

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19th, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

-WE GATHER TO PRAISE -

Let us now prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

§ Invites you to rise in body or spirit with the people of God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

ELDER

PRELUDE

ST. DENIO, OP. 1, NO. 2

SCOTT ROBERTS

§ CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST

As fallen people, we must be called from our worship of the created and focus on the proper worship of the Creator.

ONE From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem,
from then to now,

ALL come, Lord Jesus.

ONE To heal the sick,
to mend the brokenhearted,
to comfort the disturbed,
to disturb the comfortable,
to cleanse the temple,
to liberate faith from convention,

ALL come, Lord Jesus.

ONE To carry the cross,
to lead the way,
to shoulder the sin of the world
and take it away,

ALL come, Lord Jesus.

ONE Today,
to this place,
to us,

ALL come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

§ HYMN OF PRAISE IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

HYMN 18

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
we are your covenant people - one church,
drawn from all nations.
Our citizenship is in heaven.
Yet we confess, O Lord, that we sometimes lose sight
of your kingdom and its ways.
We confess that we sometimes live more as citizens
of our own land than as citizens of your kingdom.
By your truth you call all peoples to account.
Forgive us for losing our distinctiveness.
Focus us on the cross and on the salvation
you give through him
who is the Lord and King and Judge of us all,
Jesus, the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

As members of
Christ's body,
we confess the
reality of sin
and brokenness
in personal and
common life and
ask for God's
saving grace.

§ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

§ RESPONSE TO PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN 614

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.

-WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS -

We bring our concerns, joys, and burdens to the Lord in prayer and
give out of love and awe.

We pray for the
world because
God loves it.
God created the
world and cares
for it. To abide
in God's love is
to share God's
concern for
the world. Our
prayers should
therefore be as
specific as God's
tender compas-
sion for the least
ones among us.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

OFFERTORY/CHORAL ANTHEM

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

EDDIE ESPINOSA

Change my heart, O God,
make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God,
may I be like you.

You are the Potter,
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me,
this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God,
make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God,
may I be like you.

§ **RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here
below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

§ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

– **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD** –

“CHRIST IS PROCLAIMED, AND IN THAT I REJOICE”

PHILIPPIANS 1:18

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

MICAH 6:1-8

LITURGIST

ONE THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.
ALL THANKS BE TO GOD.

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WHAT BLESSEDNESS

MUSIC ON PAGE 6

What blessedness belongs to him
who has forgiven been,
for whom transgressions have been cleared,
and covered is his sin.
Blessed is the one for whom the LORD
counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit is no taint
of insincerity.

I languished, silent in my guilt;
my days were filled with groans.
On me Your hand pressed day and night,
and heat dried up my bones.
My sin I then confessed to You,
not hiding guiltiness;
I said, “I will before the LORD
transgressions now confess.”

Then You released me from my sin,
and took its guilt away.
And therefore while You may be found,
let all the godly pray.
They'll not be harmed by rising floods.
In You I hide in peace;
You keep me safe, surrounding me
with songs of my release.

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE

I CORINTHIANS 13:1-3

REV. ROB HOCK

SERMON

REV. ROB HOCK

– WE GO FORTH TO PROCLAIM –

“HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS!”

ROMANS 10:15

§ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

At the right time, appointed by him,
God effectually calls all those
and only those whom he has predestined to life.
He calls them by his word and Spirit
out of their natural state of sin and death
into grace and salvation through Jesus Christ.
He enlightens their minds spiritually
with a saving understanding of the things of God.
He takes away their heart of stone
and gives them a heart of flesh.
He renews their wills and by his almighty power
leads them to what is good.
And so he effectually draws them to Jesus Christ.
But they come to Jesus voluntarily,
having been made willing by God’s grace.

