

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Ascension of the Lord Sunday
May 21st, 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

LENTO

JOHANN C. H. RINCK

§ 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 Jesus Christ has come into heaven and is at God's right hand - with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

ALL **Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven - Jesus, the Son of God - let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Let us praise his holy name!**

ONE Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

ALL **Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forevermore!**

ONE Alleluia, Amen!

ALL **Alleluia!**
-based on Hebrews 4:14; Revelation 5:10, 12

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

HYMN 193

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!
To His throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Enters now His native heaven, Alleluia!

See! He lifts His hands above, Alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love, Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on His Church below, Alleluia!

Still for us He intercedes, Alleluia!
His prevailing death He pleads; Alleluia!
Near Himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
He the first fruits of our race, Alleluia!

Grant, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!
High above yon azure height, Alleluia!
Grant our hearts may there arise, Alleluia!
Following Thee beyond the skies, Alleluia!

There we shall with Thee remain, Alleluia!
Partners of Thy endless reign, Alleluia!
There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heaven of heavens in Thee, Alleluia!

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory
to confess our lack of trust.
While we sing of your lordship over all creation,
we have too often acted as though you are powerless
in the face of today's events.
Help us to live with confidence in your presence today
and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

§ 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.

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

WITH MUSIC I WILL PRAISE THEE

NATALIE SLEETH

ARR. BY DAVID GIARDINIERE

With music I will praise Thee,
and magnify Thy Name.
With melody in measure,
Thy goodness Lord, proclaim.
With note of golden trumpet,
with flute and tuneful string,
my song of adoration to Thee I'll sing.

(Chorus) Alleluia, sing Alleluia.
Alleluia now let us sing!
With flute and lute and sound of tuneful string.
Sing Alleluia, and praises bring!

With anthems of Thanksgiving,
and notes of harmony,
I'll sound my Alleluias,

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.

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.

most gracious God to Thee.
For Thou art my Creator
who gave me voice to sing.
so unto Thee forever my praise I'll sing.

§ **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

EZEKIEL 37:12-14

LITURGIST

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

PSALM 23A

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

MUSIC ON PAGE 6

The LORD's my Shepherd, leading me;
I will not be in need.
He'll make me lie in pastures green;
by quiet waters lead.

And He restores my soul again;
He guides the steps I take
to walk along a righteous path,
all for His own name's sake.

Though in a valley dark as death,
no evil will I fear;
Your rod and staff, they comfort me,
for You are always near.

A feast You have prepared for me
in sight of all my foes;
and You anoint my head with oil,
My full cup overflows.

What love and goodness all my life
will follow after me;
And in the LORD's house evermore
my dwelling place will be.

DISMISSAL FOR JR. CHURCH

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE

ACTS 25

REV. BRANDON JOLLEY

– WE GO FORTH TO PROCLAIM –

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

ROMANS 10:15

§ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
There is one God; there is one mediator
between God and humankind, Christ Jesus,
who gave himself as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.
Great indeed is the mystery of our religion:
He was revealed in flesh,
vindicated in spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.

- based on I Timothy 1:15, 2:5-6, 3:16 NRSV

§ CLOSING HYMN

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

HYMN 33

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

(Chorus)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

§ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

MOSSO MODERATO

HENRY GÖTZE

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.

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

-SERMON NOTES -

- QUESTIONS TO PONDER -

WHAT STOOD OUT TO ME?

WHERE DID I SEE JESUS IN THIS SERMON?

WHAT QUESTIONS/ THOUGHTS DO I HAVE?

23A

Psalm 23

The LORD's My Shepherd

What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not go after the one which is lost until he finds it? — Luke 15:4

1. ¹ The LORD's my Shep - herd, lead - ing me;
 2. ³ And He re - stores my soul a - gain;
 3. ⁴ Though in a val - ley dark as death,

I will not be in need.
 He guides the steps I take
 No e - vil will I fear;

² He'll make me lie in pas - tures green;
 To walk a - long a righ - teous path,
 Your rod and staff, they com - fort me,

By qui - et wa - ters lead.
 All for His own name's sake.
 For You are al - ways near.

4. ⁵ A feast You have prepared for me
 In sight of all my foes;
 And You anoint my head with oil,
 My full cup overflows.

5. ⁶ What love and goodness all my life
 Will follow after me;
 And in the LORD's house evermore
 My dwelling place will be.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Wednesday Night: The **Meal** is at 6:00 and **Bible Study** is at 6:30.

Senior Recognition Sunday is June 4th.

