



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 26, 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 September 9th)

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:

Great and Glorious God¹

The heavens shout Your glory
Every galaxy You've made
The angels tell Your story
Day and night declare Your praise
We're singing of Your wonders
And You're pouring out Your goodness on us

Great and glorious God

Father, Spirit, Son

Holy, three in One

Hallelujah

Great and glorious God

Father, Spirit, Son

Holy, three in One

Great and glorious God

Your spirit will pursue us
Guiding us to all You've giv'n
Every blessing found in Jesus
Crucified that we might live
We're singing of Your wonders
And You're pouring out Your goodness on us

You're eternal, unchanging
Your power, unending
Lord, Your grace is boundless and free
God of justice, and mercy
Your love is surrounding
Lord, You've given Yourself to me

Welcome & Announcements

Jesse Pawley, Administrative Director

Report of the Living Church

Margaret Rodgers, MTW-Japan

Prayer: RE John Elder

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Isaiah 35:3-6

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

Call to Worship

LEADER: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart,

PEOPLE: "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

LEADER: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

PEOPLE: then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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

Hymn of Praise

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r;
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Reading of the Word

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Our Father, we are slow to believe Your Word. We do not see how much we need Christ's death for our sins and His resurrection for our eternal life. We are quick to take credit for the good things in our lives instead of giving thanks for all You have graciously given to us. Have mercy on us. Lead us out of unbelief and doubts; lead us to a humble faith in Christ, our Savior

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

1 Corinthians 15:3-11

The Most Important Things to Believe

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.

Hebrews 10:15-17

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

You Speak

In the midst of raging waters, when the storm is all around,
You are there to calm the chaos, with love that knows no bounds

When my soul is lost and troubled, with fear and deep distress
You are near to bring deliverance, to bring me peace and rest

You speak and the waves obey.

You speak, and darkness turns to day

You speak, and then we know; God, you are always in control.

When the burdens feel too heavy, And it's hard to find my way,
You are there to guide me gently,
lead me to a brighter day, yeah!

The world is crashin' in, but Father I am listening
God, Your voice is louder, Your words hold all the power

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your lovingkindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of Kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free

Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain

There's salvation in Your name

Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
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Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory, woah-oh-oh

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.

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.

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

(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 Most Important Prayer Ever Prayed

Psalm 22:1-31 (Page 457)

Pastor Scott Phillips

We Respond: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 Christ Hymn

Scholars have called these poetic verses "The Christ Hymn." Paul incorporated this passage within his letter to the church in Philippi, and the early church likely used it as a summary of what Christians believe about Jesus to be publicly confessed, or even sung, together in worship.

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.

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing:
All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Benediction

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians

5:23-24

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.

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

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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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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 Song Night

Join us tonight, Sunday, July 26th at 6:00pm for an evening of music!. Our Ezra interns will showcase their hard work from the summer, playing some beloved Ezra favorites and debuting new songs they've written. We'll celebrate the incredible talents and dedication of our interns on their last Sunday of the summer. We look forward to seeing you there!

College & Career Sunday School

If you're a college student or young adult, join us for our last two weeks of our summer Sunday School class in the Parlor.

Margaret Rodgers Newsletter

To keep in touch with Margaret while she is serving in Japan, scan the QR code to sign up for her newsletter.



Baby Shower

Join us for a baby shower for Emily and Dustin Joiner, Sunday, August 16th at 2:00 at the Schieler's House (1228 Darrowby Lane). You can find their registry at decaturpca.org/events.

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