

## Morning Service of Worship

### Welcome and Announcements

#### **Prelude - Prepare Your Hearts for Worship**

*The prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and our time of corporate worship. During this time, you are encouraged to pray silently, asking the Holy Spirit to enable you to cling to and delight yourself in Jesus Christ.*

**\* Call to Worship – Revelation 22:17**

**\* Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (#426)**

**\* Hymn of Praise – #560 “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

#### **Prayer of Confession of Sin – Psalm 51**

*Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.*

*For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is always before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned, and done this evil in Your sight –that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.*

*Forgive us, O Lord our God.*

**Assurance of Pardon – Matthew 1:20-21**

**\* Response of Praise – Gloria Patri (#622)**

**\* Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism**  
**Pastor:** People of God, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**Congregation:** *That I am not my own, I but belong—body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

**Old Testament Reading – Daniel 3:13-30**

#### **Our Offering to the Lord**

**\* The Doxology (#624)**

**\* Hymn of Worship – #262 “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Message from God’s Holy Word**

**1 Peter 3:13-18 “Prepared to Make a Defense”**

**\* Hymn of Response – #347 “Be Still, My Soul”**

**\* Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26**

**\* Postlude – #602 – God be with you till we meet again. By His counsels guide, uphold you; With His sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.**

## Evening Service of Worship

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**\* Call to Worship – Isaiah 55:1**

**\* Invocation**

**\* Hymn of Praise – #74 “Majesty”**

**Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 17:22-24**

**\* Hymn of Worship – #208 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”**

#### **Elder’s Prayer**

#### **Message from God’s Word**

**Luke 13:18-30**

**“The Big, Big Kingdom of God”**

*Rev. Justin Huston*

#### **The Lord’s Supper**

**\* Hymn of Response – #188 “At the Cross”**

**\* Benediction – 2 Corinthians 13:14**

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ*

*and the love of God*

*and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit*

*be with you all.*

*\* The congregation is invited to stand*

## “Our Love for God”

*Bernard of Clairvaux (12<sup>th</sup> Century)*

*“You want me to tell you why and in what measure God is to be loved. I reply, the reason for loving God is God himself, and the measure of love to God, is to love without measure.*

*This sets forth the Father's love. But "He has poured out His soul unto death," was written of the Son (Isaiah 53:12). And of the Holy Spirit it is said, "The Comforter which is the Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in My name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26). It is plain, therefore, that God loves us, and loves us with all His heart; for the Holy Trinity altogether loves us, if we may venture so to speak of the infinite and incomprehensible Godhead who is essentially one.*

*Admit that God deserves to be loved very much, yea, boundlessly, because he loved us first, he infinite and we nothing, loved us, miserable sinners, with a love so great and so free. This is why I said at the beginning that the measure of our love to God is to love immeasurably. For since our love is toward God, who is infinite and immeasurable, how can we bound or limit the love we owe him? Besides, our love is not a gift but a debt. And since it is the Godhead who loves us, himself boundless, eternal, supreme love, of whose greatness there is no end, yea, and His wisdom is infinite, whose peace passes all understanding; since it is he who loves us, I say, can we think of repaying him grudgingly? "I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my strength, in whom I will trust."*

*He is all that I need, all that I long for. My God and my help, I will love thee for Thy great goodness; not so much as I might, surely, but as much as I can. I cannot love thee as thou deservest to be loved, for I cannot love thee more than my own feebleness permits. I will love thee more when thou deemest me worthy to receive greater capacity for loving; yet never so perfectly as thou hast deserved of me."*

## Announcements

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- Nursery Volunteers – Rebecca and Alanna
- Happy Birthday! Nathan Vaughan, RC Kline (Today), Felicity Vaughan, Viktoria Friudenberg (Tues), Kari Crouch (Fri)
- Happy Anniversary! Brett and Pattie (Thur)
- Tusculum University Christian Leadership Dinner – May 7, MCPC has 8 seats remaining.

## This Week

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- Today, 5:00p – Prayer Meeting
- Tonight, 6:00p – Evening Worship Service (Lord's Supper)
- Wed, 7:00a – Men's Study, Numark
- Wed, 6:30p – Food, Fellowship, Ephesians Study

## Prayer Requests

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- Health: Kari Crouch, Beth Robertson, Jerry Neas, Nathan Vaughan, Lori Kline, Sharon Holt, Cathy Pleasants
- God's Care and Provision: McGowan Family, Holt Family, Huston Family
- Protection: Americans Serving in the Middle East
- Kirsten's Pregnancy: Health for mom and baby
- Repentance: Loved ones who have strayed
- Brent and Aniya Neas – Wisdom, Peace
- Kalissa – Saving faith
- Shut Ins: Dorothy, Kari
- Supported Ministry: Hope Pregnancy Center
- Church: Covenant PCA, Cedar Bluff, VA, Pastor Vince Hogue
- Country: Repentance and Revival

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**Lord's Day Services of Worship**

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