



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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May 24, 2026

## ***SUNDAY TIMES***

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

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

Room 158: Parables of Jesus  
Room 167: Ecclesiastes  
Room 168: Romans  
Parlor: Presbyterian 101

## ***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:

### With Me<sup>1</sup>

God of the past and of the future,  
You are faithful, always faithful.  
God in my strength and in my failure,  
You are faithful, always faithful.

*In every promise I can find  
Your Spirit reassuring mine. You are with me.*

*You go before, You go behind  
Your faithfulness on every side  
You were with me then, You are with me now.  
In every season I can see, Your hand of blessing over me.  
You were with me then, You are with me now.  
(With me now)*

God in my joy and in my sorrow,  
You are faithful, always faithful.  
My God who holds every tomorrow,  
You are faithful, always faithful.

You were there in the darkness  
You were there in the shame  
You were there in the moment when I called Your name  
You were there in the mourning,  
You were there in the pain.  
You were God in the waiting forever the same.  
You are here in our worship  
You are here in our praise.  
You will always be with us to the end of the age.

## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

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## ***Psalm 33:20-22***

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

## **Call to Worship**

**PASTOR:** Our soul waits for the Lord;

**PEOPLE:** **He is our help and our shield!**

**PASTOR:** For our heart is glad in him,

**PEOPLE:** **Because we trust in his holy name!**

**PASTOR:** Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

**PEOPLE:** **Even as we hope in you.**

## **Prayer of Adoration & Praise**

### **Hymn of Praise**

#### **Come Christians Join To Sing**

Come, Christians join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end, Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

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

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Apart from you, there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Grant that we may live godly, righteous, and joyful lives, to the glory of your holy name**

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

## *Romans 7:15-25*

Hope for an Inner War

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.

## *Romans 8:1-2*

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**

## **Christ Our Hope In Life And Death**

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;*

*O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess*

*Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?

"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,

Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy,

When Christ is ours forevermore.

## Help And Deliverer

As I wander through the wilderness,  
There is only one who gives me rest  
You shield me from the sun, even when I run

You will hold me fast and never fail,  
In my greatest weakness you prevail  
Your grace that I abuse, won't let my foot be moved

*Jesus, our help and deliverer, Jesus, gracious redeemer  
Who keeps us when we wander from you  
Jesus our gentle shepherd now lead us,  
Where death cannot threaten  
To steal us from your love, our help and deliverer*

You are faithful in my unbelief,  
Though I am weak your love for me is deep,  
I know your love is sure, it helps me to endure

## He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path.  
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast.  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

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 Stuart Smith

*(Immediately following this prayer, 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.)*

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**

A Prayer for When the Lord Forgets You

Psalm 13:1-6 (Page 453)

Pastor Scott Phillips

# **We Respond:**

## **Heidelberg Catechism: Question 1**

1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.**

## **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.)*

The Heidelberg Catechism is a series of questions and answers designed for summarizing and teaching the Christian Faith as well as promoting unity among believers. It has been widely used since the early years of the Protestant Reformation.

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.

## Be Still My Soul

Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend  
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.  
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay  
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastn'ing on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## *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***

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

## ***DIACONATE***

James Fudge	Steve Sasser
Braden Ladner	William Sasser
Wade Littrell	Sam Thompson
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Bill Nelson	David Zajic
Kris Olin	

## ***CHURCH STAFF***

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VBS Child  
Registration



VBS Volunteer  
Registration

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***

### **Ezra Welcome!**

Today is our Ezra interns' first Sunday! Pick up a "Meet the Team" booklet to pray for them. You can also sign up online to host 2 or more interns for lunch after church this summer!

### **VBS Work Week**

We will be working from 9-Noon, Monday through Friday (6/8-12). We can use all types of skills from building to painting and everything in between. All skill levels are welcome!

### **VBS Volunteer Training**

All VBS volunteers are asked to attend a training on Sunday, June 14 at 8:30am before Sunday School, in the gathering area

### **VBS Registration is Open!**

VBS is June 15-19. You can register both students and volunteers with the QR codes in the bottom left corner of this page. Make sure to visit our registration table in the café today.

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