



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

March 8, 2026

SUNDAY TIMES

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Room 158: Parables of Jesus

Room 167: Ecclesiastes

Room 168: Romans

Parlor: Presbyterian 101

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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| 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:

Spirit And The Bride¹

Stir up a longing for Your returning.
For the day when our faith will be made sight.
Creation is groaning. Heaven is yearning
For the dark to be overcome by light.
For we know You will overcome the night.

The Spirit and the Bride say,

*"Come, Lord, Jesus. Washed in white Lord,
Make us ready. Purify Your Church Lord, Jesus come."*

We have a hope. We have a future.
Closer now than when we first believed.
For You are our soon and coming King.

Riding on a white horse. The One called faithful and true.
Coming as a Lion, making everything new.
For the wedding of the Lamb has come, Lord,
We are ready. The battle is forever won. Our victory.

Welcome & Announcements

Tucker Fleming, Youth Director

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Psalm 62:32-35

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

Call to Worship

LEADER: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord,

PEOPLE: to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

LEADER: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

PEOPLE: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

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

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

ISAIAH 42:1-9

The Strength and Tenderness of God's Servant

Confession of Sin

Our Father, we have not shared your commitment to justice, your compassion for the needy, nor your patience with the weak. We confess our foolish independence and our need for deliverance. Open our blind eyes, and free us from slavery to sin. Teach us to delight in your glory and walk in your ways for the honor of your Son, our savior

...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

He himself bore our sins in his body on a tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but now have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls

1 Peter 2:24-25

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

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
In the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises,
Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
Now the Light of Life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
He the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suffering,
Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ the great and sure fulfillment,
Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners,
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father's plan unfold;
Bringing many sons to glory,
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners,
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
What a foretaste of deliverance,
How unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected,
As we will be when He comes

Through The Precious Blood

You have ordained every breath we take
In pleasure or pain, there is no mistake
Gladness and grief, both are in Your hands
And sufferings brief carry out Your plan
And our fleeting sorrows
Will yield an endless prize
When some bright tomorrow
We'll see You with our eyes, and

*Grace upon grace flows down, flows down
And Grace upon grace flows down, flows down
Through the precious blood of Christ*

Father of lights, Giver of all grace
Your mercies crown our lives all our days
River of Life, quench our thirsty souls
For no true delight does Your love withhold
And in every season
We are satisfied
For just one reason
Christ was crucified, and

All good gifts, every good thing,
Comes to us freely, so freely
All good gifts, every good thing,
Comes to us freely, so freely
Through the precious blood,
Through the precious blood

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 Andy Thompson

...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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

(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

You've Already Won
Worship Choir

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

Authority, Submission, and Good News
Colossians 3:18-4:1 (Page 984)
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.)

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.

Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Jesus, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Spirit, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Jude 24-25

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

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

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| John Elder | Jason Seale |
| George Godwin | Greg Smith |
| Jeff Keith | Stuart Smith |
| Mike McMahan | Jay Suggs |
| Connor Ross | Blake Temple |
| Allen Schmidt | Andy Thompson |

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CHURCH STAFF

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| Jessica Keith | NextGen Coordinator |
| Allison Seale | Nursery Coordinator |
| 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

Formed: Scripture

Join us Friday, March 27, from 6–9 PM as we look at Scripture: how we got it, why we can trust it, and how God uses it to shape our lives. Come strengthen your foundation and grow deeper in confidence in God's Word.

Presbyterian 101

Curious about what it means to be Presbyterian? Join us for a weekly class exploring who we are and our distinctives. Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Parlor.

One Service

Beginning Sunday, April 12 (the Sunday after Easter), we will return to one unified worship service at 10:30am. We look forward to gathering together as one congregation each week.

Book Nook

Stop by the Book Nook in the Gathering Area and browse our newest resources, including a great Easter devotional for families.

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