



# GOOD SHEPHERD

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE  
MARCH 20, 2022

*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

# 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.



# Service

## Preparation

Preparatory Thought.....

“Thus, a good man, though a slave, is free; but a wicked man, though a king, is a slave. For he serves, not one man alone, but what is worse, as many masters as he has vices.”

- St. Augustine

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

## Praise

Call to Worship..... Psalm 33:1-4

Leader: “Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.”

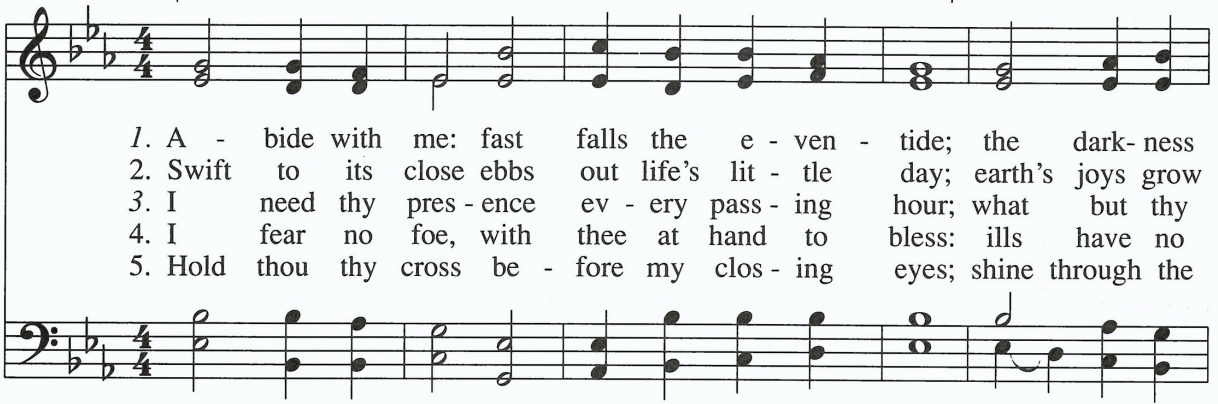
Prayer of Adoration.....

Hymn #402 .....Abide With Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

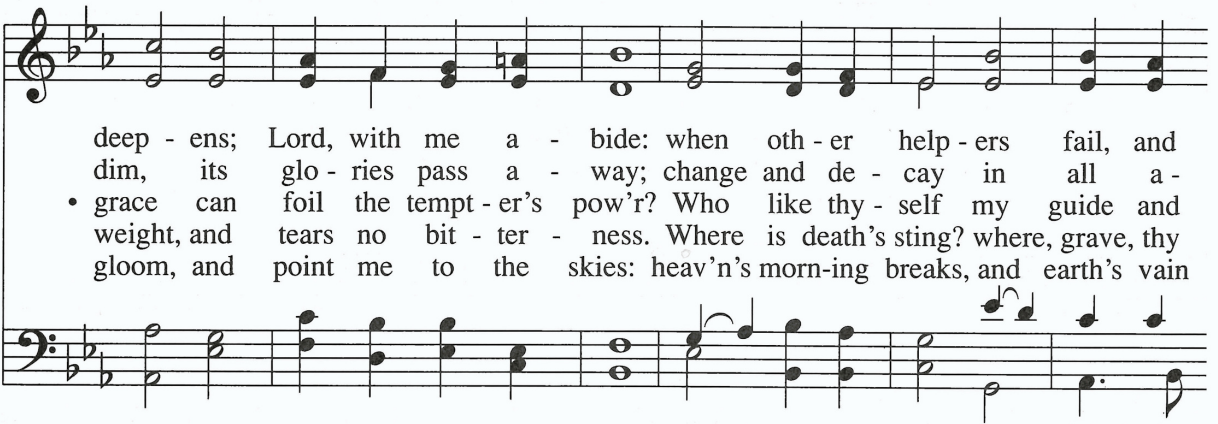
*We invite you to take a few moments this morning to prayerfully prepare to meet with and worship the living God.*

