



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

September 27, 2026



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

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS WEEKEND

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**: Join us at 9:30am: youth downstairs and adults upstairs.

THIS SUNDAY

- **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**: Join us this Sunday at **5:30PM** in the sanctuary. See service details on page 14 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 29th) 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.
- **WIC MEETING**: Sunday, October 11th during lunch
- **YOUNG ADULTS**: Next meeting on Thursday, October 1st

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 149:1, 4*](#)

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.**

[*"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!"*](#)

#176

**Hail, thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us:
thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou agonizing Savior,
bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merits we find favor;
life is given through thy name.**

**Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins were on thee laid;
by almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood;
opened is the gate of heaven,
peace is made 'twixt man and God.**

**Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there forever to abide;
all the heav'nly hosts adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading;
there thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding
till in glory we appear.**

**Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing
thou art worthy to receive:
loudest praises, without ceasing,
meet it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
help to sing our Savior's merits,
help to chant Immanuel's praise!**

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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

[Galatians 5:13-17](#)

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Our glorious God and gracious Heavenly Father, we praise You for every spiritual blessing that You have given us in Jesus. You have chosen us, adopted us into Your family and redeemed us through Christ's blood. We belong to You. And yet, we confess we often take Your generous love for granted, especially in our failures to serve and love Christ's body, the Church. Please forgive us for how our self-interest has taken priority over doing Your will. Help us to live in grateful obedience to you, and to faithfully follow our Lord and Savior Jesus wherever He leads. We ask this in Christ's name. 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

[Romans 3:21-24](#)

SINGING GOD'S GRACE

["When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"](#)

#252

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

*Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter X.1-2
Of Effectual Calling*

1. All those whom God has predestinated unto life, and those only, he is pleased, in his appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by his Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation, by Jesus Christ; enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them a heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and, by his almighty power, determining them to that which is good, and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ: yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by his grace.

2. This effectual call is of God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in man, who is altogether passive therein, until, being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it.

SCRIPTURE READING *Exodus 19:1-6; 1 Peter 2:9-12*

Exodus 19: ¹ On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ² They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³ while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴ You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

1 Peter 2: ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

#376 (verses 1-3)

**Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Lord, my God, I come before thee,
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!**

**Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.**

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PRAYER

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

Situated between Costa Rica and Colombia, Panama serves as the land bridge between North and South America. Flanked by the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean, the narrow land has long been marked by trade routes to move goods from one ocean to the other. During the Spanish colonial period (roughly the early 1500s to 1821), Panama was an important transit route for transporting silver and gold from South America to Spain. One key overland route, known as the Camino Real (Panama colonial route), linked ports and settlements across the isthmus and was used to move goods between the Atlantic and Pacific. Panama has endured nearly three centuries of Spanish rule, followed by dictators. In more recent years, Panama has enjoyed democratic rule, as well as general stability despite occasional political issues.

Panama exists as a bridge both geographically and ethnically. With Mestizos, Caribbeans, Europeans, Amerindians, and other immigrants from around the world, Panama represents a diverse cross-section of the world's population while maintaining a strong, nationalistic identity. Panama has had strong economic growth historically; however, financial crimes like money laundering are common. About one in three children are living in poverty. Spanning 50 long miles, the Panama Canal enables seagoing vessels to cross between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans without taking the long and more dangerous route around the tip of South America. As a testament to the canal's influence on global shipping, seagoing vessels have long been built to its dimensions, specifications known as Panamax. However, Panama's role as a transit hub creates exposure to drug trafficking.

Of Panama's roughly 4.5 million inhabitants, over 80 percent of the population claim Christianity. However, some of Panama's indigenous or less popular languages lack complete Bible translations, which hinders the nationwide spread of biblical teaching. The majority of the population are Catholic, with a small evangelical presence, but cultural Christianity prevents Church growth. A small portion of the population practices Islam. The government is in need of godly leadership that practices justice and honesty, and expels corruption, domestic violence, and drug abuse from the nation.

- Pray for passionate faith to replace nominalism and compromise within the Church.
- Pray for repentance from greed, corruption, and pride.
- Pray for God's provision and hope for the impoverished.

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 10:19-25

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

SERMON

"True Hearts that Love and Encourage"

GRATEFUL PRAISE

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

#283

**Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:**

**he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled.
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
now is risen from the dead.**

**Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield:
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine
from the furrows of the grave.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
alleluia to the Savior,
who has won the victory;
alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To the Triune Majesty.**

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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

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

#376 (verses 4-5)

**Thou my faith increase and quicken,
let me keep thy gift divine,
howsoe'er temptations thicken;
may thy Word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life,
as my comfort in my strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows,
here is balm for all our woes.**

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"Doxology"

#733

**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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"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 62

(TH page 806)

HYMN

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

TH #498

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 10

NT SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 1

PRAYERS

SERMON

John 5:25-29

"When Jesus Calls, the Dead Respond"

(see WCF 32.2, TH page 867)

SONGS BY REQUEST

CLOSING PRAYER



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