



Hixson Presbyterian Church  
February 18, 2018

**Prelude**

**Greetings**

Morgan Lusk

**Call to Worship** From Psalm 71

**Prayer of Preparation & Confession**

**†Across the Lands**

You're the Word of God  
the Father from before the world began;  
Every star and every planet  
has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

Chorus: You're the Author of creation,  
You're the God of every man,  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of Heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
with a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered, that the guilty may go free.

With a shout You rose victorious,  
wresting vict'ry from the grave  
And ascended into Heaven, leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home. (Chorus twice)

**†Immortal, Invisible**

Immortal, invisible God, only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.  
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious-  
Thy great name we praise

Unresting, unchanging and silent as light, nor wanting,  
nor wasting, Thou rulest in might  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above.  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

To all life thou givest to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest,  
The true life of all. We blossom and flourish,  
As leaves on the tree.  
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee

All veiling their sight; All praise we would render,  
O Father of grace,  
'Til one day in splendor we see face to face.

**Responsive Reading** From Psalm 96

**†Be Still My Soul**

Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul! thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

In You I rest, in You I found my hope  
In You I trust, You never let me go  
I place my life within Your hands alone  
Be still my soul

Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past.  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**Prayer of Intercession & Offertory**

**God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

*\*Please fill out the friendship folder found at the end of the pew\**  
Children ages 4 & 5 are invited to Children's Church

**Offertory** *Be Thou My Vision*

**Sermon**

"Put On Love"  
Colossians 3:14

Robert Johnson

**†O Church, Arise**

O Church, arise, and put your armor on;  
hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
an army bold, whose battle-cry is love,  
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war—to love the captive soul,  
but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
we will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
we know the outcome is secure,

and Christ will have the prize for which He died—an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
as the Son of God is stricken;  
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
for the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away and  
Christ emerges from the grave,  
this victory march continues till the day  
ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
that we may run with faith to win the prize  
of a servant good and faithful.  
[As saints of old still line the way,  
retelling triumphs of His grace,  
we hear their calls and hunger for the day  
when with Christ we stand in Glory.]

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

**Please stay for the congregational meeting after worship.**

### **Why Do We Do That?**

Singing these particular songs

We believe that scripture allows us to sing a variety of songs from all times and seasons in church history (Col. 3:16). In our church we practice a blended style with a mix of ancient and modern hymns as well as some contemporary songs. As we sing songs from the history of the church we connect with our past. As we sing songs from the present day we connect with churches around us who worship the same God. We sing these particular songs because we believe they are centered around God and the gospel, not us. Also, they must be explicit about the God of the Bible and not so vague as to leave us wondering who we're really singing about. Lastly, the style and tune must be accessible to all who gather for worship at our church, enabling us to worship in a way that is familiar, yet also preferential those who are comfortable in other traditions (Rom. 12:10, 1 Cor. 14:26).

**Sermon Notes - Robert Johnson**  
"Put On Love"  
Colossians 3:14

First, Everlasting Love

Second, Dying Love

Finally, Put On Love

## Announcements for the week February 18, 2018

- **Congregational Meeting:** Please stay for the congregational meeting today after worship for the purpose of voting on changing Greg Baney's Call from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor.
- **Contribution Statements** are available in room M-2.
- **Lost and Found:** Please check the lost and found cabinet in the foyer. It is overflowing with jackets, coffee cups, etc...
- **Day School Volunteers Needed:** Consider joining our great volunteer group who come to simply play and share with our day school children. Please pray about how you could be involved in this opportunity. Contact Kelly Kayasit at [dayschool@hixsonpres.org](mailto:dayschool@hixsonpres.org) to find out how you can be involved!
- **Women's Bible Study,** Wednesday mornings, February 21st thru March 28th, 10:00-11:30: Ladies, please join us as we study Max Lucado's, "He Chose the Nails" led by Nancy Monroe. You may pick up your book at the welcome desk. The cost is just \$5.00. Please sign up with the tear-off. *Childcare is only provided if requested.*
- **Progressive Dinner:** Saturday, February 24, 5:30pm. Please join us for a 3-course progressive dinner. This is a great opportunity to fellowship and get to know new people. This meal is for adults only (18 yrs. and up) and we will not have childcare. Please sign up using the tear-off. The deadline to make a reservation is tomorrow at 5:00pm.
- **2018 Men's Retreat:** Men of HPC - registration is now open for the 2018 Men's Retreat at camp Vest Point scheduled for March 16th through 18th. The theme this year is: Helping Men Find Balance! You can register by filling out the tear-off in the bulletin, online, or by using the back of the brochure. You can also register by signing up at the table in the church foyer. If you register before February 25th, the cost is \$90. Afterwards, the cost is \$100. Scholarships are available, please contact Greg Baney or Josh Hamblen for more information.
- **Mission Trip to Belize:** HPC is partnering with MTW to send a mission team to Belize on July 7-14 to serve with a local Presbyterian church. This will be a family-friendly trip and is open to ages 7 and up. If you have an interest in going with the HPC team to Belize, please contact Cindy DeMoss ([cindy1074@yahoo.com](mailto:cindy1074@yahoo.com)) or Steven Edging ([steven.edging@gmail.com](mailto:steven.edging@gmail.com)). Stay tuned....we will have a short informational meeting with more details in the next few weeks. Please contact the church office if you have questions. There will also be a trip to Uganda coming up in September.

