

Hixson Presbyterian Church
March 4, 2018

Prelude

Greetings

Greg Baney

Call to Worship Psalm 34

Prayer of Preparation & Confession

†Immortal, Invisible God

Immortal, You are not like a man
That You change Your mind, or change Your plan.
Invisible, our human eyes can't see
The depths of Your majesty.

Chorus: You're the God of forever and ever, amen!
The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End!
We sing hallelujah, we worship in awe!
Immortal, invisible God!

Immortal, You are not bound by death,
You're the living God, my very breath.
Invisible, You are not bound by space,
But Your glory is filling this place,
Yes, Your glory is filling this place! (Chorus)

Immortal, yet You once died for me
To pay my debt, to set me free.
Invisible, You will not always be,
'Cause You're coming to reign as our King,
And the saints will fall down at Your feet! (Chorus)

We sing hallelujah, we worship in awe!
Immortal, invisible God! Immortal, invisible God!

†This I Believe

Our Father everlasting. The all creating One
God Almighty, Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit. Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection. That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You. Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life, forever seated high

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church, I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again For I believe, in the name of Jesus
For I believe in the name of Jesus

Responsive Reading Titus 3:3-7

†**Amazing Grace** (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus: My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Choir Anthem *Be Still and Know*

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 *Instrumental*

Sermon

"Word of Christ"
Colossians 3:16

Robert Johnson

†**The Solid Rock**

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus: On Christ the solid Rock, I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
supports me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

Benediction

Postlude

Why Do We Do That?

Reading Scripture

We believe that "All scripture is inspired by God and is profitable..." (2 Tim. 3:16) The Scriptures are the very words of God. When they are read God speaks directly to us. Reading scripture shows our submission to His words and our willingness to sit under God as the One who "gives wisdom, from [whose] mouth come knowledge and understanding." (Prov. 2:6) God also commands us to do this regularly as a part our worship. In 2 Timothy 4:13 the Apostle Paul instructs Timothy, the pastor of the church in Ephesus, to "...devote yourself to the public reading of scripture". Whenever we hear scripture read or participate in a corporate reading we worship in obedience and receive from God that which is "living and active" (Heb. 4:12) and which always accomplishes the purposes of the Lord (Is. 55:10).

Sermon Notes - Robert Johnson
"Word of Christ"
Colossians 3:16

First, Famine For the Word

Second, Word of Christ

Third, Dwell Richly In You

Finally, In Community & Worship

Announcements for the week March 4, 2018

- **Time change, Spring Forward:** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead next weekend.
- **Calling all cartridges!** Your used small business or personal printer ink cartridges can help fund the program activities of the church's Trail Life Troop TN-1967. A Cartridge Recycle Box will be available in the Lobby. Thanks in advance for your help!
- **Good Samaritan Fund:** As we celebrate the Lord's Supper next Sunday, the congregation is encouraged to be prepared to give a special offering in support of HPC's Good Samaritan Fund for the ministry of mercy. In this practical way we demonstrate our belief in the Communion of Saints, as these funds are used to assist Covenant family members and others who are in need.
- **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. If you are interested in going on this mission trip, there will be a brief informational meeting on March 11th right after church in room M-2. Please contact Cindy DeMoss or Steven Edging if you have any questions.
- **Missionary Lunch:** Please join us for a special lunch with one of our supported missionaries, Tim Mills, Monday, March 12th at 11:30. This will be a special time to hear what God is doing through his ministry in Thailand. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up with the tear-off.
- **2018 Men's Retreat:** March 16th-18th at Camp Versper Point. 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. The cost is \$100. Scholarships are available, please contact Greg Baney or Josh Hamblen for more information.
- **Wednesday Night Dinner:** Please join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner, March 21st at 5:30 pm. The menu is: poppyseed chicken, rice, green beans, rolls and strawberry pretzel dessert. Please sign up with the tear-off to let us know how many to prepare for.
- **Ladies Night Out:** Who is ready for a night of fun and Fellowship? On Monday, March 26 at 6:30pm we will be having a Paint Party! Leigh Anne Grant will be leading us in a simple painting that can be done by anyone no matter your previous painting experience. The only thing you need to bring is an open mind and \$4 to help cover the cost of supplies. Childcare will not be provided. Please sign up no later than March 18th so we are sure to have enough supplies. Stop by the table in the foyer to sign up. See Kelly Kayasit with questions.
- **Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt:** Bring your family and a dish to share for our potluck brunch and egg hunt Saturday, March 31st from 9-11am! Also, help us stuff eggs! In the foyer you will find bags with 100 eggs and 100 prizes. Take a bag, stuff the eggs with the enclosed prizes and return to the same spot next week.

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 12 Mission Lunch, 11:30am
- March 13 Primetimer's Lunch, 12:00pm
- March 24 Special Needs Ministry Training, 8:30am
- March 30 Good Friday Service, 6:00pm
- March 31 Easter Family Brunch & Egg Hunt, 9:00am
- April 1 Easter Morning Fellowship Donuts & Coffee, 10:00am in room M-1

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 4

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

Monday, March 5

Tuesday, March 6

3:30 pm TASK
6:00 pm Trail Life Meeting
7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 7

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, March 8

3:30 pm TASK

Contributions Report

<u>General:</u>	Feb 25, 2018	<u>Missions:</u>	Feb 25, 2018
Contributions	15,956.00	Contributions	2,205.00
Budget	15,200.00	Budget	1,876.00
<u>Month to Date</u>		<u>Month to Date</u>	
Contributions	57,096.00	Contributions	6,695.00
Budget	60,800.00	Budget	7,504.00
Building Fund Weekly	2,841	Month to Date	16,941
Weekly Goal	5,303	Monthly Goal	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

Women's Sunday School Class - Beginning March 18th, there will be a Sunday school class offered for the women of HPC taught by Leah Dean using material written by Jenifer Wilkin on the book of James. If you are a lady, and looking for a Sunday school class that thoughtfully discusses a book of the Bible with your fellow sisters in Christ, you will not want to miss it! The study will meet through May 27th in room M-2.

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.