

Cancelled Weekly Activities
9:15 AM Sunday School
Sunday **10:30 AM** Worship
Cancelled **8:00 AM** Men's Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday **10:00 AM** Ladies' Bible Study
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Sunday **10:30 AM** Worship

Session

TE Kirk Blankenship, *Pastor* RE Jim Fink
 RE Daniel Jones, *Clerk* RE Rick Wilburn

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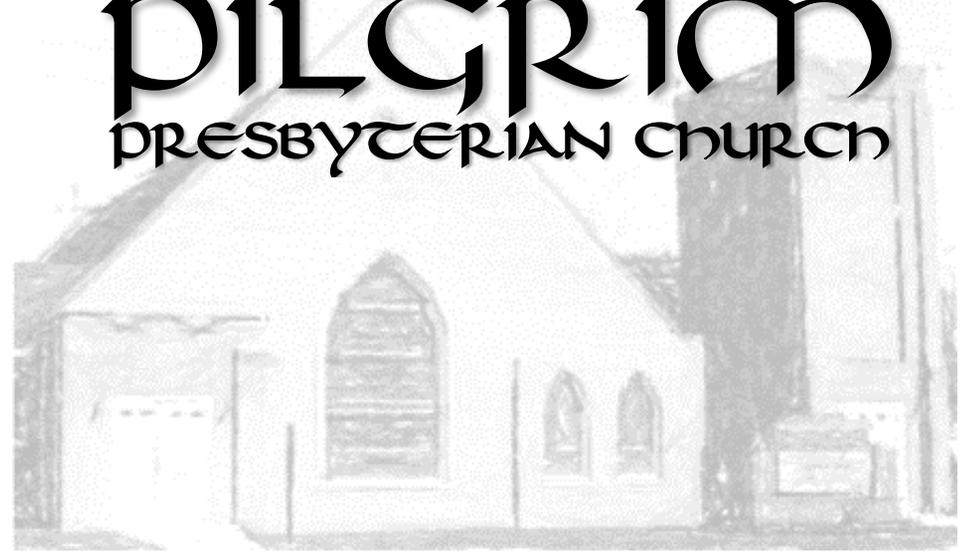
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"For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption." Psalm 130:7

**Lord's Day
 August 23, 2020**

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Let us help one another to quietly prepare our hearts for worship.

**Those in the congregation who are able, please stand.*

Welcome and Announcements
Focusing Our Thoughts on God

Order of Morning Worship

God Calls us to Worship

Psalm 146: 1,2,10

[*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery](#) (Song Packet)

(lyrics on next page)

***We Confess our Sin**

Confession of Sin:

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen. [adapted from John Knox's liturgy, 1560]

God assures us of His Pardoning Grace

Psalm 103:8-13

We respond with Prayer and Praise

*Prayer of Adoration and [Aspiration](#)

***"Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground**

(links to music and lyrics)

(Song Packet)

***"He Will Hold Me Fast**

(Song Packet)

(lyrics on next page)

Prayer of the Church

God calls us to give all that we are and all that we have

Responsive Reading- Prayer and God's Enemies (Song Packet)

[Psalm 18: 1-9. 27-33](#)

(lyrics on next page)

Trinity Psalter (Song Packet)

We return to Him our tithes and give our offering

Offertory

***Gloria Patri"**

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Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men, a-men.

** Prayer of Dedication*

God shepherds us with His Word

Sermon Title:

"A Kingdom of Giant-Slayers"

Sermon Text:

2 Samuel 21: 15-22

We respond with gratitude and thanksgiving

[*The Son of God Goes Forth to War](#)

#578 (Song Packet)

(links to music and lyrics)

God sends us out with His benediction

***Benediction**

Psalm 67: 1-2

Sermon Notes:

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

CCLI #1622481

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Michael Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

He Will Hold Me Fast

CCLI #162248

Ada Ruth Habershon | Matthew Merker

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

Chorus

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

Chorus

Responsive Reading on Prayer and God's Enemies:

What do we pray for in the second petition?

In the second petition, which is, Thy kingdom come, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

What do we mean when we pray for Satan's kingdom to be destroyed?

We pray for all those who set themselves up, or take counsel against the LORD and His Christ, that they would be frustrated and be brought to an end. [Psalm 2]

How does this not conflict with Jesus's command to pray for our enemies?

Because when we pray this way, we are asking for the kingdom of grace to be advanced, ourselves brought into it, and kept in it.

Does this mean that we were once enemies of God?

Yes, we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. [Eph 2]

How is God still righteous if he makes his enemies become part of his family?

God put Christ forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith so that he might be both just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. [Rom 3]

What happens then to God's enemies who do not repent and turn to Christ for salvation?

Those who do not know God and those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might. [1 Thes 1]

Psalm 18 Verses 1-9, 27-33 (tune of "Sweet Hour of Prayer")

I love You, LORD! You are my strength,
The LORD, my rock, my fort, my power,
My God, my hiding place, my shield,
My horn of safety, and my tower.
Because He's ever to be praised,
Unto the LORD I lift my cry;
For I shall be delivered thus
From all the foes who me defy.

With cords of death on every side,
I was assailed by floods of sin,
Entangled by the grave's strong cords;
My way with snares of death hemmed in.
In my distress I called the LORD;
My cry to God for help was clear.
He from His temple heard my voice;
My cry before Him reached His ear.

The earth then quivered to its depths;
The mountains rocked with trembling frame;
The whole world's firm foundations shook.
Because He in His anger came.
His nostrils smoked; His mouth belched fire;
And glowing coals flamed forth from Him.
He bent the sky as He came down;
Thick darkness hovered under Him.

A humble people you lift up;
But haughty eyes You humble low.
You light my lamp and make it shine.
The Lord my God makes darkness glow.
By you I can attack a troop,
And by my God I leap a wall.
Our God! How perfect is His way!
No promise of the Lord can fall.

He is a shield around all those
Who flee to Him from foes abroad?
For who is God, except the LORD?
Who is a rock, except our God?
My God girds up my loins with strength;
My way He perfects with His hand.
He makes my feet swift like the
On heights triumphant makes me stand.