Open House Information: **Adeline Jolley** - Sunday, June 4th, at Hopewell Presbyterian Church at 4:00 p.m. **Sarah Smith** - Sunday, June 4th, from 2-5 at their home (1352 N 125 W, Franklin).

- PRAYER REQUESTS -

- Alberta Satter
- Becky Wertz
- Beverley Jones
- Christie Smith - lymphoma and histoplasmosis
- Clarellen Kelsay - in-home rehab
- Danny Nickelson - pancreatic cancer
- Don Jolley - upcoming back surgery
- Eric Pasborg - having a heart procedure this week (needs a heart transplant)
- Jean Williams
- Joann Spencer - recovery from surgery
- Letty Cherian - pancreatic cancer
- Linda Mink's mother and sister - both in rehab centers
- Martha Myers - pancreatic cancer
- Maxie Gardner
- Melinda Frazier
- Grandma Pansy (cancer)
- Rick Moss (comfort care for cancer)
- Robert Scott
- Sally Henderson (cancer)
- Shelly Dougherty (recovery from surgery)
- Zack Firks - urgent need for kidney
- Missionaries: Josh and Libby Auyer - Czech Republic

May Birthdays: George Dow and Bill Liverett - 1st; Logan Howland - 3rd; Michelle Plummer and Don St. Clair - 4th; Libby Findley - 5th; Bill Leser - 6th; Leah Shilts - 7th; Alex Grissom - 9th; Ron Kelsay - 17th; Nora Davidson and Rob Shilts - 18th; Jennifer Doty - 19th; Marian Weaver - 20th; Alex Graham - 23rd; Andrew Smith - 24th; Jetta Bea Allender - 25th; Christopher Schermerhorn - 26th; Larkin Sempstrott, Spencer Everett, and Steve Yount - 27th; and Raeann Moore - 28th

Attendance May 14th - 127

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	Titus	Epistles
<input type="checkbox"/>	MONDAY	Numbers 17-20	The Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	TUESDAY	I Chronicles 25-29	History
<input type="checkbox"/>	WEDNESDAY	Psalms 108-110	Psalms
<input type="checkbox"/>	THURSDAY	Proverbs 23-24	Poetry
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRIDAY	Amos 1-4	Prophecy
<input type="checkbox"/>	SATURDAY	John 16-18	Gospel

Prelude: *Lento* - Johann C. H. Rinck
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Choral Anthem: *With Music I Will Praise Thee*
Natalie Sleeth
Arr. by David Giardiniere
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Psalm - 23A, *The Lord's My Shepherd*
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Postlude: *Mosso moderato* - Henry Götze
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. *- Ephesians 1:3*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O Lord God, Father of mercies, the fountain of comfort and blessing, of life and peace, of plenty and pardon, who fills heaven with your glory, and earth with your goodness - I give you the most earnest, the most humble, and most enlarged returns of my glad and thankful heart, for you have refreshed me with your comforts, and enlarged me with your blessing. You have made my flesh and my bones to rejoice, for, besides the blessings of all mankind, the blessings of nature, and the blessings of grace, the support of every minute, and the comforts of every day, you have opened your bosom, and at this time have poured out an excellent expression of your loving kindness. Amen. *- Jeremy Taylor*

READING OF THE LAW

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments." *- Exodus 20:1-6*

CONFESSION OF SINS

O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven, and I am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin, death, the devil, and hell. Nevertheless, you have given me your Son Jesus Christ, who is far more precious and dear than heaven, and much stronger than sin, death, the devil, and hell. For this I rejoice, praise, and thank you, O God. Without cost and out of pure grace you have given me this boundless blessing in your dear Son. Through him you take sin, death, and hell from me, and do grant me all that belongs to him. Amen. *- Martin Luther*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. *- Isaiah 53:4-6*

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

Grant, Almighty God, that as you shine on us by your Word, we may not be blind at midday, nor willfully seek darkness, and thus lull our minds asleep; but may we be roused daily by your words, and may we stir up ourselves more and more to fear your name and thus present ourselves and all our pursuits as a sacrifice to you, that you may peaceably rule, and perpetually dwell in us, until you gather us to your celestial habitation, where there is reserved for us eternal rest and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- John Calvin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daily Bible reading plan (see Discipleship Reading Plan)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Father, what we know not, teach us; what we have not, give us; what we are not, make us; for the sake of your Son our Savior. Amen.

- Old Anglican Prayer

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. 57. Which is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as He hath appointed in His Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to Himself.

Q. 59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“We must not despise the day of small things.
That’s most of the time for most of us,
but insignificant days of faithfulness
add up to a significant life.”

- *Kevin DeYoung*

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