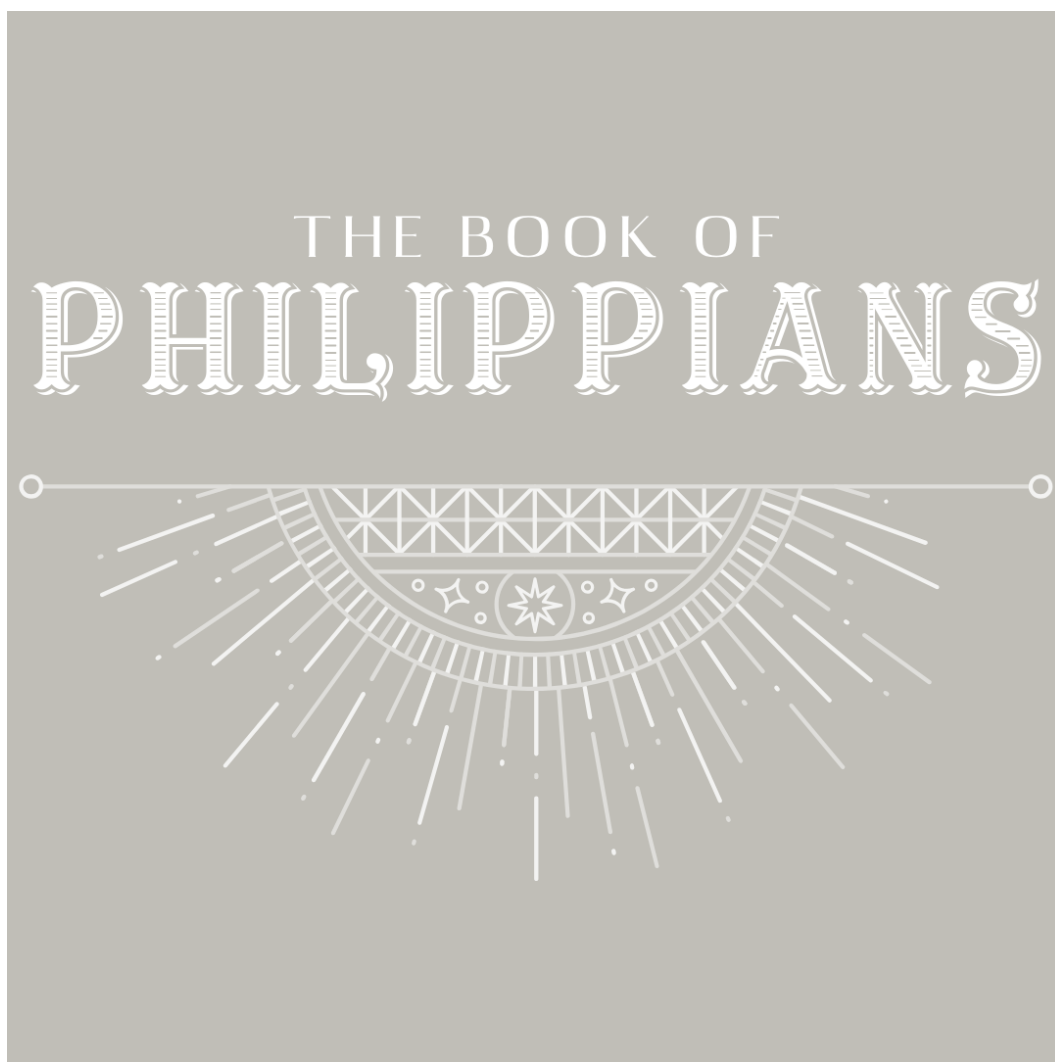




CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Third Sunday of Easter

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GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Introit—I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Vs I

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "I know that my Re - deem - er lives: What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing head!"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 73:23-28

Pastor: I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.

All: You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

Pastor: Whom have I in heaven but you?

All: And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

Pastor: My flesh and my heart may fail,

All: but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Pastor: For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;

you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

All: But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

Hymn of Praise—Come, Christians, Join to Sing

The musical score is written in G minor and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - jice;
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness we'll a - dore,
praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
His love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish Melody, Arr David Evans, 1927.

New Testament Reading—Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Preparation—Lamb of God

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world,
Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

Text: John 1:29; Music: FRANKLIN AGNUS DEI, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Job II:13-20

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Prepare our hearts
and cause us to stretch out our hands towards You.

All: **There is iniquity in our hands, give us grace to put it far away.**

Pastor: We long to lift up our faces to You without the blemish of sin; to be secure and without fear.

All: **But injustice dwells among us. Will we ever forget our misery?**

Pastor: We desire to forget the effects of sin
and only remember them as waters that have passed away.

All: **Shine Your light into our hearts so that our life will be brighter than the noonday
and the darkness will be like the morning.**

Pastor: Because there is hope in Christ, we will feel secure.

We can rest in security because He has gone before us.

All: **We can lie down and rest and none will make us afraid
for You have redeemed our lives from the pit and our souls from destruction.**

Pastor: The wicked will fail and all escape will be lost to them. Be to us a strong tower and a refuge.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Hymn of Praise—Psalm 73 O God, How Good Thou Art

1. O God, how good Thou art to all the pure in heart,
2. Ev - er, O Lord, with Thee, all shall be well with me,
3. In earth or heav'n a - bove who is there that I love,
4. O it is good that I may still to God draw nigh,

though life seems vain. Bur-dened with anx - ious care, I groaned in
held by Thy hand. And Thou wilt guide my feet by Thine own
com - pared with Thee? My heart may faint with fears, but God my
as oft be - fore. The Lord Je - ho - vah blest, my Re - fuge

dark de - spair, till in Thy house of prayer, all was made plain.
coun - sel sweet, till I, for glo - ry meet, in glo - ry stand.
Strength ap - pears, and will to end - less years my por - tion be.
and my Rest, shall be in praise con - fessed for - ev - er - more.

CCLI #11121087 Text: Psalm 73, The Psalter, 1912; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2012.

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Therefore, my brothers,¹ whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—Press on Toward the Goal: A Study of Philippians, Part I2

Two Ways of Living

—Tony Giles, *Pastor*

Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven
and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Sung Response—He is Risen!, Vs 4

O! Let the na - tions sing the fame Of Christ the Lamb who once was
slain! He is ris - en! He is ris - en! Now we a - wait the com - ing
day, When all those raised in Christ will say: Give Him glo - ry! Give Him
glo - ry! He is ris - en! He is ris - en! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: Eric Schumacher, 2004; Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Cologne, 1623.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.*

Hymn of Praise—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
O - pen now the cry - stal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my an - xious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of deaths, and hell's de - struc - tion,

Hold me with Thy power - ful hand. Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
land me safe on Can - aan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,

Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield; Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1745; Music CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1907.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Jude I:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Sung Response—Christ Be With Me (*from St. Patrick's Breastplate*)

The musical score is written for piano accompaniment and vocal line. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me, Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me, Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: *Atomring indui niurt tren*, St. Patrick, 372-466, Trans by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95;
Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

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