

Bulletin for Worship

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Call to Worship

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Open your hearts and your minds to know the gift of God's grace. Be free from the cares of this past week and celebrate the gift of Jesus' love. Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall know the peace and love of God.

We will worship the Lord for the joy of the Lord is our strength. In God's love we are made one and made whole.

Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #488 "I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry"

"I was there to hear your burning cry;
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise."
"I was there to hear your burning cry;
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

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Prayer of Adoration

Eternal God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, now exalted as Lord of all, pours out his gifts on the church. Grant us that unity which Your Spirit gives, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before Your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God of Grace, we confess that we sometimes do not believe in our hearts what we proclaim with our lips. We hear Your word and continue to live unchanged. We know of Your liberating grace, yet remain bound by our limitations. We would rather rely on our own abilities, our works and our intellect, than rely on faith in You. There are times when we do not even try to control our appetites, and suffer the damage that sin brings to our lives, as well as the to those who are near us. Yet Your grace is endless, and we come to You seeking forgiveness and healing. Humbly we offer our confession. Amen.

Please take a moment for your own silent confession

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

The God who created us never turns away from us, but ever calls us into His righteousness with an abundant and healing love.

By God's grace we are made new as faithful covenant people. Alleluia. Amen.

The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 "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.

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Glory Be to the Father

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Scripture Readings: Genesis 1:1-5

^{1:1} In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is

coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Message: "Stop Living as 'Formless Voids'"
Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn: Glory to God Hymnal #177 "I will come to you in the Silence"

"I will come to you in the silence;

I will lift you from all your fear.

You will hear my voice;

I claim you as my choice.

Be still and know I am here.

(refrain)

Do not be afraid, I am with you.

I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me,

I will bring you home;

I love you and you are mine."

"I am hope for all who are hopeless;

I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night,

I will be your light.

Come and rest in me. *(refrain)*

"I am strength for all the despairing,

healing for the ones who dwell in shame.

All the blind will see;

the lame will all run free,

and all will know my name. *(refrain)*

"I am the Word that leads all to freedom;
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live! (*refrain*)

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