

# GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE AUGUST 20, 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.

Preparatory Thought
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"Knowing God is a relationship calculated to thrill a man's heart." – J.I. Packer

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

### Praise

Call to Worship\*.....Jeremiah 31:31-34

Leader: Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Prayer of Adoration\*.....

Hymn #92\*.....A Mighty Fortress is Our 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.



Based on Psalm 46 Martin Luther, 1529 Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 EIN' FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7. Martin Luther, 1529 CCLI#11365106 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

Corporate Reading of Scripture.....Ephesians 5:22-33 (p. 978)

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....Isaiah 44:21-22

**Leader**: Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Offering/Hymn #44......How Great Thou Art

Congregational Prayer.....

## How Great Thou Art





Stuart K. Hine, 1949; alt.

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The author's original words for "worlds" and "rolling" in st. 1 are "works" and "mighty." Text and tune © 1953, renewed 1981, Manna Music, Inc. International copyright secured. All rights reserved. Used by permission. 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

Hymn #521*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
Prayer for Illumination
SermonRev. Ryan Potter "Faith in Action" <i>Philippians 2:19-30 (p. 981)</i>
Response
Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
Hymn #9*All You That Fear Jehovah's Name
Benediction*
Postlude

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



Edward Mote, 1834 CCLI#11365106 SOLID ROCK L.M.ref. William B. Bradbury, 1863

## Sermon Outline

"Faith in Action"

Philippians 2:19-30 (p. 981)

<u>Big Idea</u>—While the truth of God's word being taught is necessary, we will be lacking if we do not have Godly examples of those who put faith into action.

Who are you watching?

Who is watching you?

- Timothy
  - Selfless
- Faithful
- Gospel-centered
- **Epaphroditus** 
  - Christ-minded
  - Compassionate
  - Sacrificial

## All You That Fear Jehovah's Name



Psalm 22:23–26, 31 *The Psalter*, 1912; alt. 1990, mod. CCLI#11365106 PARK STREET L.M.rep. Frederick M. A. Venua, ca. 1810; arr.

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#### Announcements

- The fall women's Bible study will begin at the end of this month. We will be studying 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John. Our evening study will meet at the church at 7:00 PM every other Thursday, beginning 8/31. For the first time, we will also offer a weekday daytime study with childcare on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30am beginning 9/1. Contact Leandra Quinn with any questions.
- We will be having a "Dads Campout" on 9/29.
  Look forward to more information in the coming weeks.

#### Financials

- Total Giving through July 2023 (\$183,261)
- Total Expenses through July 2023 (\$175,211)
- Welcome Home Fund (\$39,243)

#### 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 and will meet every Tuesday at 7pm.