

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

2 Corinthians 4:5

October 27, 2024

### **SERVICE TIMES**

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

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:00pmSoli Deo Gloria5:30pmMeal6:00pmNextGen & Youth6:15pmAdult Choir6:30pmAdult 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**: You Are The Lord<sup>1</sup>

Worthy we stand saved by His hand. Great is Your name in all the earth. Worthy alone Christ on the throne, Your kingdom will reign forever. You are the Lord Most High!

### Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

### **Report of the Living Church**

Christian Smith, Fall Festival

### PSALM 103:8-13

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: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

# **PEOPLE: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

PASTOR: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

PEOPLE: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

### **Prayer of Adoration & Praise**

### **Hymn of Praise**: God Of Our Fathers

God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; In this free land by Thee our lot is cast; Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toil-some way, Lead us from night to never ending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

### **Reading of the Word**

As I live, declares the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out I will be king over you. I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, declares the Lord God. I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. I will purge out the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against me. I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!** 

### **Confession of Sin**

God of mercy, though we have rebelled against you and transgressed your ways, you made the Lord Jesus, who knew no sin, to become sin for us so that we might become righteous. We have seen your judgment and know that you are the Lord. Have mercy on us and lead us home to your kingdom in the name of Jesus

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

#### 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.

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

#### JEREMIAH 33:8

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

#### Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the Light, Whom shall I fear

My strength is in Your Name for You alone can save, You will deliver me, Yours is the victory Whom shall I fear, Whom shall I fear

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind, The God of angel armies is always by my side The one who reigns forever, He is a Friend of mine, The God of angel armies is always by my side

And nothing formed against me shall stand You hold the whole world in Your hands I'm holding on to Your promises You are faithful, You are Faithful (2x) You are Faithful

The God of angel armies is always by my side!

#### Only A Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of Heaven? Who else could make every king bow down? Who else could whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead? What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God Come and worship the Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer His only Son? Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a Holy God, Only my Holy God

### King Of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light 'Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes. To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross. For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose, All of heaven held its breath 'Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame Now this Gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me. 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

Hymns of Praise Worship Choir

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

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 Beautiful Church's Big Problem Acts 4:32 – 5:11 (Page 912) Pastor Scott Phillips

**His Tithes & Offerings** 

## 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.)

## Your Love, O Lord (Psalm 36)

Your love, Oh Lord, reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness stretches to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

And I will lift my voice to worship You my King, And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings. 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.

### PSALM 20:1-2

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 the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!

## SERMON NOTES

#### **SESSION**

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

### DIACONATE

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

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Scott Phillips Rick Stark Tucker Fleming Stu Schieler Jesse Pawley Tonya Roth Jessica Keith Allison Seale Elena Suggs

Senior Pastor Associate Pastor Youth Director Worship Director Administrative Director Office Administrator NextGen Coordinator Nursery Coordinator 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!

#### **Presbytery Meeting**

Join us for a special Presbytery worship service on Tuesday, November 5th, at 9:00 AM. The congregation is invited!

#### "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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