

C O V E N A N T
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (EPC)

January 17, 2021
The Service for the Lord's Day
10:30 A.M.

The Welcome

The Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision"

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

***The Call to Worship (responsively): from Psalm 92**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High!
I will declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
At the works of your hands I sing for you.

***The Hymn of Praise: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.**

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

***The Hymn of Assurance: "To God Be the Glory"**

**To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!**

The Special Time for Young Disciples

The Prayer for Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture: Acts 1:1-3

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

The Proclamation of the Gospel: “The Unfolding of History”

Pastor Wagner

The Prayer for a Right Response to God’s Word

***The Affirmation of Faith (in unison): The Apostles’ Creed**

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***The Gloria: “Glory be to the Father”**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end: Amen, Amen.

The Service of Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

The Words of Instruction

The Constitutional Vows

***The Vows of the Congregation**

***The Prayer of Ordination and Installation**

The Declaration of Ordination and Installation

The Invitation to Discipleship and Body Life

The Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

The Pastoral Prayer, concluding with The Lord’s Prayer (in unison):

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 forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Reception of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory Hymn #654: “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

***The Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him, above ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison):**

Everlasting Father, in response to your mercies, we present ourselves, all that we have, all that we are, as a living sacrifice to your praise and glory! We offer that which we have first received from your hand; and we pray that you will bless and multiply this offering, and use it for the strengthening of your Church and the increase of your Kingdom throughout the world; to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who offered himself for us. Amen.

***The Hymn #521: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

***The Benediction**

***The Congregational Response: “Amen, Amen, Amen”**

***The Postlude**