



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

MARCH 12, 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.....

“And this, my brethren, is the gospel, which is the best news that ever ear heard, or tongue was employed to utter, which took up God’s thoughts from all eternity, and lay hid in his breast, and which none knew but his Son and Spirit; a news so blessed and worthy of all acceptation, which as soon as it brake out, heaven and earth rang with joy again.” – Thomas Goodwin

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

Call to Worship*Psalm 107:1–3

Leader: “Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.”

Prayer of Adoration*.....

Hymn #94**How Firm a Foundation*

*please stand if able

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 Firm a Foundation

G C G D G C

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

G D7 G F D/F# Em Am7 C

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

G D G C G D7 G 7

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Renewal

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.

Corporate Reading of Scripture.....Romans 5:15-17 (p. 942)

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....Hebrews 9:26b-28

Leader: But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Offering/Song.....*Before the Throne of God Above*

Congregational Prayer.....

Before the Throne of God Above



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me
3. Be - hold Him there! the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect
4. I bow be - fore the cross of Christ and mar - vel



strong and per - fect plea, A great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him
spot - less Right - eous - ness, the great un - chang - a - ble "I
at this love di - vine, God's per - fect Son was sac - ri -



"Love," Who e - ver lives and pleads for me. My name is
there Who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
AM," the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with Him -
ficed to make me right - eous in God's eyes. This riv - er's



gra - ven on His hands, My name is writ - ten on His
sin - less Sa - vior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
self I can - not die, My soul is pur - chased by His
depths I can - not know, but I can glo - ry in its



heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can
free; For God, the Just, is sa - tis - fied to look on
blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my
flood. The Lord Most High has bowed down low and poured on



bid me thence de - part, No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God.
me His glor - ious love, and poured on me His glor - ious love.

*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.*

Proclamation

Hymn #521*.....*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Potter

"Our Firm Foundation"
Matthew 7:24-27 (p.812)

Response

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

Hymn #173*.....*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Benediction*.....

Postlude.....

*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.*

**To allow full participation for all members, the Lord's Supper is served with gluten free bread.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) Bb(G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

right - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Bb(G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN Bb(G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Sermon Outline

"Our Firm Foundation"

Matthew 7:24-27 (p. 812)

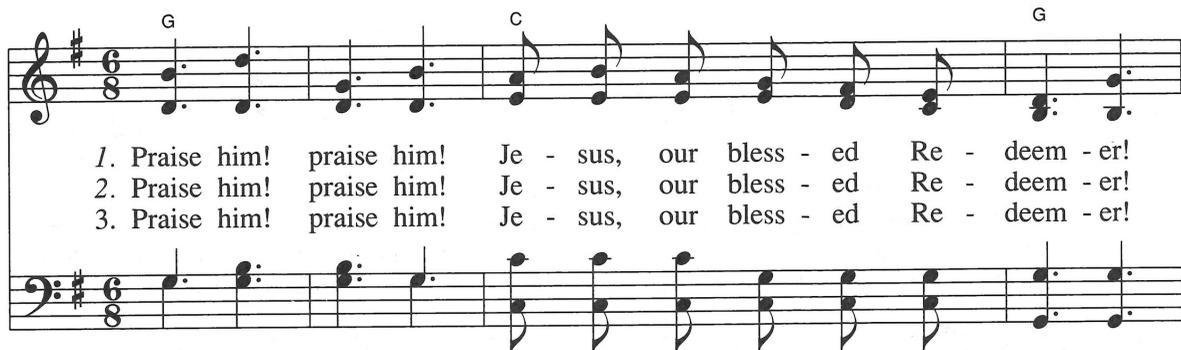
Big Idea - *Any foundation apart from Christ that we seek to build on will fail in this life or the next.*

