



# GOOD SHEPHERD

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

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# 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.....

The flesh is not merely weak with respect to the power of rebirth. It is utterly impotent. It has no power whatever to effect rebirth. It cannot aid or enhance the Spirit's work. All that the flesh yields is more flesh. It cannot yield an ounce of Spirit. The nothing is not a little something.  
- R.C. Sproul

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\*.....Colossians 1:11-14

**Leader:** [May you be] strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you[e] to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Prayer of Adoration\*.....

Hymn #92\*.....*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

## 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.*

Corporate Reading of Scripture.....Mark 4:21-33 (p. 839)

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....Romans 8:31-34

*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.*

**Leader:** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Offering/Hymn #457.....*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Congregational Prayer.....

*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.*

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

♯ D A<sup>7</sup> D A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A<sup>7</sup> D A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A<sup>7</sup> D G D A<sup>7</sup> D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

A<sup>7</sup> D A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

# Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me



1. What gift of grace is Je-sus my re-deem-er, there is no more for hea-ven now to  
2. The night is dark but I am not for-sak-en, for by my side the Sav-ior he will  
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for-giv-en, the fu-ture sure, the price it has been  
4. With ev-'ry breath I long to fol-low Je-sus, for he has said that he will bring me



give. He is my joy, my right-eous-ness, and free-dom, my stead-fast  
stay. I lab-or on in weak-ness and re-joic-ing, for in my  
paid for Je-sus bled and suf-fered for my par-don, and he was  
home. And day by day I know he will re-new me un-til I



love, my deep and bound-less peace. To this I hold, my hope is on-ly  
need his pow-er is dis-played. To this I hold, my Shep-herd will de-  
raised to ov-er-throw the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been de-  
stand with joy be-fore the throne. To this I hold, my hope is on-ly



Je-sus, for my life is whol-ly bound to his. Oh how  
fend me, through the deep-est val-ley he will lead. Oh the  
feat-ed. Je-sus now and ev-er is my plea. Oh the  
Je-sus. All the glo-ry ev-er-more to him. When the



strange and di-vine, I can sing, "All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me."  
night has been won, and I shall ov-er-come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
chains are re-leased, I can sing, "I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me."  
race is com-plete, still my lips shall re-peat, "Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

*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\* ..... *Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Neil Quinn

*"What Should I Do? – Be Baptized!"*

*Acts 2:37-41 (p. 910)*

## Response

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

Song\* ..... *Come to the Waters*

Benediction\* .....

Postlude.....

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



# Sermon Outline

“What Should I Do? – Be Baptized!”

*Acts 2:37-41 (p. 910)*

Big Idea— *Baptism is an act of obedience that confirms God's grace.*

## **Introduction: The Second Answer**

### **Four Questions:**

*1. What is baptism?*

*2. Why should we be baptized?*

*3. How should we be baptized?*

*4. Who should be baptized?*

## **Conclusion: A Celebration of Christ's Triumph**

# Sermon Notes

# Come to the Waters

1. Come to the wa - ters, who - ev - er is thirst-y;  
2. Come to the Riv - er that flows through the ci - ty;  
3. Come to the Foun - tain with - out an - y mon - ey;  
4. Come to the Well of un - mer - it - ed fa - vor;  
5. Come to the Sav - ior, the God of sal - va - tion.

drink from the Foun - tain that nev - er runs dry.  
forth from the throne of the Fa - ther and Son.  
buy what is giv - en with - out an - y cost.  
stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim.  
God has pro - vid - ed an end to sin's strife.

Je - sus, the Liv - ing One, of - fers you mer - cy,  
Je - sus the Sav - ior says, "Come and drink deep - ly."  
Je - sus, the gra - cious One, wel - comes the wea - ry;  
Je - sus is such a com - pas - sion - ate Sav - ior.  
Why will you suf - fer the Law's con - dem - na - tion?

life more a - bun - dant in bound - less sup - ply.  
Drink from the pure, in - ex - haust - i - ble One.  
Je - sus, the self - less One, died for the lost.  
Draw from the grace that flows free - ly from Him.  
Take the free gift of the wa - ter of life.

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## Announcements

- Our choir is asking congregants to **consider joining the choir** for the spring semester (January through June). Anyone with questions may contact Luann.
- This spring semester, the **women's bible study** will be studying the book of Jude. Meetings will be held on alternate Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 or alternate Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. Childcare will be available for the Friday morning study. Meetings begin on **January 25 & 26**.
- Our next **congregational meeting** will be held on **2/4** after the morning service.
- Presbytery-wide **retreats** for our **middle and high school students** will be held in February. More details and registration instructions will be announced when available. Please contact Pastor Ryan if you are interested in more information.

## Financials

- Total Giving through Dec 2023 (\$330,000)
- Total Expenses through Dec 2023 (\$329,632)
- Welcome Home Fund (\$44,206)

## 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 9:30-11:30 in the church Fellowship Hall.
- **The choir** meets every Tuesday evening at 7pm.