



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

September 20, 2026



*Welcome one another
as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.*

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS WEEKEND

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**: Fall program formally begins with youth downstairs and adults upstairs. Join us at 9:30am.

THIS SUNDAY

- **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**: Join us this Sunday at **5:30PM** in the sanctuary. See service details on page 15 at the end of this bulletin (or the church calendar on our app or website).

THIS WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY**: We will continue our study of Paul's letter to the Romans **Tuesday** (September 22nd) at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).

COMING

- **DEACON FUND OFFERING**: First Sunday of the month, October 4th, will be our collection for the Deacon Fund, used to help those in need.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **REFORMATION DAY SERVICE**: Upcoming on Sunday, November 1st at 5:30pm. We will remember and celebrate God's provision of the recovery of the Gospel of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Rev. Eric Landry, pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Austin, TX will preach both morning and evening.

MORNING WORSHIP



SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

GREETING

MINISTER: Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and our Creator, from Christ Jesus our Lord and our Savior, and from the Holy Spirit our Helper and our Comforter.

PEOPLE: **Amen!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

[*Psalm 99:1-3, 8-9*](#)

SONGS OF PRAISE

[*"Gloria Patri"*](#)

#734

**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.**

[*"Stand Up, O God, Be Present Now"*](#) (Ps. 68)

#71

**Stand up, O God, be present now,
and all who hate you, let them run like driven smoke,
like melting wax, bound for destruction, doomed to die.
But let the righteous sing and dance,
yes, sing and dance and shout for joy,
for he who rides upon the clouds is coming, as he came
of old.
His justice vindicates the oppressed,**

he frees the pris'ner, brings him home.

Refrain:

**Stand up, O God, be present now,
and we will sing and shout for joy.**

**2 Stand up, O God, be present now,
as once on Sinai you were heard
by those who left the prison's chain,
who crossed the sea and faced the sand.
They ate the manna, drank from springs
provided by your gracious love.
They watched as mighty armies fled,
and so they gained the promised land.
Now, marching on to Zion's mount,
we see the heav'nly hosts descend. [Refrain]**

**Stand up, O God, be present now,
and we, your people, will rejoice,
for you have saved us from the pit,
for you have brought us back from death.
So, to your holy place, we come
with choirs and music, young and old.
Rebuke the godless, cast them down
till humbled, they for mercy call;
then men shall listen for your voice
as riding through the heav'ns you come. [Refrain]**

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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

Exodus 34:4-7

CONFESSING OUR SIN

O Lord our Lord, merciful and gracious, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, who will by no means clear the guilty, hear our prayer that we bring before you this morning. If you were not slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, we would be justly condemned for our sins against you that we daily commit in our thoughts, our actions, and our words. We freely admit that we have sinned, and we humbly seek your assurance of our forgiveness, not for anything we deserve or merit, but simply in and through Jesus Christ our Savior. We lift up to you our thanks and praise. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**IN THESE MOMENTS, WE SILENTLY CONFESS OUR PERSONAL SINS
TO GOD SO THAT WE MAY TAKE HOLD OF THE FORGIVENESS
WON FOR US BY CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[Galatians 3:11, 13](#)

SINGING GOD'S GRACE

["Always Forgiven"](#)

Songbook

**I don't deserve to be Your servant
And how much less to be Your child
Anger and wrath, sure condemnation
Should be my portion, my just reward
Never have seen it, never will know it
Your loving kindness enfolds my life**

**All You have shown me is
Grace, love and mercy
Now and forever I am Your child
Freely You pour out
Your loving kindness
Father of grace
You welcome me in**

**All of the sin I have committed
Was placed upon Your righteous Son
And now You see me through His perfection
As if I'd never done any wrong
Always forgiven, always accepted
No fear of judgment before Your throne**

**All You have shown me is
Grace, love and mercy
Now and forever I am Your child
Freely You pour out
Your loving kindness
Father of grace
You welcome me in**

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of
God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of
God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not
made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom
all things were made; who, for us and for our salvation,
came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy
Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was
crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered
and was buried; and the third day He rose again,
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall**

come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the LORD blows on it;

surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

lift it up, fear not;

say to the cities of Judah,

"Behold your God!"

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

behold, his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms;

he will carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead those that are with young.

"How Blest Is He Whose Trespass" #551 (Ps 32, vv. 1-3)

**How blest is he whose trespass
has freely been forgiv'n,
whose sin is wholly covered
before the sight of heav'n.
Blest he to whom Jehovah
will not impute his sin,
who has a guileless spirit,**

whose heart is true within.

