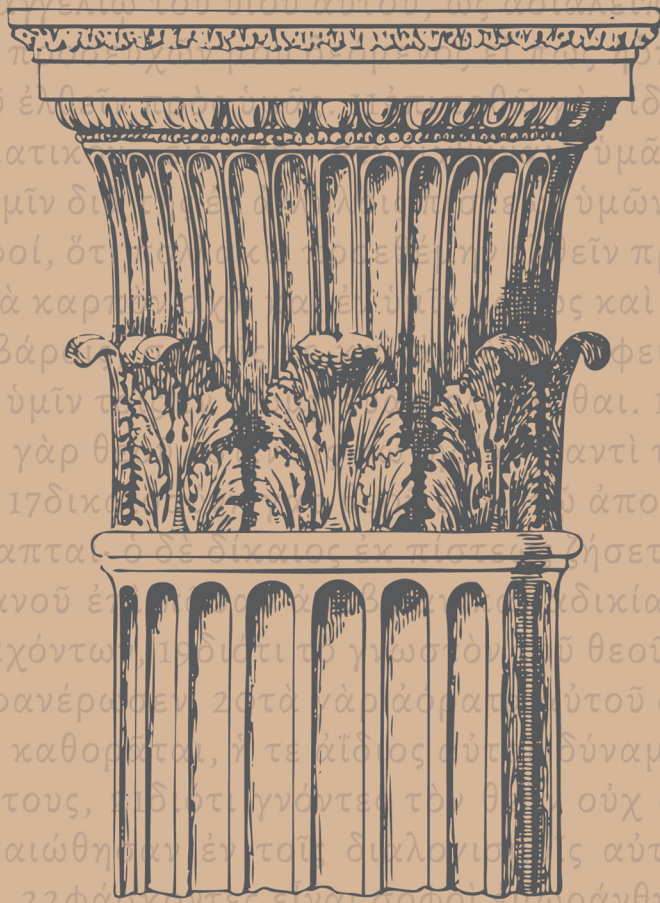


ROMANS



The Power of God for Salvation

April 14, 2024

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Grace Alone • Faith Alone • Scripture Alone • Christ Alone • Glory to God Alone

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

April 14, 2024 @ 10:30 am

When the Gathering Music begins, please assume a quiet and reverent attitude of worship.

Please silence your cell phones.

GATHERING MUSIC

Beth McEwen — "God of Grace," "Grace Alone,"
"Grace Flows Down"

PRELUDE / CHIMES

Judy Redeker — "Aria" (G.F. Handel)

GREETING AND

Christian Brewer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 17:1-14

†CALL TO WORSHIP

(Congregation reads bold print)

Grace and peace to you from Him who is and who was
and who is to come.

**All praise to You, God of all, for Your blessing upon us now,
for Your blessing upon us in what has been and for the gifts
of grace and peace You wait to give us. To Him who loves us
and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and made us to be
a kingdom, priests serving His God and Father, to Him be
glory and dominion forever and ever.**

**All praise to You, Jesus Christ, for Your great love for us,
for giving Yourself to us, and for bringing us back to the Father.
Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see Him.
Lord Jesus, we look in expectant hope to the day of Your
great glory and wait with eager breath to join with all
creation in Your praise.**

**"I am the Alpha and Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and
who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Amen!**

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and
power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

-based on Revelation 1:4-8; 7:12

†INVOCATION

Christian Brewer

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal -
 eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gen - tly sus -
 thee; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His tem - ple draw
 tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de - sires e'er have
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
 fore Him. Let the A - men Sound from His peo - ple a -

near; Praise Him in glad ad - o - ra tion!
 been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 do If with His love He be - friend thee.
 gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

†PROFESSION OF FAITH
THE LIGONIER STATEMENT
ON CHRISTOLOGY
(Congregation reads bold print)

**We confess the mystery and wonder of God
made flesh and rejoice in our
great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all
things, sustains all things, and makes all things new.**

**Truly God, He became truly man,
two natures in one person.**

**He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us.
Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day,
ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and
judgment. For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin,
and satisfied God's wrath. He took our filthy rags and
gave us His righteous robe.**

**He is our Prophet, Priest, and King,
building His church, interceding for us,
and reigning over all things.**

Jesus Christ is Lord.

We praise His holy Name forever. Amen.

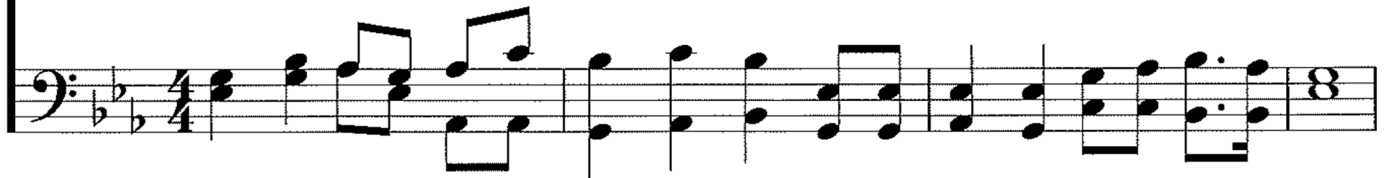
†HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

"Holy Spirit"

HOLY SPIRIT



1. Ho - ly Spir-it, liv - ing Breath of God, Breathe new life in - to my will-ing soul.
2. Ho - ly Spir-it, come a - bide with-in; May Your joy be seen in all I do.
3. Ho - ly Spir-it, from cre - a - tion's birth, Giv - ing life to all that God has made.



