



# PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Thanksgiving Sunday

*24 November 2024*

For [Jesus] will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.  
—Luke 21:15

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.*

### Gospel Invitation—Isaiah 44:4

Thus says the Lord who made you... “I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit upon your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants.”

### Sung Response—O Worship The King, Vs. 1

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "O wor-ship the King, all glor-ious a - bove, O grate-ful-ly sing His pow'r and His love; Our shield and de-fend-er, the An-cient of Days, pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor, and gird - ed with praise."

Text: Robert Grant, 1833, based on Psalm 104; Music: LYONS, Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784.

### Call to Worship—Psalm 104:1-2, 21, 24-25, 35

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great!

All: **You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.**

Reader 1: The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.

Reader 2: Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great.

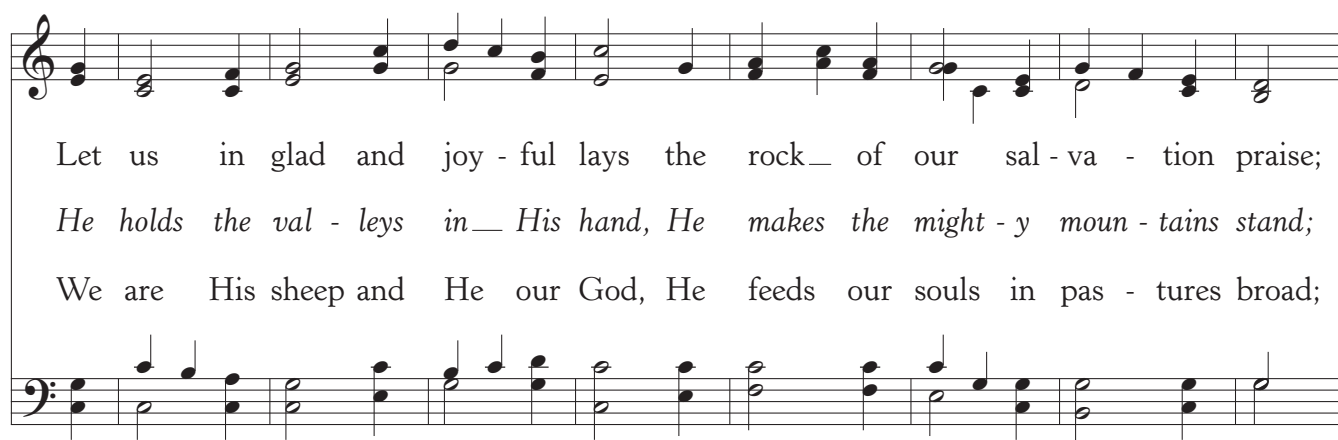
All: **O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.**

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

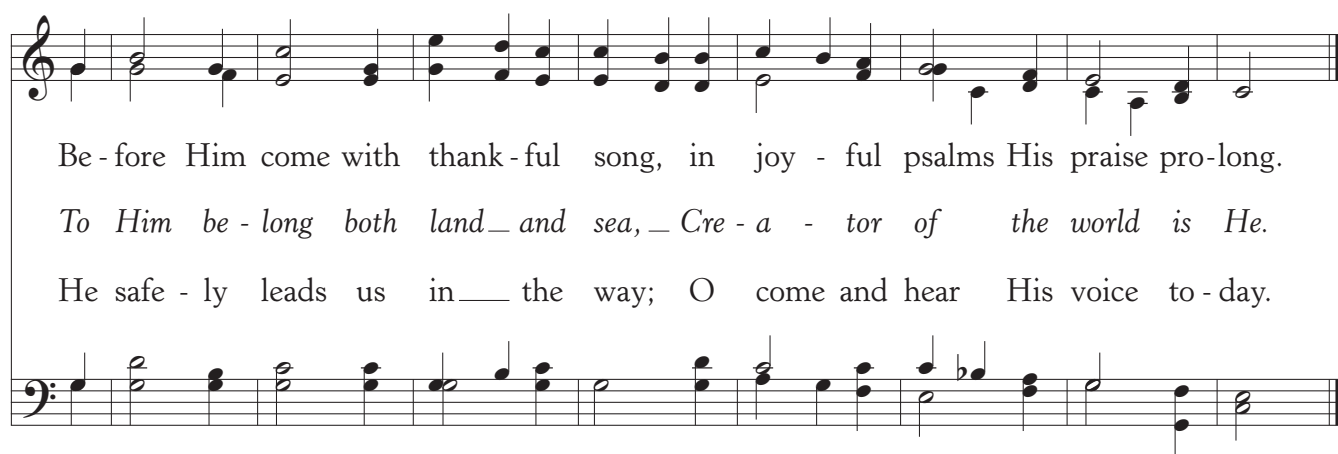
## Congregational Psalm—O Come Before The Lord, Our King (Psalm 95)