**While I kept guilty silence
my strength was spent with grief,
thy hand was heavy on me,
my soul found no relief;
but when I owned my trespass,
my sin hid not from thee,
when I confessed transgression,
then thou forgavest me.**

**So let the godly seek thee
in times when thou art near;
no whelming floods shall reach them,
nor cause their hearts to fear.
In thee, O Lord, I hide me,
thou savest me from ill,
and songs of thy salvation
my heart with rapture thrill.**

Psalm 32

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P R A Y E R

[Palau \(prayercast.com\)](http://prayercast.com):

Every visitor to this nation must sign the “Palau Pledge” — the world’s first immigration pledge requiring tourists to promise to protect the environment. East of the Philippines and north of Indonesia, the islands of Palau are surrounded by a barrier reef that thrives where opposing deep-sea currents push nutrients to the surface, feeding a great variety of marine life. Its population of less than 20,000 is made up of native Micronesians who live alongside significant Filipino and Asian resident communities. Traditional Palauan society is

matrilineal, passing land and clan identity through the mother's family while emphasizing respect for elders, community responsibility, and the authority of local chiefs. Today, Palau maintains a close relationship with the United States, which provides economic assistance and guarantees U.S. defense support.

Despite having higher average incomes than most Pacific island nations, Palau relies heavily on U.S. government grants, tourism, and state employment. Reliance on tourism leaves Palau vulnerable to global recessions, while its narrow economic base makes the country dependent on imports for food and fuel, driving up living costs. Many young Palauans leave for education and employment abroad, creating labor shortages that are increasingly filled by foreign workers. The nation's reliance on processed imported foods has also contributed to high rates of diabetes. As Palau has become more connected to global tourism and foreign labor, it has faced growing methamphetamine use and labor trafficking. Most trafficking involves vulnerable migrant workers employed in industries like construction and hospitality.

A vast majority of the Palauan population considers itself Christian. Religious leaders are highly respected, and there is strong community participation in the churches, though many identify as Christian because it has become part of Palauan identity and they may have limited engagement with Scripture, church life, or personal faith. Though Modekngei, a native religion, is not widely practiced today, traditional beliefs can still influence worldview, especially regarding spirituality, ancestors, and the supernatural. Because Palau has close ties with the U.S., tourism, and global media, consumerism, individualism, and secularization have crept into the Palauan Church. Nevertheless, every community in Palau has access to churches and Scripture, providing widespread opportunities to hear the Gospel. As migrant communities grow, believers have increasing opportunities to share Christ with their

neighbors.

- Pray for life-changing relationships with Christ over mere cultural Christianity.
- Pray for deep hunger for God among youth tempted by materialism and secular values.
- Pray for a new generation of leaders equipped for effective discipleship.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MINISTER'S PRAYER,
THE CONGREGATION SHALL PRAY TOGETHER:

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.

SERMON TEXT

Hebrews 10:11-18

¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷ then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

SERMON

"In Christ You Are Forgiven"

GRATEFUL PRAISE

"It Is Well with My Soul"

#691

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."**

***It is well* [it is well] *with my soul;* [with my soul]
*it is well, it is well with my soul.***

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]**

**My sin- O the bliss of this glorious thought!-
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]**

**O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so"- it is well with my soul. [Refrain]**

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

PLEASE **HOLD** ELEMENTS UNTIL **ALL** ARE SERVED.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE IS IN THE TRAYS.

GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS IN THE BOWL IN THE **CENTER** OF THE TRAYS..

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass" #551 (Ps 32, vv. 4-5)

**I graciously will teach thee
the way that thou shalt go,
and with mine eye upon thee
my counsel make thee know.**

**But be ye not unruly,
or slow to understand,
be not perverse, but willing
to heed my wise command.**

**The sorrows of the wicked
in number shall abound,
but those that trust Jehovah,
his mercy shall surround.
Then in the Lord be joyful,
in song lift up your voice.
Be glad in God, ye righteous,
rejoice, ye saints, rejoice.**

Psalm 32

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

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BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

Songbook

***May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor
Rest upon us from above.
Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess in sweet communion
Joys which earth cannot afford.***

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EVENING WORSHIP



OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 61

(TH page 806)

HYMN

"A Few More Years Shall Roll"

TH #540

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 9

NT SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 13

PRAYERS

SERMON

John 18:33-36

"The Believer at Home"

(see WCF 32.1, TH page 867)

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SONGS BY REQUEST

CLOSING PRAYER



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