



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

JUNE 19, 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.

Order of Worship

Preparation

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

Preparatory Thought.....

"You may go to heaven without health, without wealth, without honor, without pleasure, without friends, without learning, but you can never go to heaven without Christ."

— William Dyer, a Puritan

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

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.

Call to Worship* *Romans 12:1-2*

Leader: I appeal to you, therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may know what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Prayer of Adoration*.....

Hymn #38..... *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*please stand if able

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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.....*Jonah 3:6-10*

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....*Romans 8:31-34*

Leader: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Offering/Song.....*Almighty Father*

Congregational Prayer.....

Song.....*He Will Hold Me Fast*

He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail,
2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died,

when the tempt-er would pre-vail,
pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Just-ice has been sat-is-fied;

I could nev-er keep my hold_ through life's fear-ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom-is-es shall last;
Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast

Refrain

for my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me fast.
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. He will hold me
'till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

fast, He will hold me fast; for my Sa-rior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

*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
"Lessons in Christian Confession" - *Daniel 9:1-23*

Response

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

Hymn #338*.....*Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart*

Benediction*.....

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; wean it from
2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies, no sud - den
3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King? All, all thine
4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh; teach me the
5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love, one ho - ly

earth, through all its puls - es move; stoop to my weak - ness,
 rend - ing of the veil of clay, no an - gel vis - i -
 • own, soul, heart, and strength and mind. I see thy cross—there
 strug - gles of the soul to bear, to check the ris - ing
 pas - sion fill - ing all my frame; the bap - tism of the

might - y as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 tant, no o - p'ning skies; but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 • teach my heart to cling: O let me seek thee, and O let me find.
 doubt, the reb - el sigh; teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 heav'n - de - scend - ed Dove, my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

Sermon Outline

"Lessons in Christian Confession" - *Daniel 9:1-23*

Big Idea—We must learn to biblically confess our sins that we might grow in our experiential knowledge of God and his love for us.

Introduction: What Distinguishes Christians from the World

The Context of Daniel's Confession

Lessons in Christian Confession

1. *It's Direction*

2. *It's Foundation*

3. *It's Motivation*

4. *It's Content*

Conclusion: The Hope of Christian Confession

Sermon Notes

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Announcements

- Our first **women's retreat** is scheduled for October 28-29 at Maranatha Bible Camp.

Financials

- Total Giving through April (\$71,203)
- Total Expenses through April (\$77,770)
- Welcome Home Contributions (\$21,195)

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.
- **Young Adults** meet every Wednesday for fellowship and a sermon discussion.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets every other Thursday at 7:30pm.
- **Men's Bible Study** groups meet weekly in the morning and evening time slots.
- We have **fellowship groups** that meet throughout the week in the greater Kalamazoo area.
- **The choir** meets for practice every Tuesday at 7:00pm.