Bring the pres-ence of the Ris-en Lord, To re - new my heart and make me whole.
Love e - nough to cov-er ev - 'ry sin In each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
Show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth; Cause Your church to hun-ger for Your ways.



Cause Your Word to come a - live in me; Give me faith for what I can-not see;
Kind - ness to the great-est and the least; Gen-tle-ness that sows the path of peace.
Let the fra-grance of our prayers a-rise; Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,



Give me pas-sion for Your pur - i - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe new life in me.
Turn my striv-ing in - to works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
That in u - ni - ty the face of Christ Will be clear for all the world to see.



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CONFESSION OF SIN

(Congregation reads bold print)

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and hesitant to do good.

You alone know how often we have sinned against You in wandering from Your ways and forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord, show mercy on us, for we are ashamed of our sin. Teach us to hate our sin and cleanse us from our secret faults. Help us to live in the light of Your presence.

O Lord, merciful Father, You keep covenant and steadfast love with those who love You and keep Your commandments.

You keep covenant even when we do not. Your love is steadfast when ours is frail and fallible. You are faithful even when we are faithless. Grant us the gift of faith. By Your Holy Spirit work in us steadfastness and singleness of heart, that we might manifest Your love in the keeping of Your commandments and the living of Your gospel.

O Lord, merciful Father, hear our prayers in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the mediator of the new and eternal covenant, to whom be glory forever and ever. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

PASTORAL PRAYER

Christian Brewer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Congregation reads bold print)

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 GOSPEL'S ASSURANCE OF GRACE

But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— *Romans 6:22-23*

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Like a River Glorious"

LIKE A RIVER GLORIOUS

1. Like a riv - er glo - rious Is God's per - fect peace, O - ver all vic -
 2. Hid - den in the hol - low Of His bless - ed hand, Nev - er foe can
 3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al Fall - eth from a - bove, Traced up - on our

to - rious In its bright in - crease; Per - fect, yet it flow - eth Ful - ler ev - 'ry
 fol - low, Nev - er trai - tor stand; Not a surge of wor - ry, Not a shade of
 di - al By the Sun of Love; We may trust Him ful - ly All for us to

day; Per - fect, yet it grow - eth Deep - er all the way.
 care, Not a blast of hur - ry Touch the spir - it there.
 do; They who trust Him whol - ly Find Him whol - ly true.

Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, Hearts are ful - ly blest; Find - ing, as He

prom - ised, Per - fect peace and rest. rest.

Song Ending *Optional last stanza setting rit.*

**READING AND PREACHING OF
GOD'S WORD**

Dr. Jon Jacobs— *“The Father of Faith”* (Romans 4:9-15)

PRAYER For Application of the Word

†BENEDICTION / RESPONSE *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*
(Doxology) *Praise Him, all creatures here below;*
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†POSTLUDE *If you have questions about today’s message, salvation through Jesus Christ, or our church, several of our Elders will be at the front of the Sanctuary following the Benediction.*

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION (9:15 am)

“Redemption Accomplished and Applied” — Led by Jerry Pedine in Classroom A.
“Distinctives of Grace” — Led by Christian Brewer in Classroom B.
“Rejoicing in Christ ” —Led by Andre Schoeffler in the Fellowship Hall.

ReformerZ (YOUTH) SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:15 am in the Youth Room)

The Westminster Confessions of Faith. The Youth will be studying both the Shorter and Longer Catechisms.

CHILDREN AND NURSERY (9:15 am in the Kids Room)

Nursery (3-36 months). Childcare provided in the infant nursery. Classroom D
Children (3-11 years). Generations of Grace curriculum is used. Students memorize catechism questions which introduce them to the doctrines of the faith.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE (Child care available)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY (6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall)

“Rethinking the Book of Revelation” — led by Dr. Jacobs during April.

ReformerZ - (6:30 pm in the Youth Room)

The youth will study what the Bible teaches about justification and how we can be assured of our salvation in Christ.

Covenant Kids- (6:30 pm in Classroom B) - The class is modeled after a Sunday morning worship service. The children learn and memorize the catechisms, learn hymns, read the scripture, pray and close with a doxology.

ELDERS / CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Listed below are the Elders of Grace, with their areas of oversight. If you have special needs, contact your Elder. Last names beginning with

- A-B:** Andy Williams (Treasurer)
- C-G:** Jerry Pedine (Education, Youth, Clerk of Session)
- H-M:** Andre Schoeffler (Deacons)
- N-R:** Scott Tallman (Sacraments)
- S-V:** Keith Matthews (Missions)
- W-Z:** Doug Brownsberger (Members and Visitors, Fellowship)

DEACONS

Kurt Spangenberg (Chairman),
Leonard Celaya, Mike Fann,
Jonathan Riley, Jacob Wallace,
Mike Ziegenbein

COFFEE is served from 9:00 until 9:15, and from 10:00 until 10:15 each Sunday morning. We ask that food and drink not be brought into the Sanctuary.

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ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES
Wireless hearing units are available on the table near the sound booth.