

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (SEATED)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Call to worship: from Psalm 148 (STANDING)

Leader: May the name of the Lord be praised from the heavens.

All: Praise the Lord!

Leader: May all the creatures upon the earth give him praise.

All: Praise the Lord!

Leader: May all men and women and children together exalt the name of the Lord, for his majesty is above earth and heaven.

All: Praise the Lord! Amen!

Hymn #115 – All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Corporate Prayer of Adoration:

Praise be to you, God the Father: You created all things by your power and wisdom and so loved the world that you gave your Son to be our Savior.

Praise be to you, God the Son: You became human like us in all things, except sin, died for our offenses, and rose again for our justification.

Praise be to you, God the Holy Spirit: You lead us into all truth and spread the love of God in our hearts.

All praise and glory be to you, our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Confessing Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism

Question 26: What do you believe when you say: "I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

Answer: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them,¹ who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence,² is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.³ I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul,⁴ and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world.⁵ He is able to do this because he is almighty God;⁶ he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.⁷

(¹ Gen. 1 & 2; Ex. 20:11; Ps. 33:6; Isa. 44:24; Acts 4:24; 14:15: ² Ps. 104; Matt. 6:30; 10:29; Eph. 1:11: ³ John 1:12-13; Rom. 8:15-16; Gal. 4:4-7; Eph. 1:5: ⁴ Ps. 55:22; Matt. 6:25-26; Luke 12:22-31: ⁵ Rom. 8:28: ⁶ Gen. 18:14; Rom. 8:31-39: ⁷ Matt. 7:9-11)

Gloria Patri: (Hymnal #735)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

The Confession of Sin: (SEATED)

Leader: Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

All: Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace toward us in Christ, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Private Sin

The Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:19-20

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Leader: This is the good news. To all who repent of their sins and believe upon Jesus Christ... He shed his blood for you that you might have peace with God. Your sins are forgiven.

All: To God be the glory! Great things he has done! Amen!

Hymn - Arise, My Soul, Arise (STANDING)

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Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears; Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

(Chorus) **Arise (*arise*), arise (*arise*), arise, arise, my soul, arise. Arise (*arise*), arise (*arise*), arise, arise, my soul, arise. Shake off your guilty fears and rise.**

He ever lives above, for me to intercede; His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead; His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, And sprinkles now the throne of grace. (Repeat chorus)

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary; They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me: "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Nor let that ransomed sinner die!" (Repeat chorus)

The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One; He cannot turn away the presence of His Son; The Spirit answers to the blood, The Spirit answers to the blood and tells me I am born of God. (Repeat chorus)

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear, with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh, And "Father, Abba, Father," cry. (Repeat chorus)

The Prayer of Praise

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25 (SEATED)

¹⁷ "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Presentation of His Tithes and Our Offerings

The Doxology (hymnal #731) (STANDING)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;**

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Intercessory Prayer (SEATED)

The Sermon: Pastor Scott Floyd

**“Our Goal of Eternal Glory”
Philippians 3:12-16**

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

Main Idea: Since we belong to Jesus, we daily keep the goal of eternal glory in mind by never being content with our sins and constantly pursuing Jesus as we are led by God’s Word and Spirit.

- 1) We Are Never Content With Our Sins**
- 2) We Are Constantly Pursuing Christ Jesus**
- 3) We Are Led By God’s Word and Spirit**

On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand (STANDING)

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**On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan’s fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.**

**All o’er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day; There God the Son forever
reigns, and scatters night away.**

(chorus) ***I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for promised land, I am bound, I am bound, I
am bound for promised land.***

**No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore; Sickness, sorrow,
pain and death, are felt and feared no more. (Repeat chorus)**

**When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed? When shall I see my Father’s
face, and in His bosom rest? (Repeat chorus)**

The Benediction

The Three-Fold Amen (hymnal #740)

Amen, Amen, Amen.