

# *Preparation to Worship*

- *The bullet points indicate when to stand if you are able.*

# Prelude

**GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE  
TO WORSHIP HIM**

Let us rise as the Triune God, God the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, calls us now into His presence to  
worship Him as His church. I ask you this morning,  
Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
where does your help come from?

**Our help comes from the LORD, Who made  
heaven and earth. You, O Lord, are a shield  
about me, my glory, and the One who lifts my  
head. *Psalm 121:1-2 Psalm 3:3***

# Call to Worship

*Please stand, if you are able*

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; Sing praises  
to our God on the lyre,  
Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who  
provides rain for the earth,  
Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.

**He gives to the beast its food, and to the young  
ravens which cry.**

**He does not delight in the strength of the  
horse; He does not take pleasure in the legs of  
a man. The Lord favors those who fear Him,  
those who wait for His lovingkindness. Praise  
the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O  
Zion!**

For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your sons within you.

**He makes peace in your borders; He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat. He sends forth His command to the earth; His Word runs very swiftly.**

*Psalm 147:7-15*



- **Opening Prayer**  
*(Led by Pastor)*

*Please stand, if you're able*

- Psalm 96

*“Sing Unto the Lord a New Song”*

**Sing unto the Lord a new song,  
Sing to Him, O all the earth!  
Bless the name of God forever;  
Sing salvation's wondrous worth.  
Tell His glory to the nations;  
Of His wonders, anthems raise.  
He is Lord of all creation,  
Great, and greatly to be praised.**

**Other gods fade as a vapor;  
There is none beside the Lord.  
In His dwelling, strength, and splendor,  
God exalted and adored.  
Give Him glory, all ye people;  
Give Him glory due His name.  
In His temple, as an off'ring,  
All His pow'r and might proclaim.**

**Worship God in holy beauty;  
Bow before His throne in fear.  
Now proclaim among the nations  
His dominion, ever near.  
By His word, the earth was founded,  
That it never may be moved;  
In His word is justice grounded,  
That He righteous may be proved.**

**Let the heavens shout, rejoicing,  
And the earth in joy aflame;  
Let the sea in thunder praise Him,  
Field and forest now acclaim.  
For the Lord, the Lord is coming;  
Let the earth resound again!  
To His people, He is coming  
In His righteousness to reign!**

**GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS,  
TO REPENT AND TO RECONCILE**

# God's Commandments

*Exodus 20:1-17*



**We Pray and Confess Our Sin**  
*(Prayer led by Pastor)*

## **God's Assurance to His Repentant People**

**There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him,**

**to them He gave the right to become children  
of God,  
*even* to those who believe in His name, who  
were born, not of blood nor of the will of the  
flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

***John 1:9-13***

# Hymn #311

*“Hallelujah, what A Savior!”*

**"Man of Sorrows!" what a Name,  
for the Son of God who came;  
ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!**

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
in my place condemned He stood -  
Sealed my pardon with His blood;  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!**

**Guilty, vile and helpless we,  
spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full atonement! can it be?  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!**

**Lifted up was He to die,  
"It is finished," was His cry;  
Now in heav'n exalted high:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!**



**When He comes, our glorious King,  
all His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing,  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!**

- **We Profess Our Faith**

*Westminster Larger Catechism*

**Q. 76. What is repentance unto life?**

**A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ to such as are penitent,**

**he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with Him in all the ways of new obedience.**

*2 Tim. 2:25; Zech. 12:10; Acts 11:18, 20-21; Ezek. 18:28, 30, 32; Luke 15:17-18; Hos. 2:6-7; Ezek. 36:31; Isa. 30:22; Joel 2:12-13; Jer. 31:18-19; 2 Cor. 7:11; Acts 26:18; Ezek. 14:6; 1 Kings 8:47-48; Ps. 119:6, 59, 128; Luke 1:6; 2 Kings 23:25.*

# Old Testament Scripture Reading

*Psalm 11*

*Parents of Children in PreK—1st Grade  
have the option to take their children to  
Children's Church*

# **We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings**

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

*Proverbs 3:9-10*



- **Prayer for God's Provision**

*Ruling Elder*



● **The Doxology**

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**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.**

# New Testament Scripture Reading

*1 Corinthians 8*



**Pastoral Prayer**

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- **Hymn 444**

*“I Love to Tell the Story”*

**I love to tell the story  
Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory,  
Of Jesus and His love.**

**I love to tell the story,  
Because I know its true.**

**It satisfies my longings  
As nothing else can do.**

## Refrain:

*I love to tell the story!*

*'Twill be my theme in glory*

*To tell the old, old story*

*Of Jesus and His love.*

**I love to tell the story;  
More wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies  
Of all our golden dreams.**

**I love to tell the story,  
It did so much for me;  
And that is just the reason  
I tell it now to thee. [Refrain]**



## Refrain:

*I love to tell the story!*

*'Twill be my theme in glory*

*To tell the old, old story*

*Of Jesus and His love.*

**I love to tell the story;  
'Tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it  
More wonderfully sweet.**

**I love to tell the story,  
For some have never heard  
The message of salvation  
From God's own holy Word. [Refrain]**

## Refrain:

*I love to tell the story!*

*'Twill be my theme in glory*

*To tell the old, old story*

*Of Jesus and His love.*

**I love to tell the story,  
For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting  
To hear it like the rest,  
And when in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story,  
That I have loved so long. [Refrain]**

## Refrain:

*I love to tell the story!*

*'Twill be my theme in glory*

*To tell the old, old story*

*Of Jesus and His love.*

**THE LORD SPEAKS TO US  
THROUGH HIS WORD**

# Scripture Reading

*2 Chronicles 28:1-6 & Isaiah 7:1-16 (:14)*

# **Sermon**

*“Christ, the Hope for the Hopeless”*

*Pastor Theo van Blerk*



**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND  
TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer

- Hymn 270

*“Joy to the World”*

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come;**

**Let earth receive her King.**

**Let every heart prepare Him room,**

**And heav'n and nature sing,**

**And heav'n and nature sing,**

**And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;**

**Let men their songs employ,**

**While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains**

**Repeat the sounding joy,**

**Repeat the sounding joy,**

**Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin and sorrows grow,**

**Nor thorns infest the ground.**

**He comes to make His blessings flow**

**Far as the curse is found,**

**Far as the curse is found,**

**Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace**

**And makes the nations prove**

**The glories of His righteousness,**

**And wonders of His love,**

**And wonders of His love**

**And wonders, wonders of His love.**

**THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT**



- **The Blessing of God's People**

**Now the God of peace, Who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. *Hebrews 13:20-21***

Christ is Risen

He Is Risen, Indeed!