



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 19, 2025

SUNDAY TIMES

7:45am	Prayer
8:15am	Worship
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Room 158: Hebrews

Room 167: Ecclesiastes

Room 168: The Heart of Worship

Parlor/Rm 115: College & Career

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 God¹

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

Jesse Pawley, Church Administrator

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from Daniel 2:20-23

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

Call to Worship

LEADER: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

PEOPLE: **He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;**

LEADER: He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

ALL: **To you, O God, we give thanks and praise!**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;
We, Thy creatures, would adore Thee
Now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify Thy goodness,
Grant us strength to do Thy will;
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

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

Reading of the Word

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

O God, our heavenly Father, though you have made yourself known, we continue to live in ignorance. We judge others with personal bias rather than in righteousness. We harbor grudges rather than make peace. We have no hope found in ourselves, but we have genuine hope in Jesus. For His sake, forgive our sins and reshape us into His image

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Isaiah 11:1-9

The Source of the Knowledge of the Lord

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.

1 PETER 2:24

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

From Depths of Woe I Raise To Thee

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee

The voice of lamentation;

Lord, turn a gracious ear to me

And hear my supplication;

If Thou iniquities dost mark,

Our secret sins and misdeeds dark:

O who shall stand before Thee?

O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain,

Grace, grace alone availeth;

Our works alas! are all in vain;

In much the best life faileth:

No man can glory in Thy sight,

All must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy. And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,

And not in mine own merit;

On Him my soul shall rest,

His Word upholds my fainting spirit:

His promised mercy is my fort,

My comfort, and my sweet support:

I wait for it with patience. I wait for it with patience.

Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing

Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe

We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name

Jesus, the only One who could ever save

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe

We live for You, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You

Open up my eyes in wonder

And show me who You are and fill me with Your heart

And lead me in Your love to those around me

And I will build my life upon Your love,

It is a firm foundation

And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Praise the One risen Son of God

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.
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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 Schmdit

(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.)

(10:45 Service)

Singing to the Lord

Good Shepherd

Kids Of The King/Dare To Declare

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

You'll Find It in the Last Place You Look

Colossians 2:1-5 (Page 983)

Pastor Scott Phillips

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.)

Take Shelter

When the nations rage and death is at the door
When the wars are waged as they have been before
There's a refuge that I run to, a respite from my fear
Nothing in this world can harm me here

When my song of hope is swallowed by the pain
As the weariness of grief floods in again
Will You find me in the valley? Oh, hear my helpless cry
Hold me as a mother holds her child

*And I'll take shelter,
take shelter In the loving arms of God
And I will take shelter,
take shelter In the loving arms of God*

When a greater war had torn apart my soul
And the iron hold of sin would not let go
All of Heaven stormed the darkness in the power of the cross
I'm freed beneath the banner of His love

When the labors of this fleeting life are done
As the shadows fall, we'll see the lights of home
And then all our present troubles will be stories of the past
Safe within His gates, we'll find our rest

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.

2 Peter 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 grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

George Godwin	Jason Seale
Jeff Keith	Jay Suggs
Mike McMahan	Blake Temple
Connor Ross	Andy Thompson
Allen Schmidt	

DIACONATE

John Elder	Kris Olin
James Fudge	William Sasser
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CHURCH STAFF

Scott Phillips	Senior Pastor
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Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator

Men's & Women's Bible Studies



If this is your first time joining us, we'd love to get to know you better. If you're willing, please scan the QR code and share a little about yourself. This helps us follow up, answer any questions you might have, and find ways we can serve or pray for you.



CHURCH FAMILY REMINDERS

WIC Fellowship – Oct 21 | 6:00 PM

Join us on Tuesday, October 21, at 6:00 PM at Betsy Stark's home (3773 South Woodtrail Rd SW) for an evening of fellowship with the women of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.

Pumpkin Painting – Oct 22

NextGen will be painting pumpkins on Wednesday night. Please make sure your children are in clothes appropriate for this activity! Pumpkins will be entered into a contest and voted on at the Fall Festival.

Fall Festival – Oct 29 | 5:30 PM

Join us for our annual Fall Festival on Oct. 29 at 5:30 PM! Food, Inflatables, Live Music, Bonfire, Hayrides, Games, and more! Bring a friend!

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