



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

July 12, 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

(Resumes in September)

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:

Confidence¹

Jesus great high priest at the right hand of the Father
Interceding, praying now for us, Jesus great high priest
Your full sacrifice is finished,
Once for all our precious Lamb of God

We have confidence to enter in the holy place
We have confidence to enter by the new and living way
We have confidence to enter in the holy place
By the new and living way

Jesus great high priest in the presence of your people
Leading us in love to heaven's throne Jesus, great high priest
Now the veil that was between us
by your body torn forever on the cross

Holy, Holy, Holy, Worthy, worthy, worthy
Glory, glory, glory, To our great high priest

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

Report of the Living Church

Ministry Report, Missionary Lenden Fleeman

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Psalm 116:1-2, 5

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

Call to Worship

PASTOR: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and
my pleas for mercy.

**PEOPLE: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore
I will call on Him as long as I live.**

PASTOR: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is
merciful.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

O Worship The King

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail.
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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 Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Father, we confess we are often hesitant to trust you and fail to acknowledge Your extravagant generosity. We have not rested in Your mercy and grace; we have not recognized Your gifts of providence. As a result, we linger in doubt. Have mercy on us for Jesus' sake; forgive; open our eyes; renew our hearts

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Romans 10:5-13

Call on the Name 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.

Isaiah 43:1-3

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

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove
His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

We will stand...

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

We will stand...

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

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together,
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood,
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom

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

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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Greg Smith

...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, 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.)

His Tithes & Offerings

Sermon

The King Who Answers
Psalm 20:1-9 (Page 456)
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.

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise;
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest,
And joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

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
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CHURCH STAFF

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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 Worship Labs

Our Ezra worship interns have been preparing to lead their own short worship service. The services will happen from 9-12 on July 16, and July 23. Please join us to worship alongside the interns. We hope these small worship services will be a boost to you in the midweek.

Youth at Six Flags

Join us on 7/22 for our annual Six Flags trip! We'll leave on the morning of 7/22 and return by 10:00 that evening (Lord willing). Make sure you register so we can get the appropriate number of cars. Cost to go is free.

College & Career Sunday School

If you're a college student or young adult, make sure to come to our summer Sunday School class for the next 6 weeks beginning on June 28th in the Parlor.

Jordan Littrell

For those that would like to send a letter or card to Jordan & Leigh Littrell during their Houston stay, the address is:

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