



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High / Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. / I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress / My God, in whom I trust!” (Psalm 91:1-2).*

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship — adapted from Psalm 45

*My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King;
gird Your sword on Your thigh, O Mighty One, in Your splendor and Your majesty!*

In Your majesty ride on victoriously, for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let Your right hand teach Your awesome things.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

May Your name to be remembered in all generations. Therefore, the peoples will give You thanks forever and ever.

Let us sing a song of adoration and offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God's Grace

Our confession—together with the Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

Bow your heads, take the time to offer your own confession of sins

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness:

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities (Psalm 51:7-9).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading—2 Chronicles 7:14-15; Psalm 5:3; Jeremiah 29:12

NT Readings—1 John 5:14-15; Philippians 4:6-7; James 5:16;
Romans 8:26; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Luke 18:1-8

*The Word of the Lord . . . **Everyone:** Thanks be to God.*

Sermon: On Praying: Always Pray and Do Not Lose Heart

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father

Prayers for our children

Our profession of our faith together

Church, what is prayer?

Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies (WSC Q # 98).

Affirming Christ's Presence as we share the Lord's Supper

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

A Prayer and the Words of Benediction

“And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints” (Revelation 5:8).

And all God's people shout: **Amen!**

OT & NT Readings

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place (2 Chronicles 7:14-15).

“O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch” (Psalm 5:3).

“Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you” (Jeremiah 29:12).

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him” (1 John 5:14-15).

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective” (James 5:16).

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express” (Romans 8:26).

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

NT Readings— Luke 18:1-8: And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Reader: The Word of the Lord // The people: *Thanks be to God*

Announcements

- ➡ **Jan 13th** — **In-person** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 7:00pm at 158 Davenport (use the back door entrance). In-person Studies are the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month.
- ➡ **Jan 16th** — Maxine's Children's Read Aloud continues at 14 Steven's Street, 1:00pm–3:00pm. This is for our neighborhood children to listen to a book read aloud together.
- ➡ **Jan 16th** — Saturday Sidewalk Breakfast & Sidewalk Church Service (122 Carlisle Street) Breakfast starts at 10am; church service starts at 10:20. We serve no matter the weather. Come join us!
- ➡ **Jan 17th** — Come join us again for next Sunday's service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).
- ➡ **Jan 19th** — **The Next** Bonfire Bible Study @ the Anderson's out back of 122 Carlisle Street (at 6pm)— *Portraits of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke: Learning to Follow Jesus a Little Deeper*