conference will help you strengthen your relationships. Find the registration link in the Thursday email.

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