§ CLOSING HYMN

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

HYMN 302

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee,
swift and beautiful for Thee,

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from Thee,
filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as Thou shalt choose,
every power as Thou shalt choose. (vs. 5 & 6 next page)

Through the sermon we encounter Jesus Christ in God’s word, are equipped to follow Him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the Gospel to others through our words and deeds.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne,
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take yourself, and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee,
ever, only all for Thee.

A benediction
is literally a
"good word"
or a blessing to
carry with us
as we leave our
time of wor-
ship.

§ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

VERSO III IN E MINOR

DOMENICO ZIPOLI

-SERMON NOTES -

- QUESTIONS TO PONDER -

WHAT STOOD OUT TO ME?

WHERE DID I SEE JESUS IN THIS SERMON?

WHAT QUESTIONS/ THOUGHTS DO I HAVE?

32C

Psalm 32:1-7

What Blessedness

David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works. — Romans 4:6

1. ¹What bless-ed-ness be-longs to him Who has for-giv-en been,
2. ³I lan-guished, si-lent in my guilt; My days were filled with groans.
3. Then You re-leased me from my sin, And took its guilt a-way.

For whom trans-gres-sions have been cleared, And cov-ered is his sin.
⁴On me Your hand pressed day and night, And heat dried up my bones.
⁶And there-fore while You may be found, Let all the god-ly pray.

²Blessed is the one for whom the LORD Counts no in-iq-ui-ty,
⁵My sin I then con-fessed to You, Not hid-ing guilt-i-ness;
They'll not be harmed by ris-ing floods. ⁷In You I hide in peace;

And in whose spir-it is no taint Of in-sin-cer-i-ty.
I said, "I will be-fore the LORD Trans-gres-sions now con-fess."
You keep me safe, sur-round-ing me With songs of my re-lease.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Wednesday Night: There will be no meal or Bible Study this week. **Choir** will be at 7:00. Sign-up sheets for meal-teams and clean-up are available in Fellowship Hall. **We need some meal-team volunteers!**

Men's Lenten Breakfast Schedule: The last Lenten Breakfast will be Saturday, April 8th, at 7:30 a.m., in Franklin. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Liverett (317) 501-0140.

The Hopewell Church annual **EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held on Saturday, April 8th, at 11:00 a.m. Again this year, the Deacon's are asking for donations of pre-wrapped candy only (as we already have enough empty eggs to fill). There will be a large basket placed in the side sanctuary for your donations. Be sure to invite your friends to join us for the hunt and meet the **Easter Bunny!**

- PRAYER REQUESTS -

- Adara Mink - physical therapy for scoliosis and hip turning in
- Alberta Satter
- Becky Wertz
- Clarellen Kelsay - in-home rehab
- Danny Nickelson - pancreatic cancer
- Delores Weaver
- Eric Pasborg (heart problems; at home)
- Grayson Unruh
- Jan Martin (in hospice care)
- Jean Williams
- Katrina Browning
- Lester Burton
- Letty Cherian - pancreatic cancer
- Martha Myers - pancreatic cancer
- Maxie Gardner
- Rick Moss
- Sally Henderson (cancer)
- Scott Vandenberg
- Zack Firks - urgent need for kidney
- Missionaries: Josh and Libby Auyer - Czech Republic
- Earthquake victims and rescue workers in Turkey and Syria
- Residents of East Palestine, Ohio

March Birthdays: Amy Jones - 2nd; Barb Dirks - 4th; Michele Burgess - 8th; Grace Haehl and Cathy Johnson - 13th; Elaina Smith - 14th; Jake Findley and Joann Esteb - 18th; Harrison Wicker - 21st; Jackson Lee - 23rd; David Yount - 26th; Brent Henderson and Janet Tearman - 27th; Mary Catt, Sable Tearman and Victoria Yount- 31st

Attendance: March 12th, 113

DISCIPLESHIP READING -

Encountering God in your daily life is the best way to grow your relationship with our Redeemer. This reading plan from Table Talk magazine leads us through all the main genres of the Bible each week. Join us as we read through the majority of the Bible in a year.