O come be-fore the Lord, our King, and in— His pres-ence let— us sing;  
Al-might - y pow'r the Lord main-tains, ex - alt - ed o - ver all— He reigns;  
O come and let us wor - ship now, be - fore our Mak - er let— us bow;



Let us in glad and joy - ful lays the rock— of our sal - va - tion praise;  
He holds the val - leys in— His hand, He makes the might - y moun - tains stand;  
We are His sheep and He our God, He feeds our souls in pas - tures broad;



Be-fore Him come with thank - ful song, in joy - ful psalms His praise pro-long.  
To Him be - long both land— and sea, — Cre - a - tor of the world is He.  
He safe - ly leads us in— the way; O come and hear His voice to - day.

Text: Psalm 95:1-7, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: ST. PETERSBURG, Dimitri Bortniansky, 1825.

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

*The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church’s songbook.*

### Congregational Psalm—Fret Not Yourself (Psalm 37)



Fret not your-self when e - vil seems to pros - per in the land, —  
And though he thinks he's root - ed fast, un - yield - ing like a tree, —  
Be still be - fore the Lord and wait; de - light in His com - mands.  
I have not seen, in youth or age, the right - eous man de - crease.



Nor when the wick - ed plots and schemes a - gainst the right - eous man.  
The wick - ed one will fade like grass, like smoke caught in a breeze.  
And He shall keep your path - way straight, up - hold you with His hand.  
The Lord pro - vides a her - i - tage, a fu - ture full of peace.



Dwell faith - ful - ly, and trust God will your heart's de - sires ful - fill.  
His bow will break, his sword will fail; and just - ice will pre - vail.  
A strong - hold sure in trou - bled days, the Lord His peo - ple saves.  
He is a re - fuge ev - er - more, for all who trust the Lord.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 37, Elizabeth Dowdell, 2020; Music: GRAYMERE,  
Henry C. Haffner and Elizabeth Dowdell, 2020.

### Scripture Reading—Mark 14:55-61

Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against Him, saying, “We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?” But He remained silent and made no answer.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Congregational Hymn—Let All Things Now Living



Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to God the Cre -  
His law He en - forc-es: the stars in their cours-es, the sun in its



a - tor tri - um-phant - ly raise, Who fash-ioned and made us, pro -  
or - bit, o - be - dient - ly shine; The hills and the moun-tain, the



tect-ed and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim Him di - vine.



His ban - ners are o'er us, His light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of  
We too should be voic-ing our love and re - joic - ing, with glad ad - o -



fire shin - ing forth in the night, 'Til shad - ows have van - ished and  
ra - tion a song let us raise, 'Til all things now liv - ing u -



dark - nes is ban-ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
nite in thanks - giv ing to God in the high-est, ho - san - na and praise!

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Music: ASH GROVE, Traditional Welsh Melody, arr. Katherine K. Davis, 1939.

**Baptism of Audrey, Eleanor, and Caroline Waters,  
daughters of Rob and Natalie Waters**

## Reading of the Word—Acts 6:8-15

<sup>8</sup> And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. <sup>10</sup> But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. <sup>11</sup> Then they secretly instigated men who said, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.” <sup>12</sup> And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, <sup>13</sup> and they set up false witnesses who said, “This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, <sup>14</sup> for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us.” <sup>15</sup> And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed, Vs. 4

Well might I hide my blush-ing face while His dear cross ap - pears; —

Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Well might I hide my blush-ing face while His dear cross ap - pears; —' and 'Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.'

