

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100:1-2

Leader: *Shout to the LORD, all the earth!
Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before
Him, singing with joy.*

✠*Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With Them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

✠INVOCATION

CONFESSION & PARDON

Psalm 90:8
Romans 8:1-2

People: You spread out our sins before You—
our secret sins—and You see them all.

Leader: *So now there is no condemnation for
those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because
you belong to Him, He has freed you from the
power of sin that leads to death.*

✠Those who are able, please stand.

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale,
Against both foe and traitor
She ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With the God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion

With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The 39 Articles of Religion, A1

Leader: *What do you believe about the Holy
Trinity?*

People: We believe that there is but one living
and true God; of infinite power, wisdom, and
goodness; Preserver of all things both visible and
invisible. And in unity of this Godhead there are
three Persons, of one substance, power, and
eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠*If You Allow Your God to Guide You*

If you allow your God to guide you,
And hope in Him through all your ways,
He'll give you strength, whate'er betides you,
And bear you through the evil days.
They that trust God's unchanging, love
Build on a Rock that none can move.

How can your anxious cares avail you,
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?
How can it help if you bewail you
Over dark moments as they fly?
Our cross and trials will but press
Heavier for our bitterness.

We must be still and wait His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content,
To take whate'er our Father's pleasure
And all-discerning love has sent.
No doubt, our inmost needs are known
To Him Who chose us for His own.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving.
So, do your own part faithfully.
And trust His word though undeserving,
You yet shall find it true for thee.
God never will forsake at need
The soul that trusts in Him indeed.

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD

Mark Hansen

✠DOXOLOGY

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.

✠*Jesus, Strong and Kind*

Jesus said that if I thirst,
I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy,
I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am weak,
I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength,
I should come to Him.

*For the Lord is good and faithful.
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus.
Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear,
I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield,
I should come to Him. (Chorus)

Jesus said if I am lost,
He will come to me,
And He showed me on that cross,
He will come to me. (Chorus x2)

✠BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark and Rachel joined the Blue Ridge team of overseas partners nearly a decade ago and have been working in Northeast Asia since then. Their vision in partnership with local house church leaders is to see the transforming power of the Gospel liberate middle-class working professionals from the tyrannies and idols that bind them, unique to that context. As a university educator and medical doctor, respectively, Mark and Rachel use their professions to communicate the love and credibility of Christ while bringing tangible benefit and blessing to that culture. Mark also serves as shepherd-teacher for a small international gathering meeting weekly in their city. Mark and Rachel have been blessed with 4 children (1 girl and 3 boys) whom they homeschool and send to public school part-time. All of the Hansens love spending as much time as they can in the great outdoors.

The Letter of Paul to the Colossians: Paul wrote this letter to the church in Colossae about AD 60 to counteract false teachers. These teachers were trying to impose strict rules about eating and drinking and religious festivals and were advocating the worship of angels. Paul shows the superiority of Christ over all human philosophies and traditions. He also writes of the deity of Christ and of the reconciliation that He accomplished with His shed blood. He also explains the right way of living in this world is to focus on heavenly things and not earthly things. God's chosen people are to leave their sinful lives behind as Jesus is both Savior and Lord of our lives.

The Womens Bible Study will start a new study on Monday Sept. 16 at 10am at the church: *Rejoicing in Christ* by Michael Reeves. Books have been ordered for the group; sign up sheet is on the back table.

The Tuesday morning Bible Study group will conclude the 2024 Ligonier National Conference sermon series on October 29. In November we will begin a new Derek Thomas video series on "The Life of Peter". Please join us.

Sunday School: Reason to Believe. Beginning in September we will be studying objections to Christianity. Do Christians have good answers for

the really tough questions? Dr. R.C. Sproul believes they do. In this unique book, he deals with the most common objections to the truths of the Christian faith, including: Has science disproved the existence of God? Will non-Christians who never hear of Christ go to hell? Is it narrow-minded and bigoted to believe Christ is only one way to God? Isn't Christianity just a crutch for people who can't handle life's pressures? How does the church explain all its hypocrites? Reason to Believe is a superb resource for those in visitation and calling programs, and a must for anyone who wants to do more than scratch the surface of Christian truths. The books are on the back table.

Home Care Groups! If you are interested in being part of a Home Group for 2024 fill out the signup sheet on the back table.

Join us each Lord's Day after Sunday School and before worship for a time of refreshment. Coffee is available in the kitchen and often we will have cake provided as well. Sunday School ends at 10:10.

Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. See Deon Louw for details.

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Greer Community Ministries: Our focus for 2024 is canned chicken and fish. We will of course accept other nonperishable items but that's our main focus for the year. Thank you for your generosity!

Miracle Hill Overcomers: Please remember to bring coffee and dry coffee supplies for the Overcomers. There is a marked box in the kitchen. Thank you for your generosity.

Please pray for our missionaries. Calvary Home for Children; Frontline Missions India (George); Frontline Missions China (Hansen); Miracle Hill; Peru Missions; Reformed University Fellowship; Christians Teaching Christians

Opportunities for worship, edification and fellowship:

- Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 a.m.
- Women's Bible Study and Fellowship, meets the first and third Monday morning of the month at the church. See Deb Redding for details.
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. The last Tuesday of each month is set aside for a time of fellowship and we go to breakfast or lunch. See Doug Redding for details.
- Wonderful Wednesday Dinner meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the church.
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets the 2nd Saturday of each month here at the church at 8:00 a.m. See Tom Pratt for details.



Online Giving

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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Season of Pentecost

October 20, 2024
10:30 a.m.

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers
and want fellowship;
to all who hunger
and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

