

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

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"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

Colossians 3: 1-4

"Heaven is reality itself. All that is fully real is Heavenly. For all that can be shaken will be shaken and only the unshakable will remain."

CS Lewis, *The Great Divorce*

"God does not make junk, and God does not junk what he made."

Al Wolters, *Creation Regained*

"Heaven means sharing in the blessedness of God so that in the very depths of our being there is divine contentment, joy, and fulfillment. There is total shalom: a sense of sheer well-being. Every need is met. Every longing is fulfilled. Every goal is achieved. Every sense is satisfied. We see him. We are with him. He holds us and hugs us and whispers, 'This is forever.'"

Donald Macleod

"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."

Thomas Moore

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Come Thou Almighty King

Come Thou Almighty King/ Help us Thy name to sing
Help us to praise/ Father all glorious
O'er all victorious/ Come and reign over us/ Ancient of Days

Come Thou Incarnate Word/ Gird on Thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend/ Come and Thy people bless
And give Thy Word success/ Spirit of holiness/ On us descend

Come Holy Comforter/ Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour/ Thou who almighty art
Now rule in ev'ry heart/ And ne'er from us depart/ Spirit of pow'r

To Thee great One in Three/ Eternal praises be
Hence evermore/ Thy sov'reign majesty

May we in glory see/ And to eterni-ty/ Love and a-dore

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Call to Worship

...we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:3-7

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father/ There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not/ As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

*Great is Thy faithfulness/ Great is Thy faithfulness/ Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided/ Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest/ Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness/ To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth/ Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow/ Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy holy holy/ Lord God Almighty/ Early in the morning/ Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy/ Merciful and mighty/ God in three persons/ Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy/ All the saints adore Thee/ Casting down their golden crowns/ Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim/ Falling down before Thee/ Which wert and art/ And evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy/ Though the darkness hide Thee/ Though the eye of sinful man/ Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy/ There is none beside Thee/ Perfect in power/ In love and purity

Holy holy holy/ Lord God Almighty/ All Thy works shall praise Thy name/ In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy/ Merciful and mighty/ God in three persons/ Blessed Trinity

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Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

God of steadfast love and faithfulness,
We humbly confess that we have been unfaithful
to our covenant relationship with you and with one another.
We have worshipped other gods: money, power, control, and convenience.
We have served our own self-interest
instead of serving you and your people.
We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
and restore to us the fullness and intimacy,
the joy and peace of our covenant relationship with you and one another.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s treasured possession,
in order that you may proclaim the excellencies of him
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people;
Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy . . .
All of this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself.”

1 Peter 2: 9-10 and 2 Corinthians 5: 18

Come Boldly To The Throne Of Grace

Come boldly to the throne of grace/ Ye wretched sinners come
And lay your load at Jesus’ feet/ And plead what He has done

“How can I come” some soul may say/ “I’m lame and cannot walk
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth/ I sigh but dare not talk”

Come boldly to the throne of grace/ Though lost and blind and lame
Jehovah is the sinner’s Friend/ And ever was the same

He makes the dead to hear His voice/ He makes the blind to see
The sinner lost He came to save/ And set the prisoner free

Poor bankrupt souls who feel and know/ The hell of sin within
Come boldly to the throne of grace/ The Lord will take you in

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Welcome and Prayers of the People

Davis Mooney

Offering and Doxology

In My Father's House

In my Father's house are many mansions/ Many mansions in my Father's house

In my Father's house are many mansions/ Many mansions in my Father's house

I go to prepare a place for you for you/ I go to prepare a place for you for you

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Life Together

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

“Renew: The True Hope of Heaven”

David Speakman

¹ “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.”

John 14:1-4

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Revelation 21:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

For All The Saints

For all the saints/ Who from their labours rest/ Who Thee by faith
Before the world confessed/ Thy name O Jesus/ Be forever blest/ Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their Rock/ Their Fortress and their Might/ Thou Lord their Captain
In the well fought fight/ Thou in the darkness drear/ Their one true Light/ Alleluia, Allelu...

O may Thy soldiers/ Faithful true and bold/ Fight as the saints
Who nobly fought of old/ And win with them/ The victor's crown of gold/ Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening/ Brightens in the west/ Soon, soon to faithful
Warriors comes their rest/ Sweet is the calm/ Of paradise the blessed/ Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo there breaks/ A yet more glorious day/ The saints triumphant
Rise in bright array/ The King of Glory/ Passes on His way/ Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds/ From ocean's farthest coast/ Through gates of pearl
Streams in the countless host/ Singing to Father/ Son and Holy Ghost/ Alleluia, Alleluia

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Benediction

"The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.