



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

FEBRUARY 18, 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

Preparatory Thought.....

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

“To be in a state of true grace is to be miserable no more; it is to be happy forever. A soul in this state is a soul near and dear to God. It is a soul much beloved, and very highly valued of God. It is a soul housed in God. It is a soul safe in everlasting arms.” - Thomas Brooks

Prelude/Choir.....*My Savior's Love*

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

Call to Worship*.....Isaiah 44:6-8

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.

Leader: “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ‘I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.’”

Prayer of Adoration*.....

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

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 - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore 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 6:1-13 (p. 841)

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....Isaiah 40:1-2

Leader: "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins."

Offering/Hymn #87.....*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

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 Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he
 2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and
 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet
 4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

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makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
 • will I fear none ill, for thou art with me;
 pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
 sure - ly fol - low me: and in God's house for -

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lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 • and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a-lone! who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less Babel!
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, light of the world by dark-ness slain;
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fier-cest drought and storm
This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day up from the grave He rose a-gain!
from life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease!
Till on that cross, as Je-sus died, the wrath of God was sat-is-fied,
And as He stands in vic-to-ry sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;



My com-fort-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
for ev-ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
for I am His and He is mine; bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
till He re-turms or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*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**In Christ Alone*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Potter

*"God's Promises Stand"
Esther 3:1-15 (p. 411)*

Response

Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

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

Benediction*

Postlude.....

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

Sermon Outline

"God's Promises Stand"

Esther 3:1-15 (p. 411)

The Rise of Haman the Agagite

The Resistance of Mordecai the Benjaminite

The Injustice of the Empire

The Testing of God's Promise

Sermon Notes

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 7

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

- **Alternatives 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 Jan 2024 (\$23,537)
- Total Expenses through Jan 2024 (\$29,084)
- 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.