



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

JANUARY 15, 2023

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.....

“It is evident that a man may as well doubt whether there be a sun when he sees his beams gliding the earth as doubt whether there be a God when he sees his works spread in the world.” - Stephen Charnock

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

Call to Worship*Proverbs 7:1-3

Leader: My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you; keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

Prayer of Adoration*.....

Hymn #100*.....*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

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.

*please stand if able

Holy, Holy, Holy!

D
Bm
A
D
G
D
7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A
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E7
A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

D
Bm
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

Bm
D
G
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G
A7
D
7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Renewal

Declaration of Faith-Westminster Larger Catechism Q 14, 19,20

Q. 14 What is sin?

A. Sin is any want of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God.

Q. 19 What is the misery of that estate into which man fell?

A. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

Q. 20 Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....Isaiah 53:5

Leader: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

While we normally dedicate time in the service to the reading of scripture, we also recognize the historic creeds and confessions to be an accurate summary of the teachings of scripture. Therefore, this week we will recite from them together.

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.

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. Please know that we use gluten free bread.

Offering/Choir.....*Just As I Am*

Congregational Prayer.....

Proclamation

Hymn #701*.....*Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Neil Quinn
"Shaken for Assurance"
Hebrews 6:4-12 (p.1003)

Response

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

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

Benediction*.....

Postlude.....

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!

Unison Capo 1: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (Em) (A⁷)

1. Re- deemed, how I love to pro- claim it! Re - deemed by the
 2. Re- deemed and so hap - py in Je - sus, no lan - guage my
 3. I think of my bless - ed Re - deem - er, I think of him

(D) (G) (D) (Bm) (F#m) (D⁷)

blood of the Lamb; re - deemed thro' his in - fi - nite mer - cy, his
 rap - ture can tell; I know that the light of his pres - ence with
 all the day long; I sing, for I can - not be si - lent; his

(Em⁷) REFRAIN (D) (G) (F#m) (D)

child, and for - ev - er, I am.
 me doth con - tin - ual - ly dwell. Re - deemed, re - deemed,
 love is the theme of my song.

(Bm) (E⁷) (A) (A⁷) (D) (Bm)

re - deemed by the blood of the Lamb; re - deemed thro' his

(F#m) (D⁷) (Em⁷) (D) 7

in - fi - nite mer - cy, his child, and for - ev - er, I am.

Sermon Outline

“Shaken for Assurance”

Hebrews 6:4-12 (p. 1003)

Big Idea—*Patient faith, not powerful experience, inherits God’s promises.*

Introduction: Demolition Before Construction

A Soul-Shaking Warning

Three Lessons

- 1. Not everyone who looks like a Christian is a Christian.*
- 2. Do not make past spiritual highs and powerful experiences the foundation of your faith.*
- 3. Christians bear fruit in keeping with repentance.*

A Soul-Stabilizing Word

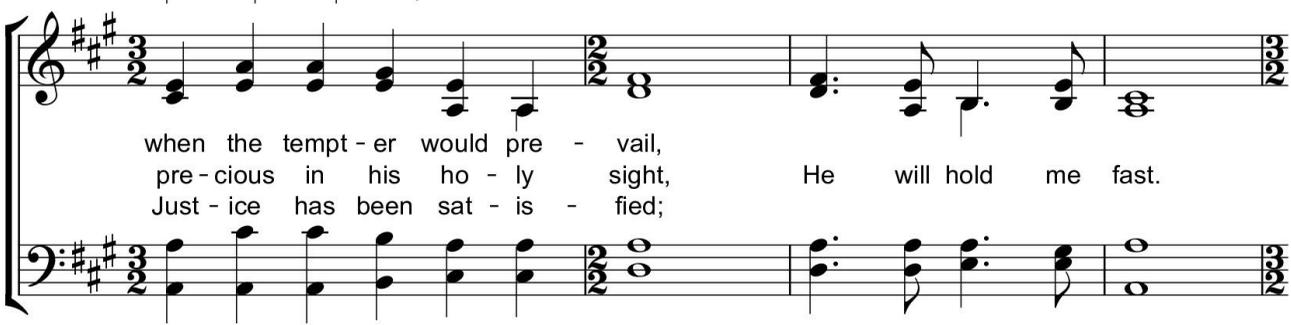
Conclusion: I Need Thee Every Hour

Sermon Notes

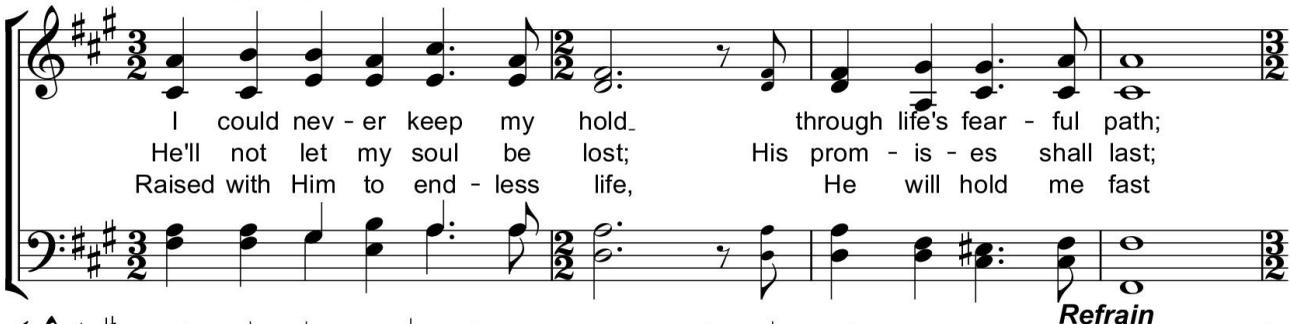
He Will Hold Me Fast



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 - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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Announcements

- As we **update our directory for 2023**, please visit the members section of our website to make sure your contact info is correct.
- There will be a **congregational meeting** after the morning service on **1/29**.
- We will be offering a **new members class** on **2/10 & 2/11**. Contact Pastor Ryan with any questions.
- **Women's bible study** will be studying the second half of Exodus every other Thursday at 7pm beginning **2/23** in the fellowship hall. Contact Leandra Quinn with any questions.

Financials

- Total Giving through Nov. 2022 (\$238,611)
- Total Expenses through Nov. 2022 (\$225,124)
- Welcome Home Contributions (\$38,721)

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.
- **Fellowship groups** meet every other week. Please contact Pastor Ryan if interested.
- **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.
- **Men's Bible Study** groups meet weekly in the morning and evening time slots.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets on alternating Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm in the church Fellowship Hall.
- **The choir** practices every Tuesday at 7pm.