



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

JANUARY 28, 2024

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.....

“How sweet is rest after fatigue! How sweet will heaven be when our journey is ended.” - George Whitfield

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

Call to Worship*Isaiah 42:5-7

Leader: Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Prayer of Adoration*

Hymn #53**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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.

*Please stand if able

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a
 reign - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 • fend - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 made thee, Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 dore thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

Renewal

Corporate Reading of Scripture.....Mark 4:35-41 (p. 839)

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Leader: Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Offering/Song.....*The Power of the Cross*

Congregational Prayer.....

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.

The Power of the Cross



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day. Christ on the road to
2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the awe - some
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath quakes as its Mak - er
4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your suf - f'ring



Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then
weight of ___ sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live



nailed to a cross of ___ wood. This the pow'r of the
crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. This the pow'r of the
"Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry ___ cry. This the pow'r of the
won through Your self - less ___ love! This the pow'r of the



cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the blame, bore the
cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the blame, bore the
cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the blame, bore the
cross. Son of God slain for us. What a love, what a



wrath. We stand for - giv - en at ___ the cross.
wrath. We stand for - giv - en at ___ the cross.
wrath. We stand for - giv - en at ___ the cross.
cost. We stand for - giv - en at ___ the cross.

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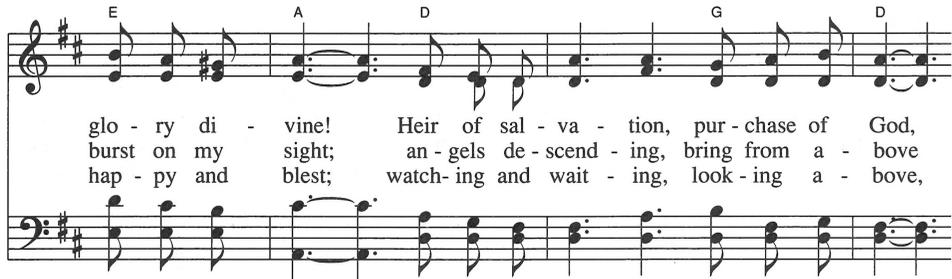
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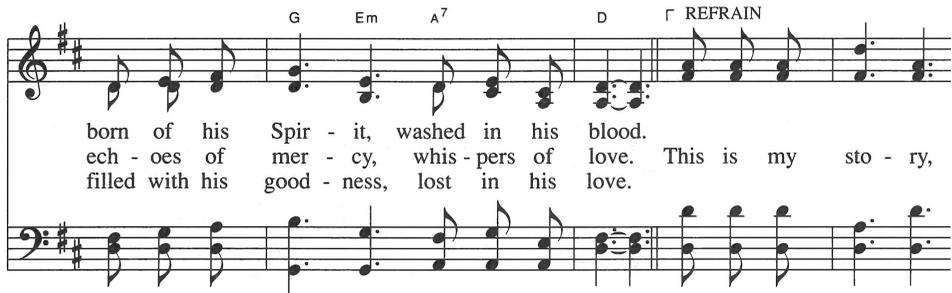
Blessed Assurance



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am



glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove
hap - py and blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,



born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.



this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my



sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

*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 #693*.....*Blessed Assurance*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Neil Quinn

"The Anatomy of a Healthy Church"

Acts 2:42-47 (p. 911)

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

“The Anatomy of a Healthy Church”

Acts 2:42-47 (p. 911)

Big Idea— *The healthy church is joyfully devoted to the wonderfully ordinary.*

Introduction: A Wonderfully Ordinary Vision

The Healthy Church

1. A growing community.

2. A changed community.

3. A devoted community

Conclusion: Joy in the Everyday

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.
- The **Ebenezer group** will meet at **Friendship Village on 2/2 at noon**, rather than at the church. Please bring your lunch and Bible.
- Our next **congregational meeting** will be held on **2/4** after the morning service.
- **Alternative of Kalamazoo** is hiring! More information is posted on the bulletin board and can be found on their website at <https://www.alternativescc.org/careers.html>.
- 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.