

## CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Chronicles 16:25, 27,29

**Leader:** *Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! Honor and majesty surround Him; strength and joy fill His dwelling place. Give to the Lord the glory He deserves!*

### ✠O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old;  
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn You above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

### ✠INVOCATION

✠Those who are able, please stand.

## CONFESSION & PARDON

Psalms 79:9

Acts 10:36

**People:** O God of our salvation, help us for the glory of Your name. Save us and forgive our sins.

**Leader:** *For this is the message of the Good News; that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.*

### **Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There a precious fountain—  
Free to all, a healing stream—  
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross,  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest, beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and Mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Sheds its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day,  
With its shadows o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand,  
Just beyond the river.

## AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The Westminster Shorter Catechism (Q&A 8)

**Leader:** *How does God carry out His decrees?*

**People:** God carries out His decrees in creation and providence.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### ✠Glorious Day

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be,  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,  
Dwelt among men; my example is He.  
The Word became flesh,  
And the Light shined among us,  
His glory revealed.

*Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me,  
Buried, He carried my sins far away;  
Rising, He justified freely, forever:  
One day, He's coming;  
Oh, glorious day! Oh, glorious day!*

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain,  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree;  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,  
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.  
The hands that healed nations,  
Stretched out on a tree.  
He took the nails for me. (Chorus)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,  
One day the stone rolled away from the door;  
Then He arose, over death He had conquered,  
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore.  
Death could not hold Him.  
The grave could not keep  
Him from rising again.

*Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me.  
Buried, He carried my sins far away.  
Rising, He justified freely, forever.  
One day He's coming.  
Oh, glorious day! Oh, glorious day!  
Glorious day!*

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming!  
One day, the skies with His glory will shine!  
Wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing!  
My Savior, Jesus, is mine!

*Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me.  
Buried, He carried my sins far away.*

*Rising, He justified freely, forever.  
One day He's coming.  
Oh, glorious day! Oh, glorious day!*

### ✠READING OF THE WORD

1 John 4:1-6

### EXPOSITION OF THE WORD

Rev. Bud Griffith

*How We Know That We Know the Truth*

### ✠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, What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! what a Savior!  
Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper!  
While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,  
He, my Pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine.

## BENEDICTION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Fellowship Time: 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.

For Sunday School: Christianity and Liberalism, Do Christians have to change their message to meet the needs of today's world? This question is as pressing for us as it was for J. Gresham Machen in 1923. With all the modern advancements of the early twentieth century, people wondered about the relevance of the church. Many church leaders set aside foundational Christian truths to create a more socially acceptable faith. This crisis drove Machen to draw a line in the sand with his classic book *Christianity and Liberalism*. In this teaching series, Dr. Stephen Nichols tells Machen's story and the timeless message of his book. There is only one true, uncompromising Christian faith, and it alone provides the ultimate answers to our world's problems.

The Women's Bible Study Group will be studying the book of James this fall. The books are located on the table at the rear of the worship area; *Steadfast: A Devotional Bible Study on the Book of James*. This is an eight week study beginning September 18 and (probably) concluding in January 2024. Our meeting time and place is 1st and 3rd Mondays, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the church. If you have any questions please contact Pat Batzig or Deb Redding.

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

Greer Community Ministries: We are collecting canned protein (chicken, tuna fish, etc.) for all of 2023.

Miracle Hill Overcomers: Coffee and coffee supplies. Marked box in kitchen.

Please pray for our missionaries. Calvary Home for Children; Frontline Missions India (George); Frontline Missions China (Hansen); Miracle Hill;

Nominations of Church Officers: We will have nominations for deacons and elders in October. Election of any new officers will be in January 2024. Nomination forms are on the back table. Please read carefully the qualifications for service in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1 and 1 Peter 5 and prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate. Ask him if he would be willing to serve. All nominees must complete officer training and then be approved by the session of Blue Ridge PCA before he may stand for election.

Tuesday Morning 10:00 a.m. Bible Study. Beginning October 10th, we will be starting a video series on Romans 8. Please contact Doug Redding with questions.

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.
- Tuesday morning Bible Study and Fellowship meets the first 3 Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. and on the 4th Tuesday there is a fellowship breakfast.
- Tuesday Evening Prayer Meeting at 7:00 p.m. here at the church.
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets the 2nd Saturday of each month here at the church at 8:00 a.m.

Liturgical Calendar: The Season of Pentecost celebrates the Holy Spirit to renew all of creation, empower the church to reach the world with the gospel and profess its confidence and security in the Spirit's work.



Liturgical Colors: Paraments have an instructional purpose and points us to the life of Christ and the great acts of redemptive history. Green represents renewal.

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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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The Season of Pentecost  
September 24, 2023  
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.*

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