

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 69:32-34

Leader: *Praise Him, O heaven and earth, for the Lord hears the cries of the needy and does not despise His people. Let all who seek God's help be encouraged.*

✠*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save;
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified;
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends their burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

✠Those who are able, please stand.

✠INVOCATION

CONFESSION & PARDON

Psalm 25:7, 11
Romans 8:1-2

People: Lord, remember me in the light of your unfailing love. For the honor of your name, forgive my many sins.

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

Man of Sorrows

“Man of Sorrows!” what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scolding 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!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Belgic Confession Article 23

Leader: *What do you believe about the justification of sinners?*

People: We believe that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins and that we are justified "freely" or "by grace" because of the work of Christ, and that in it our righteousness

before God is contained, resting only on the obedience of Christ crucified, and giving all glory to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound;
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me;
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, Amazing grace!*

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine,
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.

✠READING OF THE WORD Colossians 1:15-29

Leader: *The grass withers and the flowers fade...*

People: But the word of our God stands forever.

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD Rev. Bud Griffith

The Preeminence of Christ (part 2, v.21-29)

✠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.

✠*His Mercy Is More*

What love could remember
No wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing,
He counts not their sum;
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

*Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more;
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!*

What patience would wait
As we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender,
Is calling us home;
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor,
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us?
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost;
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford,
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

✠BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Sunday Church Family Dinner: The next Family Dinner is Sunday September 8 after the morning Worship Service. This is a good time to invite your family and friends to BRPCA. The church will provide chicken fingers and drinks, you guys can bring anything you like!

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will not be held in August and will resume in September.

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 Study Group will be meeting in August and September to hear sermons from the 2024 Ligonier National Conference.

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner: On the first Wednesday of each month, we gather for a meal and pray for our missionaries. The next Wonderful Wednesday Dinner will be on September 4 at 6:00 pm. There is a signup sheet on the back table for those who plan to attend. The cost is \$5 per person.

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.

Session Meeting next Sunday after the Church Dinner

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

September 01, 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.*