*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.*

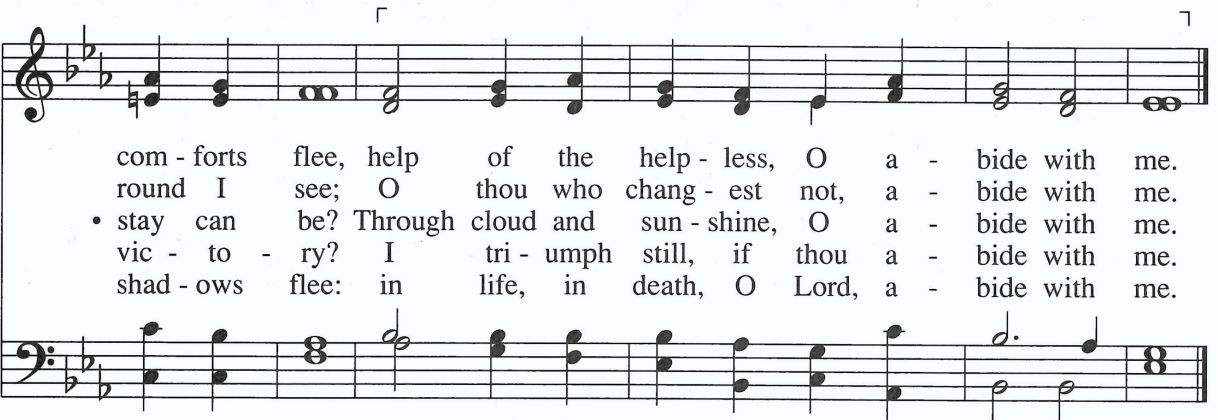
# Abide With Me



1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide; the dark-ness  
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; earth's joys grow  
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour; what but thy  
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless: ills have no  
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes; shine through the



deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide: when oth - er help - ers fail, and  
 dim, its glo - ries pass a - way; change and de - cay in all a -  
 • grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r? Who like thy - self my guide and  
 weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy  
 gloom, and point me to the skies: heav'n's morn-ing breaks, and earth's vain



com - forts flee, help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 round I see; O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 • stay can be? Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
 vic - to - ry? I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 shad - ows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

*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 15:8-13.....

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon..... Psalm 103:11-14

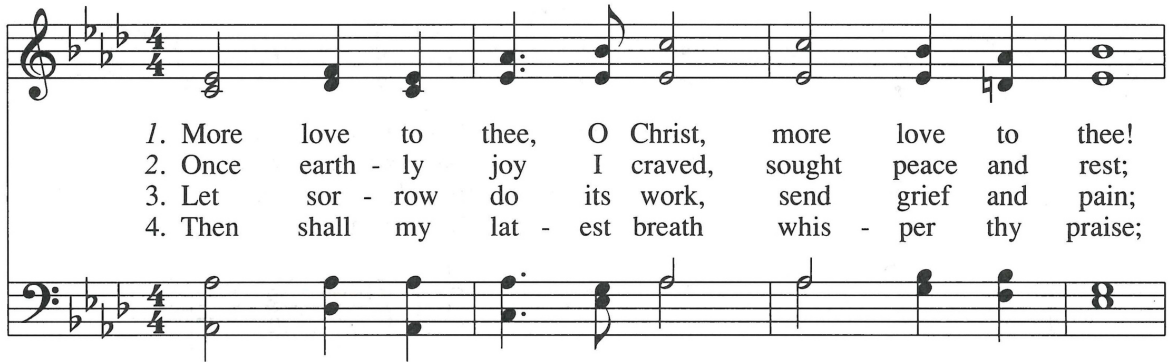
**Congregation:** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Hymn #649.....More Love to Thee

