



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

FEBRUARY 25, 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.

“Faith is a living daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that the believer would stake his life on it a thousand times. This knowledge and confidence in God’s grace makes men glad and bold and happy in dealing with God.” - Martin Luther

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

Call to Worship*.....Daniel 2:20b-23a

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: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might....

Prayer of Adoration*.....

Hymn #55*.....*To God Be the Glory*

To God Be the Glory

G D' G D G C

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

G A7 D G D7 G

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

D G C G D7 G

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN
G D G D D7

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

G D7 G G D7 G

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

D G C G D7 G 7

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Renewal

Corporate Reading of Scripture.....Mark 6:14-29 (p. 841)

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....Hebrews 9:13-14

Leader: For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Offering/Hymn #402.....*Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide*

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.

Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

1. A - bid e with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide; the dark - ness
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; earth's joys grow
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour; what but thy
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless: ills have no
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes; shine through the

deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e: when oth - er help - ers fail, and
 dim, its glo - ries pass a - way; change and de - cay in all a -
 • grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r? Who like thy - self my guide and
 weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy
 gloom, and point me to the skies: heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain

com - forts flee, help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.
 round I see; O thou who chang - est not, a - bid e with me.
 • stay can be? Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid e with me.
 vic - to - ry? I tri - umph still, if thou a - bid e with me.
 shad - ows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, a - bid e with me.

He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de-light,
3. For my life He bled and died,

when the tempt-er would pre-vail,
pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Just-ice has been sat-is-fied;

I could nev-er keep my hold through life's fear-ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom-is-es shall last;
Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast

Refrain
for my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me fast.
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. He will hold me
'till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

fast, He will hold me fast; for my Sa-rior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

*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* *He Will Hold Me Fast*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Neil Quinn

*"The Christian Message"
Acts 3:11-26 (p. 911)*

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

“The Christian Message”

Acts 3:11-26 (p. 911)

Big Idea—*The Christian message exalts the person of Christ, exposes the presence of sin, and evinces the power of grace.*

Introduction: Christianity Must Be Explained

The Christian Message

1. Exalts the person of Jesus Christ.
2. Exposes the presence of sin.
3. Evinces the power of grace.

Conclusion: A Personal God

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>.
- Mark your calendars! Our first **Vacation Bible School** will be held **July 24-26**. More details will be given as we get closer.

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.