

Epiphany January 14, 2024, 10:30a



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 89:1-18

Leader—I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

Congregation—You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations."

Leader—Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?

Congregation—O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you? You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.

Leader—You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm. The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them. The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.

Congregation—You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted. For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

# **Opening Prayer**

# Song of Praise, O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer Greatest treasure of my longing soul My God like You there is no other True delight is found in You alone Your grace a well too deep to fathom Your love exceeds the heavens' reach Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom My highest good and my unending need

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer Strong defender of my weary heart My sword to fight the cruel deceiver And my shield against his hateful darts My song when enemies surround me My hope when tides of sorrow rise My joy when trials are abounding Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose the grave and death are
conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your
Name

### Personal Confession of Sin (in silence)

# **Corporate Confession of Sin**

Most holy and loving God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are creatures who either through foolishness or willfulness often choose darkness instead of light. Here and now we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions, our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom, our deep seated sins and our apathy towards change and renewal. Please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others, and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within our own souls. Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

### Song of the Gospel, In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

# Children ages 4 to 6 are dismissed to Children's Church

We love for the corporate worship gathering to be a family-friendly time, however, please feel free to either use overflow space in the office suite or check your children into the nursery/children's church if they are finding it difficult to sit through the service. Children's interactive bulletins are also available in the foyer.

#### **Scripture Lessons**

Old Testament, Isaiah 42:1-9 (Page 602 in the Pew Bible) Leader—This is the word of the Lord

Congregation—Thanks be to God

<u>Gospel</u>, John 1:43-51 (Page 886 in the Pew Bible) Leader—This is the word of the Lord

Congregation—Thanks be to God

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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 have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

NEW SERMON SERIES: "A Beautiful Mess" from 1 Corinthians

**Sermon**, "Seeing Others with God's Lens"

Pastor Matt Wireman

1 Corinthians 1:1-17 (Page 952 in the Pew Bible)

### Song of Response, Christ Be All Around Me

As I rise Strength of God go before lift me up As I wake

Eyes of God look upon be my sight

As I wait
Heart of God satisfy and sustain
As I hear
Voice of God lead me on he my

Voice of God lead me on be my guide Be my guide

#### Chorus—

Above and below me
Before and behind me
In ev'ry eye that sees me
Christ be all around me
Above and below me
Before and behind me

In ev'ry eye that sees me Christ be all around me

As I go
Hand of God my defense by my side
As I rest
Breath of God fall upon bring me peace
Bring me peace

### Interlude—

Oh oh Christ be all around me Oh oh Christ be all around me

### Bridge—

Your life Your death Your blood Was shed for ev'ry moment Ev'ry moment

# The Lord's Supper

Please come forward, when you like, to share from the common bread, which signifies our oneness in Christ. It is also gluten free to enable as many to partake as feasible. Then take from the individual servings of wine or juice, which signifies our individual discipleship with Jesus. You may leave your cup at the table or take it back to your seat and drink it there.

### Song of Communion, Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (REPEAT) When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil

#### Chorus—

Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all

### Interlude—

He is Lord Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless stand before the throne

### **Benediction**

# Commissioning

Pastor— Let us go into the world as children of God and servants of Christ to love and serve others.

# Congregation—Thanks be to God!

# The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye, heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### **Prayers**

#### Greenville

We pray this week for **The Piedmont Woman's Center**. We ask that you will help them as they help others. Encourage them as they spend their days encouraging and caring for the **women in our area**. Thank you so much for all that they do.

#### **United States**

God, we cry out to you on behalf of all **orphans**. Enable our communities across the nation to care for the innocent lives who have had to experience tragedy at such an early age. Let us love them as you loved us in our orphaned state.

#### World

We pray this week for **Eric and His Family** as they serve in the **Middle East**. Please bless their ministry and keep them safe. Please help them when they become burnt out or tired to have newfound energy to serve you.

### **Announcements**

Discipleship Class | Resumes today

English Club | Tuesday Nights, 6-8p

Young Adult Bible Study | Wednesday Nights, 7-9p (Starts again this week!)

Women's Bible Study | Coming soon!

Members Meeting | January 21st after the service

Fourth Sunday Service & Youth Nite | Jan 28, 5-6:30p

Deacons & Directors Meeting | Feb 10, 8:30-11:30a

Fellowship Meal | Feb 11, after the service

Yard Sale and Cook Out | Sat, Apr 27 - please drop off items by Sun, Apr 7

**Note**: Children are a blessing from the Lord but may have trouble sitting through an entire service. Parents who would like to tend to their children may utilize the Augustine Library in the lower level.



# We are united by our Core Values

Community | Discipleship | Liturgy | Mercy + Mission | Simplicity

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