<input type="checkbox"/>	SUNDAY	Colossians 1-2	Epistles
<input type="checkbox"/>	MONDAY	Leviticus 13-15	The Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	TUESDAY	II Kings 6-10	History
<input type="checkbox"/>	WEDNESDAY	Psalms 81-83	Psalms
<input type="checkbox"/>	THURSDAY	Proverbs 10	Poetry
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRIDAY	Ezekiel 25-30	Prophecy
<input type="checkbox"/>	SATURDAY	Luke 19-20	Gospel

Prelude: *St. Denio, Op. 1, No. 2* - Scott Roberts
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Choral Anthem: *Change My Heart, O God* - Eddie Espinosa
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Psalm - 32C, *What Blessedness*
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Postlude: *Verso III in E minor* - Domenico Zipoli
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

- *Hebrews 12:28-29*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

We bless your name, O Lord, as those that are redeemed from death and hell! As those who are advanced to the dignity of sons! As those whom you save from all their enemies, but especially from ourselves, and from our sins. We bless your name, as those who are entering into glory, and hope to be with Christ forever, where sin and sorrow, enemies and fears, shall be shut out, and shall molest our souls no more forever! We foresee, by faith, that happy day! We see, by faith, the New Jerusalem! The innumerable angels! The perfected spirits of the just! Their glorious light! Their flaming love! Their perfect harmony! We hear, by faith, their joyful songs of thanks and praise. Lately they were as low and sad as we; in sins and sorrows, in manifold weaknesses, sufferings, and fears! But by faith and patience, they have overcome! And in faith and patience we desire to follow our Lord and them! The time is near! This flesh will quickly turn to dust, and our delivered souls shall come to you! Our life is short, and our sins and sorrows will be short! Then we shall have sight! We shall no more groan and cry out in darkness, O that we could know the Lord! Then shall we love you with pure, unmixed, perfect love, and need no more to groan and cry. O that our souls were inflamed with your love! Then shall we praise you with thankful cheerful readiness and joy, which will exceed our present apprehensions and desires! Amen.

- *Richard Baxter*

READING OF THE LAW

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

- *I John 4:7-11*

CONFESSION OF SINS

O you plenteous source of every good and perfect gift, shed abroad the cheering light of your sevenfold grace over our hearts. Yes, Spirit of love and gentleness, we most humbly implore your assistance. You know our faults, our failings, our necessities, the dullness of our understanding, the waywardness of our affections, the perverseness of our will. When therefore, we neglect to practice what we know, visit us, we ask you, with your grace; enlighten our minds, rectify our desires, correct our wanderings, and pardon our omissions, so that by your guidance we may be preserved from making shipwreck of faith, and keep a good conscience, and may at length be landed safe in the haven of eternal rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- *Anselm*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

- *Isaiah 55:6-9*

PRAISE

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. - *Gloria Patri*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty, gracious Father, since our whole salvation depends on our true understanding of your holy Word, grant that our hearts - freed from worldly affairs - may hear and understand your holy Word with all diligence and faith, so that we may rightly discern your gracious will, cherish it, and live by it with all earnestness, to your praise and honor, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. - *Martin Bucer*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daily Bible reading plan (see Discipleship Reading Plan)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, you have safely brought us to the beginning of this day - defend us in the same with your mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by your governance, to do always that which is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. - *Book of Common Prayer (1552)*

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by your name; your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WEEKLY CATECHISM

As a church body, we affirm the Westminster Confession of Faith. The confession, written in 1648, serves as the confessional anchor of Presbyterian doctrine and includes a catechism to teach the faith in churches. Each week we work our way through 3-5 questions from the Westminster Shorter Catechism to both learn and remind ourselves of the faith that we profess. Pastor Brandon would love to talk to you when difficult sections come up.

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to Himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Q. 23. What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Q. 24. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Q. 25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

Christ executeth the office of a priest, in His once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“When God commanded the light to shine,
the darkness had no power to resist the command.”

- R.C. Sproul

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