

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

January 28, 2024

“I ought to confess the sins of my confessions – their imperfections, sinful aims, self-righteous tendency, etc – and to look to Christ as having confessed my sins perfectly over his own sacrifice.”

– Robert Murray M'cheyne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joel 2

Pastor: Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice,
for the LORD has done great things!

**Congregation: Fear not, you beasts of the
field, for the pastures of the wilderness
are green; the tree bears its fruit.**

Pastor: Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice
in the LORD your God.

**Congregation: For we your people shall
never again be put to shame.**

Pastor: You shall know that I am in the midst of
Israel, and that I am the LORD our God and
there is none else.

**Together: And my people shall never
again be put to shame.**

HYMNS OF PRAISE

“All My Boast is in Jesus”

What wonder of wonders, what love is this
That Christ would die for me
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness
This sinner’s only plea
O foolish pride be crucified
The work is finished

Chorus One:

All my boast is in Jesus
All my hope is His love
And I will glory forever
In what the cross has done

Now fully forgiven my life is filled
With graces undeserved
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill
Let praises now return
Rise up my soul and bless the Lord
Who else is worthy (Chorus One)

Bridge:

O praise the One forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ my Lord (Repeat)

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I boast not in riches, in strength or might
But in the grace of God
I glory in weakness to live is Christ
In plenty or in want
That I may know that all may see
His pow'r within me (Chorus One)

Chorus Two:

Now I stand in His freedom
Ransomed clean in His sight
And I cannot be ashamed for
My boast is Jesus Christ
My boast is Jesus Christ
Forever my boast is Jesus Christ

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *(9:00 service)*

Eleanor Gaines Crabtree

Daughter of Forrest and Kelly Crabtree

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(11:00 service)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Because Jesus Christ died in your place,
for your sins, you are forgiven.

People: Hallelujah! Praise God!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Children ages 3 through 4th grade dismiss with their
teachers for Sunday school. They will return at the end
of the service.*

OFFERTORY

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Rock of Ages”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfil thy law’s demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

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SERMON TEXT

Psalm 150

- 1 Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
- 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!
- 3 Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
- 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
- 5 Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Hallelujah”

Psalm 150

Rev. Lanier Wood

THE LORD'S SUPPER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

New City Catechism

Q3. How many persons are there in God?

A. There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Q4. How and why did God create us?

A. God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 to 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 my savior. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live with him and he in me. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Firm Foundation”

Christ is my firm foundation
The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I’ve never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
‘Cause He’s never let me down
He’s faithful through generations
So why would He fail now?

He won’t
He won’t

I’ve still got joy in chaos
I’ve got peace that makes no sense
I won’t be going under
I’m not held by my own strength

‘Cause I’ve built my life on Jesus
He’s never let me down
He’s faithful in every season
So why would He fail now?

He won’t
He won’t
He won’t fail
He won’t fail (2x)

Repeat Verse One

He won't
He won't
He won't fail
He won't fail

Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You I'm going to make it through
(repeat 2x)

I'm going to make it through
'Cause I'm standing strong on You
I'm going to make it through
'Cause my house was built on You

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No, He won't

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, January 28 –

High School Youth, 4:15-5:30 p.m.

J-term Dinner, 5:30-6:00 p.m.

J-Term Class, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Middle School Youth, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30 –

Crichton Table, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 31 –

Community Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 1 –

Ladies' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 2 –

New Life Moms' Group, 10:45 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Groups – Small groups will kick off in February. Email karen@covenantpresmobile.org if you are interested in joining a small group.

Youth Group & High School Spring Retreat – Join us in February (4th, 18th, and 25th) for youth group. Middle School will meet at 4:30- 5:45, dinner is at 5:45-6:15, and high school meets from 6:15-7:30. We will have a high school retreat in Dauphin Island March 8-9. More details to come!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

J-Term Classes Tonight – Join us tonight for our last class. Dinner will be catered by Moe's Bar-B-Que and will be served from 5:30-6:00 in Fellowship Hall. Classes will be from 6:15-7:30. Middle School and CovKids will meet during classtime and High School Youth will meet before dinner. Nursery is provided for ages three and under. See the website for details.

Congregational Meeting – The Session of Covenant has called a congregational meeting for February 4th at 10:15 a.m. for the purpose of voting on property purchase.

One Service February 11 – We will have one service Sunday, February 11 at 10:00.

New Member Class – Interested in knowing more about Covenant and what it means to be a member? Join us on Sunday, February 4 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. RSVP to karen@covenantpresmobile.org.

Learn the New City Catechism in the New Year – Pick up a copy for your family in the back of the Sanctuary.

Ladies' Thursday Study – Ladies Bible Study will return Thursday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. We will continue our study of John. If you haven't come before and would like to register, please email karen@covenantpresmobile.org. We would love for you to join us!

New Life Moms' Group – Moms with babies, join us Friday, February 2 at 10:45 in Fellowship Hall!