

GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE JULY 16, 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 embarassing 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 livestream 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.

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. "Whatever problems we inevitably encounter in understanding Scripture, they do not, and never will, diminish its pervasive and abiding clarity and the need for uninhibited submission to its final authority." Richard B. Gaffin Jr.

Preparatory Thought.....

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

Call to Worship*.....Hosea 6:1-3

Leader: Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.

Prayer of Adoration*.....

Hymn #115*.....All Creatures of Our God and King

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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

Corporate Reading of Scripture.....Ephesians 4:17-24 (p. 978)

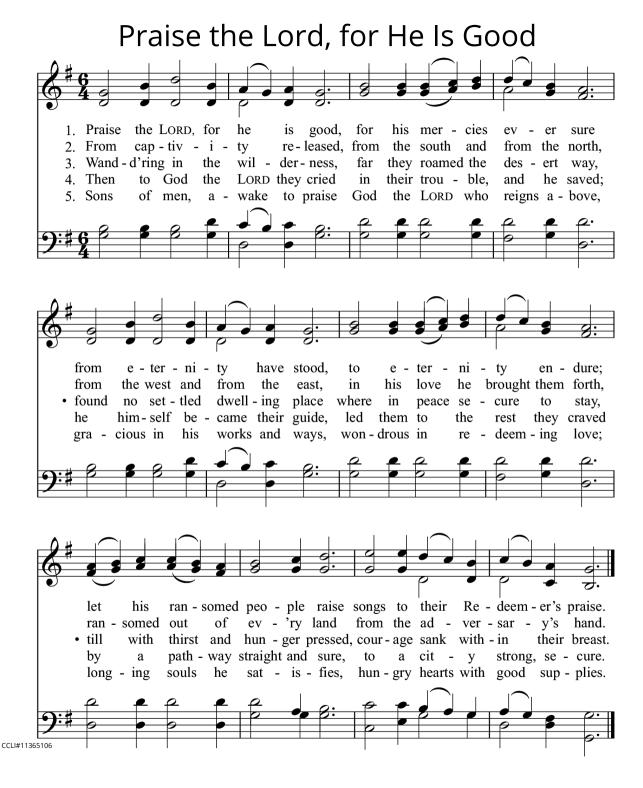
Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon......Micah 7:18–20

Leader: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Offering/Psalm 107.....Praise the Lord, for He Is Good

Congregational Prayer.....



Partial *The Psalter*, 1912; alt.

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He Will Hold Me Fast



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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

Song*He Will Hold Me Fast
Prayer for Illumination
SermonRev. Ryan Potter "Obedience from Salvation for Joy" <i>Philippians 2:12-18 (p.981)</i>
Response

Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
Hymn #40*God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength
Benediction*
Postluda

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

Sermon Outline

"Obedience from Salvation for Joy"

Philippians 2:12-18 (p. 981)

<u>Big Idea</u>—*The church is to be obedient to God with Salvation as its source and joy as its motivation.*

Obedient to God

(Key Texts: Rom 15:8, 5:3, 4:15, 2:9, 7:15; 1 Cor 5:3; Phil 3:8-9,12, 1:6)

Salvation As Our Source

(Key Texts: Exodus 16:12; Gen 17:1; Deut 32:5; Dan 12:3; Isa 62:53)

Joy As Our Motivation

Sermon Notes

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength



Psalm 46 The Psalter, 1912 CCLI#11365106 BETHLEHEM (FINK) C.M.D. Gottfried W. Fink, 1842

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Announcements

- There will be a **congregational meeting** on **August 6** after the morning service to ratify the church's bylaws. Copies have been sent out in email form and can also be obtained at the welcome table.
- The **choir** will be resuming rehearsals beginning **August 8** at **7pm**. This is an open invitation to anyone interested in joining us to commit to rehearsals every Tuesday from August 8, 2023-January 30, 2024.
- We will be offering a new members class on August 11 and 12. If you are interested in this class, please contact Pastor Ryan.

Financials

- Total Giving through May 2023 (\$156,380)
- Total Expenses through May 2023 (\$152,352)
- Welcome Home Fund (\$38,356)

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 regularly. Contact Pastor Ryan if you are interested in joining a group.
- Seniors meet on the first Friday of each month at 10am at various locations. Contact Larry Warner if interested.
- 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** will resume rehearsals beginning August 8 at 7pm.