



# GOOD SHEPHERD

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

JULY 9, 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.....

“Business executives who boast in their firms, parents who boast in their children, gardeners who boast in their tomatoes, patriots who boast in their nations - all are called, with scholars who boast in their books, to subordinate the object of their affections to the absolute glory that belongs to God alone.” - Mark Noll

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\*.....Psalm 65:1-4

**Leader:** Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

Prayer of Adoration\*.....

Hymn #598\*.....*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\*please stand if able

# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,  
jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'er, strong De - liv - 'er,  
Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.  
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

# 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.....Ephesians 4:1-10 (p. 977)

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....John 3:14-16

**Leader:** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Offering/Psalm 1.....*That Man is Blest, Who Fearing God*

Congregational Prayer.....

# That Man is Blest, Who Fearing God



1. <sup>1</sup>That man is blest who, fear - ing God, from sin re - strains his feet,
2. <sup>2</sup>Yea, blest is he who makes God's law his por - tion and de - light,
3. <sup>3</sup>That man is nour - ished like a tree set by the riv - er's side;
4. <sup>4</sup>The wick - ed, like the driv - en chaff, are swept from off the land;
5. <sup>6</sup>The Lord will guard the righ - teous well, their way to him is known;



- who will not stand with wick - ed men, who shuns the scorn - ers' seat.  
and med - i - tates up - on that law with glad - ness day and night.
- its leaf is green, its fruit is sure, and thus his works a - bide.
- <sup>5</sup>they shall not gath - er with the just, nor in the judg - ment stand.  
the way of sin - ners, far from God, shall sure - ly be o'er - thrown.



# How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure,  
2. Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on his shoul - ders;  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;

that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his trea - sure.  
a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.  
but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his death and re - sur - rec - tion.

How great the pain of sear - ing loss: the Fa - ther turns his face a - way,  
It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;  
Why should I gain from his re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer;

as wounds which mar the Chos - en One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.  
his dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.  
but this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ran - som.

*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\*.....*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Neil Quinn

"Let Us Run!"

*Hebrews 12:1-2 (p. 1008)*

## Response

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

Hymn #40\*.....*God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

Benediction\*.....

Postlude.....

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



# Sermon Outline

"Let Us Run!"

*Hebrews 12:1-2 (p. 1008)*

Big Idea—*To run with endurance, you must run toward joy.*

## **Introduction: The Great Gift of a Great Cloud**

### **The Command: Let us Run with Endurance!**

### **The Essentials of Long-Distance Running**

*1. You must learn what to lay aside.*

*2. You must learn where to look.*

### **Conclusion: Running with Pleasure**

# Sermon Notes

# God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

Capo 1: (E) (A) (D) (A) (D) (Bm) (A) (E) (A)

1. God is our ref - uge and our strength, our ev - er - pres - ent aid,  
 2. A riv - er flows whose streams make glad the cit - y of our God,  
 3. The na - tions raged, the king - doms moved, but when his voice was heard,  
 4. O come, be - hold what won - drous works Je - ho - vah's hand has wrought;  
 5. "Be still and know that I am God, o'er all ex - alt - ed high;

(E) (A) (D) (A) (E) (F#m) (E) (B7) (E)

and there - fore though the earth re - move, we will not be a - fraid;  
 the ho - ly place where - in the Lord Most High has his a - bode.  
 • the trou - bled earth was stilled to peace be - fore his might - y word.  
 come, see what des - o - la - tion great he on the earth has brought.  
 the sub - ject na - tions of the earth my name shall mag - ni - fy."

(E7) (A) (E7) (A7) (D) (A) (Bm) (B7) (E)

though hills a - midst the sea be cast, though foam - ing wa - ters roar,  
 Since God is in the midst of her, un - moved her walls shall stand,  
 • The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safe - ty to se - cure;  
 To ut - most ends of all the earth he caus - es war to cease;  
 The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safe - ty to se - cure;

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yea, though the might - y bil - lows shake the moun - tains on the shore.  
 for God will be her ear - ly help, when trou - ble is at hand.  
 • the God of Ja - cob is for us a ref - uge strong and sure.  
 the weap - ons of the strong de - stroyed, he makes a - bid - ing peace.  
 the God of Ja - cob is for us a ref - uge strong and sure.

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## Announcements

- Please complete the **survey** that was emailed on **6/15** to help the diaconate determine what talents and skills the members of our congregation have. We will use the responses as a resource to help meet one another's needs. If you did not receive a survey in your email, contact the administrative assistant by email to request a survey.

## Financials

- Total Giving through May 2023 (\$130,121)
- Total Expenses through May 2023 (\$128,743)
- Welcome Home Fund (\$37,469)

## 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. Please 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. Please 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 begin meeting again in August.