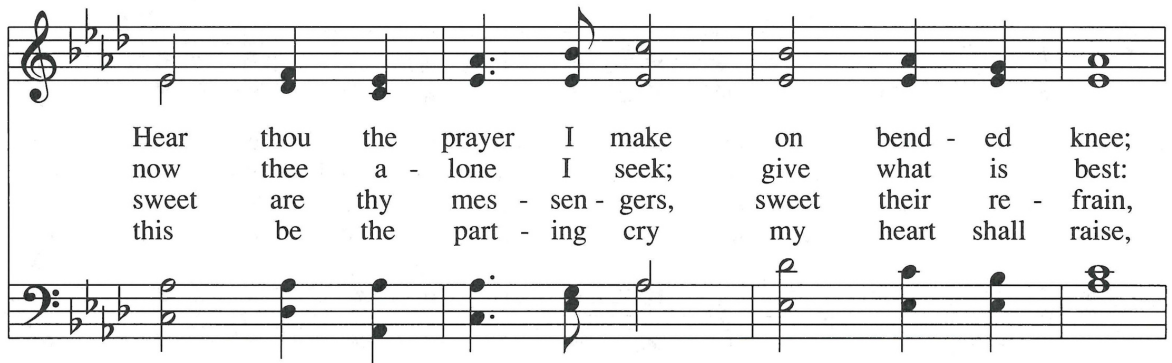
Offering.....

Congregational Prayer.....

# More Love to Thee



1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
3. Let sor - row do its work, send grief and pain;  
4. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

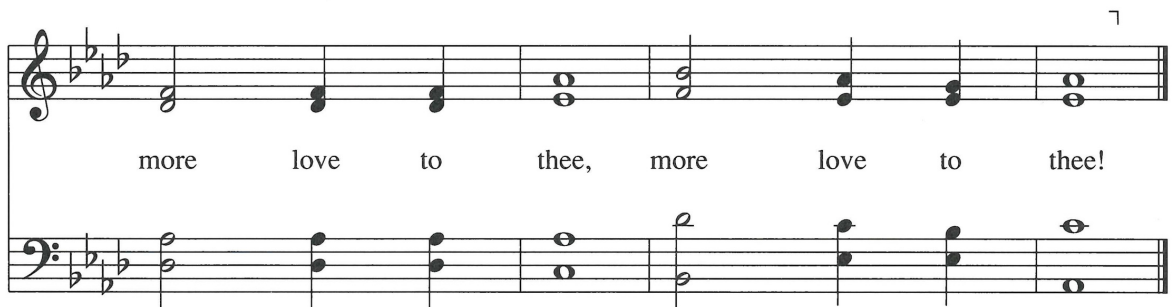


Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee;  
now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best:  
sweet are thy mes - sen - gers, sweet their re - frain,  
this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise,



REFRAIN

this is my ear - nest plea,  
this all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,  
when they can sing with me,  
this still its prayer shall be,



more love to thee, more love to thee!

*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. Neil Quinn  
"Man's Resolve, God's Grace" - Daniel 1:3-21

## Response

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

Choir.....Just As I Am

Congregation #731.....Doxology

Benediction.....



# Sermon Outline

“Man’s Resolve, God’s Grace”

Daniel 1:3–21

**Big Idea:** *The Christian will stand firm when he resolves to stand upon God’s grace.*

## **Introduction: A Call to Stand Firm**

### **The Devil’s Strategy to Make You Fall**

1. *Isolation*

2. *Indoctrination*

3. *Temptation*

4. *Re-Identification*

### **Daniel’s Strategy to Stand Firm**

1. *Be resolved to stand.*

2. *Trust in God’s grace.*

### **Conclusion: Who Will Be Left Standing?**

# Sermon Notes

# Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

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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

- Our next monthly fellowship potluck will be on 3/27.
- A representative from Malawi Reformation Network will be joining us on 3/27 to update us on their ministry.

## Financials

- Total Giving through Jan (\$28,739)
- Total Expenses through Jan (\$37,752)
- Welcome Home Contributions (\$6,635)

## 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 sunday school class after service in the upstairs classrooms.
- ***Women's Bible Study*** meets every other Thursday at 7:30pm.
- ***Men's prayer groups*** meet weekly in morning and evening time slots.
- We have several ***fellowship groups*** that meet throughout the week in the greater Kalamazoo area.