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1824.

## Sermon—*A Face Like An Angel*

—Pastor, James Crampton

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

*The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

### Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 52:1-5, 7

**Pastor:** Lord, we come confessing. The steadfast love of God endures all the day. We should make God our refuge. Why do we boast of evil, thinking we are mighty?

**All:** We love evil more than good and lying more than speaking what is right.

**Pastor:** But God will break us down forever if we will not trust in Him.

**All:** We love all words that devour. We have deceitful tongues.

### Assurance of Pardon—Romans 3:23-25; Titus 2:11-14

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.

**Pastor:** This is the promise of God.

**All:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Pastor:** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.

**All:** And so we await our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

### Sung Response—My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness, Vs. 3



My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who reigns a - bove;



Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love.



For ev - 'ry day I have on Earth is giv - en by the King.



So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

# HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCCHARISTO*

*As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.*

## Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God:

The Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.  
On the third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

*Amen.*

## Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y,  
Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y— be un - to— Thee,  
O Lord most high, O Lord most high, O Lord most high, A - men.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8; Music: Nathan George, 2013.



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

*This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.*

### Congregational Hymn—For The Beauty Of The Earth

For the beau - ty of the Earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
For each per - fect gift of Thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

For the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Friends on Earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
Grac - es hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of Earth and buds of Heav'n,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1838, arr. William H. Monk, 1861.

### Congregational Hymn—To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name

To our Re - deem - er's glor - ious name a - wake the sac - red song:  
Let won - der still with love u - nite, and gra - ti - tude and joy;  
Dear Lord, while we a - dor - ing pay our hum - ble thanks to Thee,  
O may the sweet, the bliss - ful theme fill ev - ery heart and tongue,

O may His love— im - mor - tal flame— tune ev - ery heart and tongue.  
Be Jes - us our su - preme de - light, His praise our best em - ploy.  
May ev - ery heart with glad - ness say, the Sav - ior died for me.  
Till strang - ers love Thy charm - ing name, and join the sa - cred song.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble staff. The key signature is two flats (Bb, Eb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

Text: Anne Steel, 1760; Music: MCKEE, Irish Melody, arr. H. T. Burleigh, 1939.

# GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—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.*

## Congregational Hymn—God Of Our Fathers

God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
Thy love div - ine hath led us in the past;  
Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
In this free land with Thee our lot is cast;  
Lead us from night to ne - ver end - ing day;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
Be Thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,  
Fill all our lives with love and grace div - ine,

Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chos - en way.  
And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1876; Music: NATIONAL HYMN, George W. Warren, 1876.

## GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

### Benediction—from Romans 1:7

To all those who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### Sung Response—Unto Christ Who Loved Us



Un-to Christ, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,



And has made us kings and priests un - to God and His Fa - ther:



Un-to Him be glo-ry and do-min-ion for - ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

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Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

### Announcements

## Worship Notes:

Here at the end of November, our hearts turn to the coming Thanksgiving holiday, as do many of the hymns in this morning's service. We begin worship with *O Come Before The Lord, Our King—Psalm 95*, which reminds us of the Lord's provision for our needs ("He feeds our souls in pastures broad") and calls us to enter His presence "with thankful songs." *Let All Things Now Living* asks all of creation to raise songs of adoration and thanks to the Creator, while *For The Beauty Of The Earth* suggests that seeing God's handiwork in the natural world should inspire "hymn[s] of grateful praise." *My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness* calls us to be thankful for every day "given by the King," and *To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name* responds to Jesus with delight, wonder, love, and gratitude. The service closes with *God Of Our Fathers*, in which we declare that our "grateful songs" will ever rise before His throne. I hope these hymns encourage our hearts to give thanks to the God who, though our way may be toilsome, is faithful to lead us from night to never-ending day. —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Full, Grace, Power, Dispute, Wisdom, Spirit, False Witness, Face

**Keystone Verse:** But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. (Acts 6:10)



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