### Great Opportunity to reach ALL kids, youth, and their families!

Want to know more about how we as a church can reach ALL kids, youth, and their families? HPC will be hosting a special session in March that is focused on reaching and engaging kids and youth, and their families, with special needs. Please join us for a full breakfast and special needs training with Ashley Belknap, Director of MNA's special needs ministry, Engaging Disability with the Gospel. We are joining up with many area PCA churches for this event and have had a great response so far! Ashley will lead us in a leadership-specific training regarding serving our church's special needs families. She will guide us with ideas on how to reach the kids and youth whom we know learn differently, but also give us tools for those whom we just aren't sure what drives them and how to reach them. This session is designed for those who volunteer or work with children and youth in our church, however anyone is welcome to attend. If you simply have a passion for reaching families with special needs, consider joining us! Please RSVP to let me know you will be attending this optional, free session. I really hope to see a lot of you there as we continue this path to serve families better.

- **WHAT: Special needs focused training**
- **DATE: Saturday, March 24th**
- **TIME: Full breakfast served at 8:30, session starts at 9 and will end no later than noon**

### Upcoming Events

- March 16-18 Men's Retreat
- March 30 Good Friday Service, 6:30pm
- April 1 Easter Morning Fellowship Donuts & Coffee, 10:00am in room M-1

## Weekly Calendar

### **Sunday, February 18**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service  
Congregational Meeting  
5-6:30 pm Small Groups  
Youth Underground  
G.R.O.W. HPC Kids

### **Monday, February 19**

### **Tuesday, February 20**

3:30 pm TASK  
6:00 pm Trail Life Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 21**

6:30 am Men's Bible Study  
10:00 am Women's Bible Study  
6:30 pm Choir Practice  
Dig for Youth  
Music & Missions HPC Kids

### **Thursday, February 22**

3:30 pm TASK

### **Friday, February 23**

### **Saturday, February 24**

5:30 pm Progressive Dinner

## Contributions Report

| <u>General:</u>             | <b>Feb 11, 2018</b> | <u>Missions:</u>     | <b>Feb 11, 2018</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Contributions               | 11,752.00           | Contributions        | 1,525.00            |
| Budget                      | 15,200.00           | Budget               | 1,876.00            |
| <u>Month to Date</u>        |                     | <u>Month to Date</u> |                     |
| Contributions               | 29,869.00           | Contributions        | 3,590.00            |
| Budget                      | 30,400.00           | Budget               | 3,752.00            |
| <b>Building Fund Weekly</b> | 3,830               | <b>Month to Date</b> | 10,398              |
| <b>Weekly Goal</b>          | 5,303               | <b>Monthly Goal</b>  | 21,212              |

## **2018 Sunday School Classes**

**Minor Prophets** – (January 7th through May 27th) Rm M-1. Taught by Greg Baney

**The Sacraments** –(January 7th through March 11th) Conference Room Taught by Jeff Siren, Steve Hutchings, and Don Carver.

**The Marks of a Healthy Church** - (January 7th through April 8th) Rm M-2. Led by Thomas DeMoss

## **Worship Coordinator Position:**

A Search Committee has been formed by the Session and met for the first time last week. If you know of anyone who may be interested, we are now accepting resumes. Please have them emailed to the church office or Robert Johnson.

## **Church Wide Survey:**

Now that we are finally at home on our new property, the leadership of HPC will be doing some Strategic Planning which will include re-examining our Vision & Mission Statements. We would be very grateful for your input and participation in the process by going to the link (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/hixsonpres>) and taking the short survey. Please take time to make comments where they are asked for, as this will be most helpful to us as we consider where God is leading us. Thank you for loving your church by helping in this significant way! There are hard copies of the survey available in the foyer should you prefer to do it that way. There will also be a link on the website.