
ORDER OF WORSHIP
JANUARY 12, 2025

When the musical prelude begins, the congregation is invited to spend time preparing their hearts for corporate worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 73:25-26, 28

Leader: Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

People: **My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

Leader: For me it is good to be near God.

All: **I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Our God Our Help in Ages Past

1. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2. Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood,
and lost in foll'wing years.

6. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it Lord that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lila Beth Jordan and Benjamin Thomas Jordan

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,
from age to age. Amen, amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Romans 12:1-2

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Rev. Bryan Rigg**Romans 11:6-10**

⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.⁷ What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, ⁸ as it is written,

“God gave them a spirit of stupor,
eyes that would not see
and ears that would not hear,
down to this very day.”

⁹ And David says,

“ Let their table become a snare and a trap,
a stumbling block and a retribution for them;
¹⁰let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see,
and bend their backs forever.”

SERMON NOTES

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Thy Mercy My God

1. Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace, alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.
2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair,
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.
3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.
4. Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper, divine,
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper, divine,
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

*Author: Isaac Watts, John Stocker, Sandra McCracken
© 2001 Same Old Dress Music (Admin. by Music Service)*

SENDING SONG

Grace Alone

1. I was an orphan, lost at the fall, running away when I'd hear your call,
But Father, you worked your will.
I had no righteousness of my own; I had no right to draw near your throne,
But Father, you loved me still.

Chorus 1

And in love, before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own.
You have raised me up so high above my station.
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone.

2. You left your home to seek out the lost; You knew the great and terrible cost,
But Jesus, your face was set.
I worked my fingers down to the bone; Nothing I did could ever atone,
But Jesus, you paid my debt.

Chorus 2

By your blood I have redemption and salvation.
Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown,
And you rose that I might be a new creation.
I am born again by grace, and grace alone.

Bridge

I was in darkness all of my life; I never knew the day from the night,

But Spirit, you made me see.

I swore I knew the way on my own; Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone,

But Spirit, you moved in me.

Chorus 3

At your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened.

On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone.

Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken

Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.

Ending

So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace alone.

I will run the race by grace, and grace alone.

I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone.

I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone.

Dustin Kensrue

© 2013 Dead Bird Theology, It's All About Jesus Music

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CCLI LICENSE #11042946

Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

Bryan Rigg, Pastor • bryan.rigg@mercypres.org

1997 Thomas Jefferson Road, Forest, VA 24551 • www.mercypres.org