

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CHRIST
EVANGELICAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH (PCA)

Prelude

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come-

This Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:4-5

Minister: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
 for you judge the peoples with equity
 and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you!

Let us praise our God together!

Hymn of Praise

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of his grace

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

Hear him ye deaf his praise ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind behold your Savior come
And leap ye lame for joy

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thro' all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name

Invocation

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, 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.

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

Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith VIII.1

Minister: Why did God send to us Jesus Christ?

All: In his eternal purpose it pleased God to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the mediator between God and man. Jesus is the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world. From all eternity God gave him a people to be his seed and to be in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified by him.

Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the Cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus
Look to Jesus
Look to Jesus
Mercy flows through him alone

Take his easy yoke and wear it
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While his grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory
Safe to glory
Safe to glory

Where his ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see him
Blessed the ears that hear his voice
Blessed are the souls that trust him
And in him alone rejoice
His commandments
His commandments
His commandments
Then become their happy choice

continued

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest the Cross supplies
All who taste it
All who taste it
All who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus
Look to Jesus
Look to Jesus
Mercy flows through him alone

Call to Confession

Matthew 5:20; James 2:10

Minister: For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, by reason of our sinfulness, transgress your holy commandments. O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offenses! Be pleased then to have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and corruption, grant us the daily empowering of your Holy Spirit that we might put to death the sin that is within us and bear all the fruit of the Spirit in our daily lives. We trust you for these graces on the basis of the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 Peter 2:24

Minister: Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 130, From the Depths of Woe

From the depths of woe I raise to thee
The voice of lamentation
Lord turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication
If thou iniquities dost mark
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark
O who shall stand before thee
O who shall stand before thee

To wash away the crimson stain
Grace grace alone availeth
Our works alas are all in vain
In much the best life faileth
No man can glory in thy sight
All must alike confess thy might
And live alone by mercy
And live alone by mercy

Therefore my trust is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit
On him my soul shall rest
His Word upholds my fainting spirit
His promised mercy is my fort
My comfort and my sweet support
I wait for it with patience
I wait for it with patience

What though I wait the live-long night
And till the dawn appeareth
My heart still trusteth in his might
It doubteth not nor feareth
Do thus O ye of Israel's seed
Ye of the Spirit born indeed
And wait till God appeareth
And wait till God appeareth

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth
His helping love no limit knows
Our upmost need is soundeth
Our Shepherd good and true is he
Who will at last his Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow
From all their sin and sorrow
From all their sin and sorrow

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes And Offerings

The 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

Sermon

“The Centrality of the Church”

John 20:19-23

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

My Hope Is in the Lord

My hope is in the Lord
Who gave himself for me
And paid the price
Of all my sin at Calvary

Chorus

*For me he died
For me he lives
And everlasting life
And light he freely gives*

No merit of my own
His anger to suppress
My only hope is found
In Jesus' righteousness

Chorus

And now for me he stands
Before the Father's throne
He shows his wounded hands
And names me as his own

Chorus

Benediction

Postlude

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