



# GOOD SHEPHERD

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**  
FEBRUARY 27, 2022

# Welcome to Good Shepherd

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If this is your first time with us, we are especially glad you are here. Please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters regarding the location of the nursery, restrooms, or just a cup of coffee!

We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar, so there are notes in the margins that will offer some explanations and hopefully help you participate. Our service is designed to be both biblical and Christ centered as we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel each week. We gather not for a lecture, conference, or concert, but for an encounter and covenant renewal with God. Therefore, our service follows the pattern God gave his people thousands of years ago: God speaks and we respond.

We also hope that you will join us after the service. Downstairs in the fellowship hall you will find plenty of refreshments and snacks as well as a warm welcome from our church family. If you have any questions from the sermon you can return to the sanctuary about 15 minutes after the service for our *Ask the Pastor* time. This is a great place to process the wonderful truths of the Gospel that we proclaim.

Lastly, we would love to know that you were here this morning. In the backs of the pews there is an info sheet that you can fill out and put in the offering basket during the service. Don't worry, we won't bombard you with endless emails. We just want an opportunity to say hello. If there is any way that we can pray for you, or if you have questions about the church, you can write those on the back as well.

Wherever you are this morning, our hope is that God would attend to the ministry of His Word, and that you would know the love of your blessed Savior.

## A Word to Parents with Young Children

First, we want you to know that we are delighted to have your children in worship with us this morning. There is nothing better that we can give our children than the opportunity to know and worship their Heavenly Father. Any noises that they may make are not an embarrassing distraction, but a beautiful reminder that they are participating in God's means of grace.

We do understand, however, that it is sometimes helpful to have other means of serving our children and families. Through the back doors of the sanctuary you will find a **cry room** if you have little ones that are getting fussy or who need to nurse. We also have an **overflow room** with a live-stream of the service in the downstairs fellowship hall. Lastly, we have a **nursery** downstairs for children ages 0-3. Staff in the nursery are background checked and trained.



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# Service

## Preparation

Preparatory Thought.....

“The beauty of holiness is that which the grave, that consumes all other beauty, cannot touch, or do any damage to.”

—Matthew Henry

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

## Praise

Call to Worship..... Psalm 147:12-20

LEADER: “Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat. He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold? He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow and the waters flow. He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules. Praise the LORD!”

Prayer of Adoration.....

Hymn #44.....How Great Thou Art

*We invite you to take a few moments this morning to prayerfully prepare to meet with and worship the living God.*

*God's people come because he first calls them. We open our services this way as a reminder that it is God himself who is calling us into his presence this morning.*

## How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! When I in awe-some won - der  
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

1. Con - si - der all the worlds thy hands have made,  
 2. And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;  
 3. Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
 4. And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

1. I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,  
 2. When I look down from lof - ty moun - tain gran - deur  
 3. That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,  
 4. Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

1. Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 2. And hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 3. He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 4. And there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; How great thou

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to

thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

*The Word of God is always sufficient to do the work of God. Therefore, each week we continue the practice of God's people listening to the public reading of scripture.*

*While it is right for us to confess our sins in light of God's holiness, our forgiveness is not merited through this act or the absolution of a priest. Rather, it is Christ who saves and speaks through His Word to assure us that our sin has been pardoned.*

*If you are visiting with us there is no expectation for you to contribute to this morning's offering. For those who are giving we remember that we are called to joyful worship of the God who continues to give us all that we need in Christ.*

## Renewal

Scripture Reading: Romans 14:13-19.....

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....Colossians 1:21-22

LEADER: "And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him"

Hymn #254.....Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

Offering.....

Congregational Prayer.....

# Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

G C/G G G/D D<sup>7</sup> G

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my  
2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up -  
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his  
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear  
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of

6 D G D<sup>7</sup> Em G<sup>7</sup> C G

Sov - ereign die! Would he de - vote that sa - cred  
on the tree! A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un -  
glo - ries in, when Christ, the might - y Mak - er,  
cross ap - pears; dis - solve my heart in thank - ful -  
love I owe; here, Lord, I give my - self a -

11 D G C G G/D D<sup>7</sup> G

head for such a worm as I!  
known! And love be - yond de - gree!  
died for man the crea - ture's sin.  
ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.  
way, 'tis all that I can do.

*Each week, we preach, verse by verse through books of the Bible so that we are instructed by the full counsel of God, rather than whatever the preacher deems most important.*

*We celebrate the Lord's Supper every week trusting that our Lord is truly, spiritually present nourishing His people. If you are a member of a local church, have been baptized, and believe that you are saved by grace through faith, then we welcome you to participate with us.*

## Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination .....

Sermon .....Rev. Ryan Potter  
"Yes or No" – Matthew 5:33-37

## Response

Celebration of the Lord's Supper .....

Hymn #523..... My Hope is in the Lord

Benediction .....

# Sermon Outline

## "Yes or No"

Matthew 5:33-37

**Big Idea:** As Christians, our words and deeds ought to be true and reflect the character of God who always keeps his promises.

**Context** (What was the nature of oaths during the time of Christ)

*Key Texts: Mt 23:16-18*

**Command** (What does Jesus teach concerning oaths and our word)

*Key Texts: Mt 26:63-64; Rom 1:9; 2 Cor 1:23; 1 Thes 2:5,10; Phil 1:8; Heb 6:13*

**Commitment** (Why do these commands matter so much to the Christian)

*Key Texts: 2 Cor 5:20*

**Covenant** (How do God's promises to us help us keep our word to one another)

*Key Texts: Jam 1:14-15; Heb 6:13-18*

# Sermon Notes

# My Hope Is In the Lord

1. My hope is in the Lord who gave Him - self for me  
2. No mer - it of my own His an - ger to sup - press:  
3. And now for me He stands be - fore the Fa - ther's throne:  
4. His grace has planned it all— 'tis mine but to be - lieve,

and paid the price of all my sin at Cal - va - ry.  
my on - ly hope is found in Je - sus' right - eous - ness.  
He shows His wound - ed hands and names me as His own.  
and rec - og - nize His work of love, and Christ re - ceive.

For me He died, for me He lives; and

ev - er - last - ing life and light He free - ly gives.

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Elders and Deacons are currently in the process of being examined and elected. Lord willing, they will be installed in May.

## Announcements

- Please join us after the service for our monthly fellowship potluck meal.
- Please pray for the Lord's direction as we continue to move forward with our officer selection.
- Please pray for the Campus Outreach Spring Conference this weekend and Spring Break Trip on 3/7 - 3/12.
- Mark your calendars for a Men's Breakfast on 3/19

## Financials

- Total Giving through Jan (\$15,181)
- Total Expenses through Jan (\$16,543)

## Get Involved

- Join us after the service for our **Ask the Pastor** time where you can follow up on the sermon or ask other Bible and faith questions you may have.
- **Senior and Junior High** students are invited to attend our weekly catechism class after service in the upstairs classrooms.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets every other Thursday at 7:30pm.
- We have several **fellowship groups** that meet throughout the week in the greater Kalamazoo area.