We Are All Builders

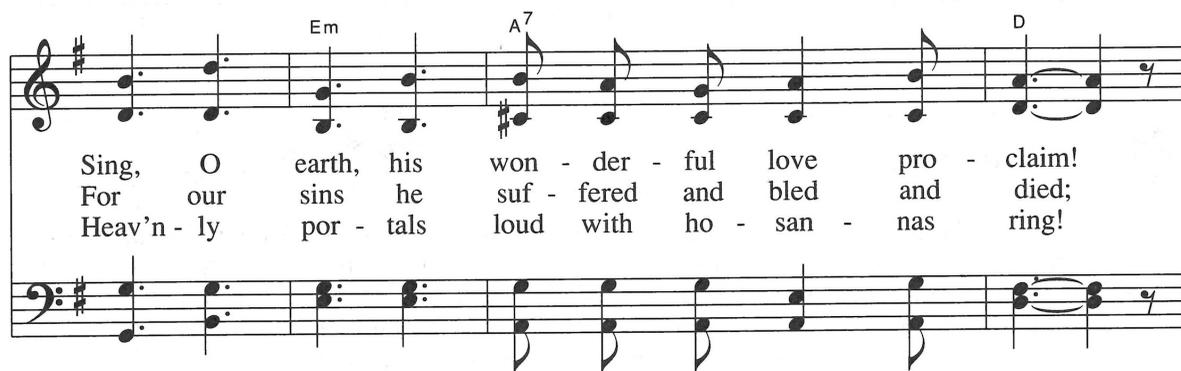
Foundations that Fail

Christ Our Solid Rock

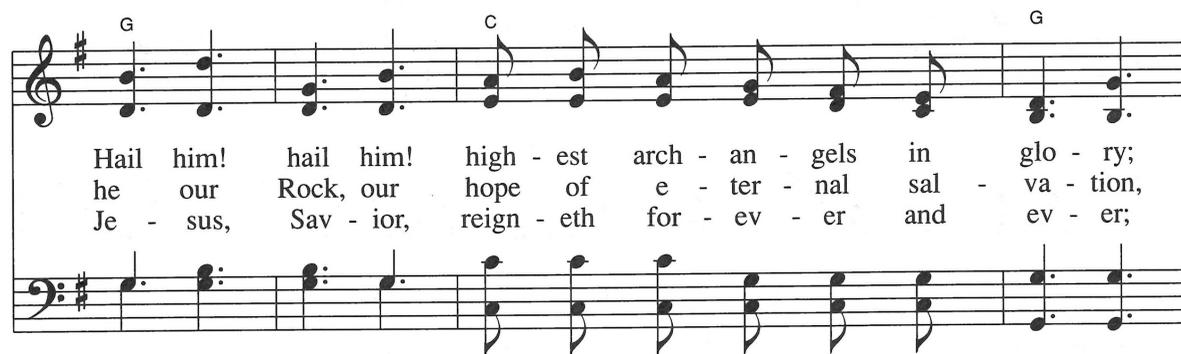
Praise Him! Praise Him!



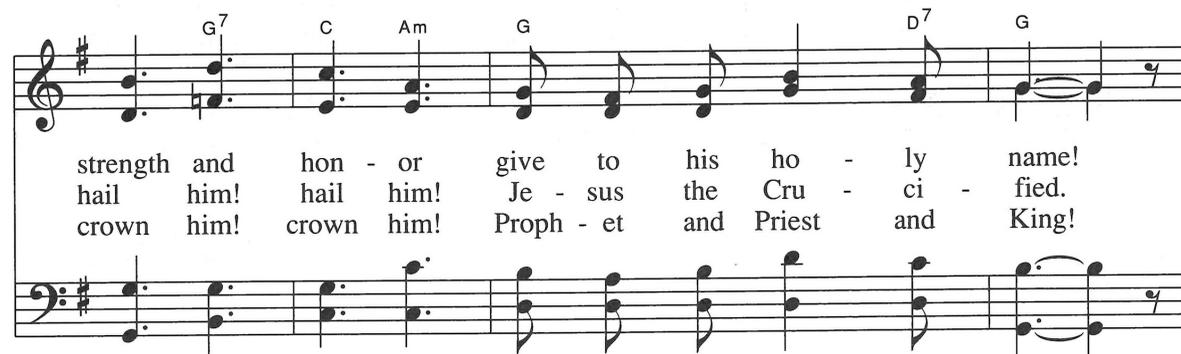
1. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
2. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
3. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!



Sing, O earth, his won - der - ful love pro - claim!
For our sins he suf - fered and bled and died;
Heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring!



Hail him! hail him! high - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry;
he our Rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion,
Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er;



strength and hon - or give to his ho - ly name!
hail him! hail him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
crown him! crown him! Proph - et and Priest and King!

D G D D⁷ G D⁷ G D

Like a shep - herd, Je - sus will guard his chil - dren,
 Sound his prais - es! Je - sus who bore our sor - rows,
 Christ is com - ing! o - ver the world vic - to - rious,

G Em A⁷ D

in his arms he car - ries them all day long:
 love un - bound - ed, won - der - ful, deep, and strong:
 pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

REFRAIN
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Praise him! praise him! tell of his ex - cel - lent great - ness;

G⁷ C Am G D⁷ G 7

praise him! praise him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

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Announcements

- Please join us in welcoming **Chase Smith** as he begins his **pastoral internship** in preparation and pursuit of a future ordination.

Financials

- Total Giving through Feb. 2023 (\$48,633)
- Total Expenses through Feb. 2023 (\$50,752)
- Welcome Home Contributions (\$42,860)

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.
- **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.