

FIRST REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

September 12, 2021

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 68

Minister: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

All: Blessed be the LORD, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

Minister: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the LORD, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

All: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel-- he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

*HYMNS

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, No. 277

(Charles Wesley) EASTER HYMN

Stanzas 1-4

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

(Words and music on page 6)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from 1 Peter 1:1-9; 4:12-13; James 1:2-3

Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

All: In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Minister: Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

All: Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

HYMN

Jesus Lives and So Shall I

(Christian Gellert, Brent Horan)

1. Je - sus lives and so shall I death thy sting has gone for
 2. Je - sus lives and reigns su - preme; and his king - dom still re -
 3. Je - sus lives and by his grace vic - t'ry o'er my pas - sions
 4. Je - sus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can

e - ver He who deigned for me to die lives the bands of
 main - ing. I shall al - so be with him, ev - er liv - ing
 giv - ing I will cleanse my heart and ways, ev - er to his
 se - ver life nor death nor pow'r's of hell, joy nor grief hence

death to se - ver He shall raise me from the dust
 ev - er reign - ing God has pro - mised be it must:
 glo - ry liv - ing. Me he rais - es from the dust:
 forth for - ev - er None of all his saints is lost:

Je - sus is my hope and trust He shall raise me from the dust
 Je - sus is my hope and trust God has pro - mised be it must
 Je - sus is my hope and trust Me he rais - es from the dust
 Je - sus is my hope and trust None of all his saints is lost

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Je - sus is my hope and trust

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

All: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are a people who often fail to trust you. We are stubborn and rebellious, habitually unwilling to hear your loving, fatherly instruction. When we suffer, we are prone to lose confidence that you love us, living as orphans. Father, forgive us! Help us to trust you in the midst of this earthly life. Lord Jesus, you fully trusted your Father on our behalf. You relied perfectly on his Spirit, and obeyed every law, command, and instruction for us. The sins for which you died were ours, and we are profoundly grateful for this monumental act of love. In your precious name we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Therefore the Lord declares, the Lord of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: I will turn my hand against you and will smelt away your dross as with lye and remove all your alloy. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed by justice, and those in her who repent, by righteousness.

INTERCESSORY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*SCRIPTURE READING

Zechariah 13:7-9

⁷ *"Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me," declares the LORD of hosts.*

"Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones. ⁸ In the whole land, declares the LORD, two thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one third shall be left alive. ⁹ And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'They are my people'; and they will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"

SERMON

The Refining Work of the Shepherd

Rev. Brent Horan

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

How Firm a Foundation, No. 94

(Rippon's Selection of Hymns) FOUNDATION

Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 6

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

THE LORD'S SUPPER

All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of an evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

A word to parents: Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong.

COMMUNION HYMN

Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)

(Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

Doxology

(Thomas Ken) OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CONCLUDING HYMN

My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone (Psalm 62)

(Stuart Townend, Aaron Keyes)

My soul finds rest in God alone, my Rock and my salvation;
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to Him who hears me.

Chorus:

*O praise Him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.*

Find rest, my soul, in God alone amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. *Chorus*

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in Him completely;
With every day pour out my soul and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death and I am His forever. *Chorus*

*BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Amen.

POSTLUDE

EVENING SERVICE

Rev. Brent Horan

Matthew 26:30-35

5:30 pm

PRAYER

Leigh Boyer's dad

Thankfully his procedure went very well. The doctor spoke to the family and they are optimistic about his progress.

Father of Sheryl Robel

Sheryl gives thanks that her father been worshipping these last 5 weeks at the PCA church in Weaverville NC, and has connected with the pastor there. Pray that the truth of the gospel will penetrate deeply after many years of his running from Jesus.

Fall Ministries

Pray for all of our fall ministries that will be starting today and these next few weeks.

Military Personnel:

Chaplain Stephen Scott

Expectant Mothers:

Anne Robel, Sarah Rodgers, Madeline Brook, Jackie Woodward, Rachel Weinel

SERMON NOTES

Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

Words and Music by
Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

1. You made the star - ry hosts, you
 2. You reached in - to the dust; in
 3. Let sym - pho - nies re - sound let

traced the mount - ain peaks; you paint the eve - ning sky with
 love, your Spi - rit breathed. You formed us in your ve - ry
 drums and choirs ring - out, all heav - en hear the sound of

won - ders. The earth it is your throne, from
 like - ness. To know your won - 'drous works, to
 wor - ship. Let ev - 'ry na - tion bring its

de - sert to the sea; all na - ture tes - ti - fies your
 tell your might - y deeds to join the ev - er - last - ing
 ho - nors to the King; a roar of har - mo - nies e -

splen - dor. Praise the Lord _____ praise the Lord _____ sing his
 cho - rus: Praise the Lord _____ praise the Lord _____ sing his
 ter - nal _____ Praise the Lord _____ praise the Lord _____ sing his

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voice you heights and all you depths from far - thest east to
 voice you di - stant burn - ing stars, all crea - tures near and
 voice from sky to sea to shore, sing out for - e - ver -

west let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord.
 far let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord.
 more; let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord.