

THE LORD'S DAY

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Morning Worship Service: 10:15 AM • Evening Catechism Service: 6:00 PM

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 AM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

(Upon entering the sanctuary, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)

Great you are, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is your power, and your wisdom is infinite. You would we praise without ceasing. You call us to delight in your praise, for you have made us for yourself, and our hearts find no rest until we rest in you; in the name of Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit all glory, praise, and honor be ascribed, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Ps. 116

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

Amen!

O LORD, I am your servant;

**I am your servant, the son of your
maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

And call on the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows to the LORD

In the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the LORD,
**In your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the
LORD!**

†“For All the Saints”

#408; 1-5, 8*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Isaiah 55:6-7

Confession of Sin

(From the reformed liturgy
of John Knox, 1560)

**Almighty God, we are unworthy to come
into your presence because of our many
sins. We do not deserve any grace or
mercy from you. We have sinned against
you, and we have offended you. And yet, O
Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and
offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to
be a merciful God, a loving and favorable
Father, to all who turn to you. And so we
humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ
your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive
us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our
youth, and the sins of our old age. By your
Spirit, O God, take possession of our
hearts, so that, not only the actions of our
lives, but also the words of our mouths,
and the smallest thoughts of our minds,
may be guided and governed by you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor
and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

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. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

†Psalm 142

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Psalm 23
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 458)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Philippians 1:18b-30
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 980)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination Sermon

PHILIPPIANS 1:18B-30
STRIVING SIDE BY SIDE
EXPOSITION OF PHILIPPIANS #4

- i. In Life and Death
- ii. Together
- iii. For Christ

†“In Christ Alone” #265

God Communes with Us in the Lord's Supper

Preparation and Prayer of Consecration
By the promise of God this bread and wine are
for us the body and blood of Christ. Lift up
your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!

Distribution of the Bread and Wine

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering	1 st : General Fund
	2 nd : Middle East Reformed Fellowship

God Blesses Us and
Sends Us to Be a Blessing

†Benediction Numbers 6:24-26
The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD
make his face to shine upon you and be
gracious to you; the LORD lift up his
countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen!

†Doxology (unannounced, #568)*
**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.**

Postlude

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(during last stanza); cf. Ps. 63:4, 1 Tim. 2:8

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

We invite you to participate in the Lord's Supper with us if you are a professing member in good standing of a Christian church. This means that:

1. you have been baptized;
2. you have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ;
3. and you desire to live a godly life in fellowship with his church.

Do you know your place in Christ? Are you known as faithful to Christ by his church? Then you too are welcome at his table.

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

6:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

(Upon entering the sanctuary, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 131)

†Call to Worship Psalm 148:1-2, 14

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Psa. 124:8; Eph. 1:2

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

Who made heaven and earth.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen!

†Psalm 148B

†Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic¹ and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

†“Come, Thou Almighty King”; 4 #212*

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

The Life of Gratitude 2nd Commandment
Eccel 5:1-7; HC Q. & A. 96

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God.

To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil.

Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God,

for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few.

For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words.

When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools.

¹ “Catholic” means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples (Belgic Confession, art. 27; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54).

Pay what you vow. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.

Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake.

Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands?

For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.

96 Q. What is God's will for us in the second commandment?

A. That we in no way make any image of God nor worship him in any other way than has been commanded in God's Word.

Pastoral Prayer

Psalm 66

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen!

Psalm of the Month

†Psalm 85

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 996)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

BREATHED OUT BY GOD:
THE INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE
ARTICLE 3
THE BELGIC CONFESSION

We confess that this Word of God was not sent nor delivered by the will of men, but that holy men of God spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit, as Peter says.

Afterwards our God -- because of the special care he has for us and our salvation -- commanded his servants, the prophets and apostles, to commit this revealed Word to writing. He himself wrote with his own finger the two tables of the law. Therefore we call such writings holy and divine Scriptures.

†“O Word of God Incarnate”

#171

Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen!

†“Be Thou My Vision”

#446

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