



# GOOD SHEPHERD

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

OCTOBER 29, 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

*We invite you to take a few moments this morning to prayerfully prepare to meet with and worship the living God.*

## Preparation

Preparatory Thought.....

“Be thankful for the thorns and thistles, which keep you from being in love with this world, and becoming an idolater.” - Charles Spurgeon

Prelude (Choir).....*My Savior's Love*

Welcome and Announcements.....

## Praise

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 #347\* .....*The Church's One Foundation*

*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.*

# The Church's One Foundation

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word;  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

*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.....Mark 2:23-3:6 (p. 838)

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....


Assurance of Pardon.....1 Timothy 1:15-16

**Leader:** The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

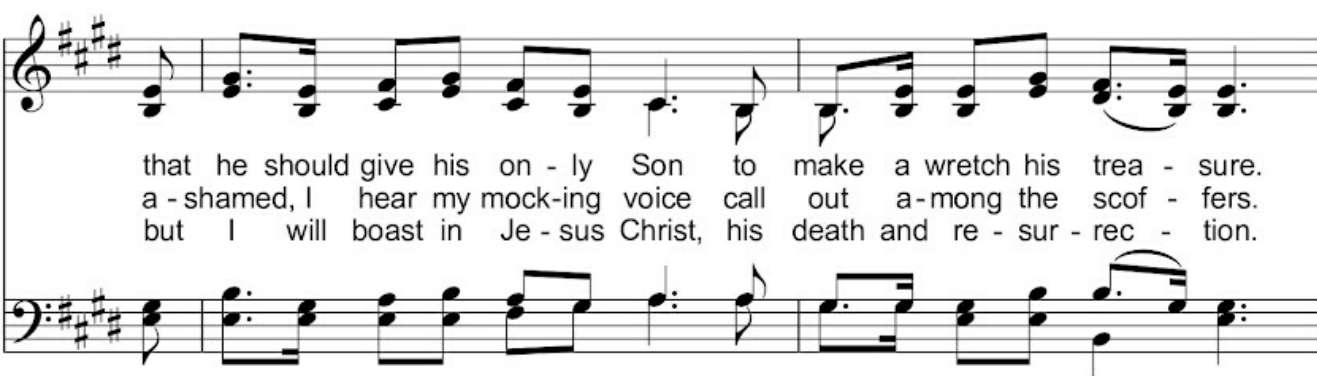
Offering/Song.....*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Congregational Prayer.....


# How Deep the Father's Love for Us



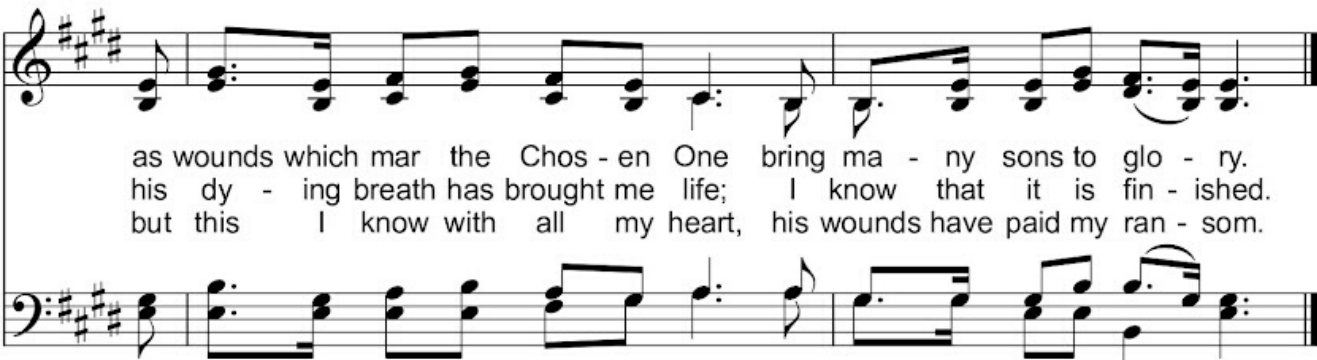
1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure,  
2. Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on his shoul - ders;  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;



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.

# My Jesus, I Love Thee

F B $\flat$  F C $^7$  F

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
 2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,  
 3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;  
 4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

B $\flat$  F C $^7$  F

for thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign.  
 and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree.  
 and praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;  
 I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

F B $\flat$  F C $^7$  F C F Gm F C

My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou;  
 I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow;  
 and say, when the death - dew lies cold on my brow;  
 I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow:

F B $\flat$  F C $^7$  Am C $^7$  F  $\bar{1}$

if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
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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

Hymn #648\*.....*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Neil Quinn

*"God's Indestructible Plan"*

*Acts 1:12-26 (p. 909)*

## Response

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

Hymn #19\*.....*Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!*

Benediction\*.....

Postlude.....

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



# Sermon Outline

"God's Indestructible Plan"

*Acts 1:12-26 (p. 909)*

Big Idea— *We can confidently step into the day's uncertainty when we trust in the indestructibility of God's plan.*

## **Introduction: Stepping into Uncertainty**

### **Serpents of Doubt**

*1. Unexpected Delays*

*2. Unexpected Disruptions and Destructions*

## **Conclusion: How to Confidently Step into Uncertainty**

*1. View every delay as an opportunity to pray.*

*2. Maintain eternal perspective by looking to God's eternal word.*

*3. Obey God's revealed will of command as you walk into his secret will of decree.*

# Sermon Notes

# Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord

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1. Thee we a - dore, e - ter - nal Lord! We praise thy name with  
 2. To thee a - loud all an - gels cry, the heav'ns and all the  
 3. A - pos - tles join the glo - rious throng, and proph - ets swell th'im -  
 4. From day to day, O Lord, do we ex - alt and high - ly

one ac - cord. Thy saints, who here thy good - ness see, through all the  
 pow'rs on high: thee, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly King, Lord God of  
 mor - tal song; thy mar - tyrs' no - ble ar - my raise e - ter - nal  
 hon - or thee! Thy name we wor - ship and a - dore, world with - out

world do wor - ship thee, through all the world do wor - ship thee.  
 Hosts, they ev - er sing, Lord God of Hosts, they ev - er sing.  
 an - thems to thy praise, e - ter - nal an - thems to thy praise.  
 end, for - ev - er - more, world with - out end, for - ev - er - more.

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## Announcements

- In place of tonight's evening service, we will be participating in a joint worship service. Please join us at **Hudsonville Reformed Church at 5:30pm** to worship and fellowship with other PCA churches.
- There will be a **free musical event** that will explore the person and work of Christ through hymns of the faith, accompanied by instrumentalists and singers from area churches on **11/4 at 6:30pm** at Grace Harbor Church in Kalamazoo.
- There will be a **Ladies Swap Night** on **11/13 @ 7pm** in the fellowship hall. Any questions can be addressed by Lynn or Juhae.
- We will have a **Men's Breakfast** in the fellowship hall on **11/18 at 8:00am**.

## Financials

- Total Giving through Sep 2023 (\$231,205)
- Total Expenses through Sep 2023 (\$223,413)
- Welcome Home Fund (\$41,017)

## 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 in the fellowship hall on the first Friday of each month from 12pm-2pm. Contact Larry Warner if you have any questions.
- **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 and on alternating Friday mornings from 9-11 in the church Fellowship Hall.
- **The choir** meets every Tuesday evening at 7pm.