

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Nehemiah 9:6

**Leader:** *You alone are the Lord. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You preserve them all, and the angels of heaven worship You.*

### ✠*May Jesus Christ Be Praised*

When morning guilds the skies,  
My heart awakening cries,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer  
To Jesus I repair.  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

When sleep her balm denies,  
My silent spirit sighs,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evil thoughts molest,  
With this I shield my breast.  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

In Heaven's eternal bliss,  
The loveliest strain is this,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The powers of darkness fear  
When this sweet chant they hear.  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round,  
In joyful notes resound,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let earth and sea and sky  
From depth to height reply,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

✠Those who are able, please stand.

Be this, while life is mine,  
My canticle divine,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song  
Through all the ages on,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

### ✠INVOCATION

#### CONFESSION & PARDON

Jeremiah 14:20

Romans 3:24

**People:** LORD, we confess our wickedness and that of our ancestors, too. We all have sinned against You.

**Leader:** *God, in His grace, freely makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins.*

#### *I've Been Delivered*

Choosing the bad I want to hate;  
Scorning the good I want to love;  
Who shall deliver me from this  
Poor body of death?  
I thank my God that Jesus Christ  
Crushes the sin that would entice,  
And now His Love will be the  
Song of my every breath.

*I've been delivered from powers of darkness.  
I've been translated to the  
Kingdom of God's dear Son.  
Sin, with its winter of bleakness and starkness,  
Fought against Heaven's Love,  
And Christ and Heaven won.*

Oh Lord, You know I want to trust,  
But Lord, You know I'm made from dust,  
And even when my spirit wills,  
My flesh is so weak.  
But though my feet are made of clay,  
I can still overcome today.  
It's not my will that ights, but Christ,  
Who's living in me.

There is a day when I'll be changed  
All of creation rearranged  
This vile body will be clean once and for all.  
All will be perfect once again,  
And though I won't be that 'till then,  
I can still conquer sin through Christ,  
Who answers my call.

#### AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The Westminster Shorter Catechism (Q&A 30)

**Leader:** *How does the Holy Spirit apply to us the redemption Christ bought?*

**People:** The Spirit applies to us the redemption Christ bought by producing faith in us and so uniting us to Christ in our effective calling.

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

##### ✠*O Word of God Incarnate*

O Word of God Incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O light of our dark sky;  
We praise Thee for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps  
Shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master  
Received the gift divine,  
And still that light she lifteth  
O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the golden casket,  
Where gems of truth are stored;  
It is the heav'n drawn picture.  
Of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner  
Before God's host unfurled;  
It shineth like a beacon  
Above the darkling world.  
It is the chart and compass  
That o'er life's surging sea,  
'Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,  
Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

O make your church, dear Saviour,  
A lamp of purest gold,  
To bear before the nations  
Your true light, as of old.  
O teach thy wandering pilgrims  
By this their path to trace,  
Till, clouds and darkness ended,  
They see you face to face.

#### ✠READING OF THE WORD

Psalms 111

#### EXPOSITION OF THE WORD

Rev. Bud Griffith

*Great Are the Works of the Lord; Therefore, He Is to be Praised*

#### ✠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

Christmas Dinner at BRPCA! Join us here at the church on Monday December 4 at 6:00 p.m. for a Christmas meal and a wonderful time of fellowship. We will be having turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and creamed corn. You can bring a dessert if you like. The cost is \$5.00 per person and you need to sign up by November 30. Please also bring a pound of coffee for the Miracle Hill Overcomers and or a can of tuna or chicken for Greer Community Ministries. This will take the place of our Wonderful Wednesday Dinner for December and we will have a season of prayer for our missionaries after the meal.

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.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study. We will resume our study on Romans 8 the first three Tuesdays in November. Please contact Doug Redding with questions.

Sunday School: Assurance of Faith: Many Christians wrestle with assurance of faith, agonizing over guilt and worrying whether they're truly in Christ. But it doesn't have to be this way. In Assurance of Faith, Dr. Joel R. Beeke examines the Bible and the Westminster Confession of Faith to help believers lean on God's promises and find assurance. This is a series to comfort struggling Christians, encourage the assured, and caution those who take their assurance for granted. Join us Sunday morning at 9:30 for this help and encouraging study.

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. Contact Pat Batzig or Deb Redding.

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

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

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.

Nursery Schedule: 1st week Sara Kittredge, 2nd week Laurie Brown, 3rd week Julia Holman, 4th week Juleanne Gordon, Subs & 5th week Jenny Spears, Lori Pruett.

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  
November 19, 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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