



Faith Presbyterian Church

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10:30 a.m. Service

The prelude is a time to be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God. Please silence all phones and electronic devices.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

MISSIONS EMPHASIS

CALL TO WORSHIP IN SONG

Thou Art Worthy

CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD AND PRAYER

*WORSHIP IN PSALM

Psalm 63[†]

- 1 *God, Thee, my God, I'll early seek;
my soul's athirst for Thee.
On dry land, weary, waterless,
my flesh has longed for Thee.*
- 2 *Thus have I looked for Thee before
within Thy holy place
that there I might behold Thy strength
and glory of Thy face.*
- 3 *Because Thy grace is more than life
my lips Thee praise shall give;*
- 4 *I in Thy name will lift my hands
and bless Thee while I live.*
- 5 *My soul with rich, abundant food
shall be well satisfied;
with shouts of joy upon my lips
my mouth shall praise provide.*
- 6 *And when I turn my thought to Thee
upon my bed at night,
as watches pass I meditate
on Thee with great delight.*
- 7 *Thou art my help; I sing for joy
in shadow of Thy wings.*
- 8 *For Thy right hand has held me fast;
to Thee my spirit clings.*
- 9 *But they go down to depths of earth
who would my soul destroy;*
- 10 *they are delivered to the sword
for jackals to enjoy.*
- 11 *The king shall then rejoice in God
and all that by Him swear;
for stopped shall be the mouths of those
who do a lie declare. Amen.*

*CORPORATE SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (ESV)

CORPORATE CONFESSION

*Heavenly Father, God of gods, and Lord of lords,
Father to the fatherless, husband to the widow,
Defender of the helpless, judge of all the earth,
forgive us our sins.*

*We have not sought freedom for the oppressed,
even though you freed us.*

*We have not bound up the broken,
even though you healed us.*

*We have not forgiven others,
even though you forgave us.*

*We have withheld kindness from the needy,
even though you freely gave us your own Son.*

*We are without excuse, but not without hope,
because you have applied your salvation to us by the
instrument of faith, and the power of Holy Spirit.*

*We rejoice that through the gospel, you have credited our sins to
Jesus, and his righteousness to us.*

*Father, transform us so that we may desire what is good,
love what you love,
and do what you command,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism

Question 93: *What is the moral law?*

Answer: **The moral law is the declaration of the will of God to mankind, directing and binding every person to personal, perfect, and perpetual conformity and obedience to it, in the orientation and disposition of the whole person, soul and body, along with the performance of all those duties of holiness and righteousness that each person owes to God and other people. It is accompanied by the promise of life if they fulfill it and the threat of death if they break it.**

Question 94: *Is there any use of the moral law to mankind since the fall?*

Answer: **Although no person, since the fall, can attain to righteousness and life by the moral law, yet there is great use of it, in a way common to all people, and also as it particularly applies either to the unregenerate or the regenerate.**

*RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#735, *Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

God, Grant Me to Be Silent

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#731, *Doxology*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#2, *O Worship the King*

- 1 *O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*
- 2 *O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.*
- 3 *The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.*
- 4 *Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.*
- 5 *Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!*

- 6 *O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SERMON

*God's Power
toward the Church
Ephesians 1:19-23

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

#181, *We Come, O Christ, to You*

- 1 *We come, O Christ, to you,
true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist,
in whom all life began:
in you alone we live and move,
and have our being in your love.*
- 2 *You are the Way to God,
your blood our ransom paid;
in you we face our Judge
and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand,
your love has met your law's demand.*
- 3 *You are the living Truth!
All wisdom dwells in you,
the Source of every skill,
the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In you we rest,
sure answer to our every quest.*
- 4 *You only are true Life,
to know you is to live
the more abundant life
that earth can never give:
O risen Lord! We live in you:
in us each day your life renew!*
- 5 *We worship you, Lord Christ,
our Savior and our King,
to you our youth and strength
adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts, that all may view
your life in us, and turn to you! Amen.*

***RECEIVE GOD'S BENEDICTION**

- * *Please stand if you are able.*
- † *From the Trinity Psalter © 1994 Crown & Covenant Publications. Used by permission.*
- ◆ *The Prayer for Illumination is a petition and request made unto God the Father, that Holy Spirit would prepare our hearts and minds to read, believe, and obey the gospel truths of God's holy, inspired, and inerrant word, even that we would receive in faith all the benefits of Jesus' life and work as offered in the gospel.*

SERMON NOTES

***God's Power toward the Church
Ephesians 1:19-23***



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Questions for Further Discussion

1. In Ephesians 1:20, Paul references Christ's ascension, including Christ's position at the "right hand" of God, a symbol of sovereign rule (Ps. 110:1; Acts 2:33; 1 Pet. 3:22). What, then, is Paul expecting the Spirit to reveal about the power available to believers?
2. Two additional aspects of Christ's rule relate to names and eras (Eph. 1:21). What names of authority on earth might Paul be referencing? What does the scope of "this age" and the "one to come" indicate about the authority of Christ in the history of the church's dealings on earth? What is the future of earthly and spiritual powers?
3. The placing of "all things" under the feet of Christ makes his power exclusive, as do "all rule," "every name," "this age [and] . . . the age to come," and "all things to the church" (Eph. 1:22). Yet one does not now see the full expression of this rule. What does the believers' identity as "his body" indicate about how Christ intends to express his headship on earth?

*Our congregation, our community
and our world made new by the
transforming power of the Gospel*