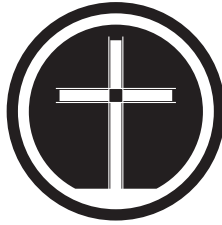


# ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 27, 2024



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**October 27, 2024**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

To all who are weary and need rest;  
To all who mourn and long for comfort;  
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;  
To all who fail and desire strength;  
To all who sin and need a Savior;  
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;  
And to whoever will come—  
This Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of  
the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Call to Worship**  
Psalm 46:1–7, 10

**Leader:** God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**People:** **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

**Leader:** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.  
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**People:** **The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**Leader:** “Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”

Let us worship and exalt our God together!

**Hymn of Praise**  
A Mighty Fortress Is  
Our God

A mighty fortress is our God  
A bulwark never failing  
Our helper he amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow’r are great  
And armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide  
Our striving would be losing  
Were not the right man on our side  
The man of God's own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be  
Christ Jesus it is he  
Lord Sabaoth his name  
From age to age the same  
And he must win the battle

And tho' this world with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us  
The prince of darkness grim  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure  
For lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow'rs  
No thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Thro' him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go  
This mortal life also  
The body they may kill  
God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever

### **Invocation**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

### **Gloria Patri**

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

## Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

*\*The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.*

Leader: Christians, what do we believe?

**All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, 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 is seated 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 worshipped 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.**

## Hymn

Immortal, Invisible,  
God Only Wise

Immortal invisible God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed most glorious the Ancient of Days  
Almighty victorious thy great name we praise

Unresting unchanging and silent as light  
Nor wanting nor wasting thou rulest in might  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

To all life thou givest to both great and small  
In all life thou livest the true life of all  
Thy wisdom so boundless thy mercy so free  
Eternal thy goodness for naught changeth thee

Great Father of glory pure Father of light  
Thine angels adore thee all veiling their sight  
All praise we would render O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee

**Call to  
Confession**

Exodus 20:14  
Westminster Larger  
Catechism Q/A  
137–138;  
Heidelberg  
Catechism Q/A 109

**Leader:** What is the seventh commandment?

**People:** **The seventh commandment is: You shall not commit adultery.**

**Leader:** What does the seventh commandment require?

**People:** **The seventh commandment requires us to be sexually pure in body, mind, inclinations, words, and actions, and to maintain that purity in ourselves and others. We are to monitor what we look at as well as what we experience with our other senses; and we are to live temperately, keeping pure company and dressing modestly. Those who cannot control their sexual desires should marry, loving and living together with their spouses. We should also work hard at whatever we are called to do, avoiding all opportunities for indecency, and resisting any temptation to say, think, or do anything indecent or obscene.**

**Leader:** Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

**People:** **We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why he forbids everything which incites unchastity, whether it be actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires.**

**Public  
Confession**

**Leader:** Most merciful Father, we have sinned against you and are guilty before you. Forgive us the sins of our tongues:

**All:** **For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others; for resentment, impatience, and tempers out of control.**

**Leader:** Forgive us for the sins of our eyes:

**All:** **For impurity in our glances and imagination, for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth than you have already given us.**

**Leader:** Forgive us the sins of our hearts:

**All:** **For hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors; for pride, self-absorption, self-pity and, above all, for rebelling against your Lordship and doubting your love. Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, and melt our hearts. Give grace to be holy, kind, gentle, and pure, to live for you and not for ourselves, being transformed into your likeness.**

**Silent  
Confession**

**Assurance of  
Pardon and  
Comfort**  
Isaiah 1:18

Leader: Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.  
Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn**  
The Lord Almighty  
Reigns

There's an endless song  
Waiting to be sung  
With the voice of every tribe  
The sound of every tongue

When the bride of Christ  
On that day of days  
Brings with joy unto the Lamb  
A multitude of praise

Like the roar of mighty seas  
And rolls of thunder  
Hear his people sing

*Chorus*  
*Hallelujah hallelujah*  
*For the Lord Almighty reigns*  
*Hallelujah hallelujah*  
*For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns*

We will join the feast  
Rest from battles won  
Tell with great rejoicing  
All the wonders God has done

And like the roar of mighty seas  
And rolls of thunder  
All the church will sing

*Chorus*

Certain of that day  
Christ we will proclaim  
Oh that more would share the prize  
Salvation in his name

Then greater will the anthem ring  
A mighty chorus rising to the King

*Chorus*  
*Hallelujah hallelujah*  
*For the Lord Almighty reigns*  
*Hallelujah hallelujah*  
*For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns*

*Chorus*

**(8:30)**

**Sacrament of  
Baptism**

Clark Simon Taylor

**(11:00) Pastoral  
Prayer**

**Tithes &  
Offerings**

**Musical  
Offering**

To The Lamb On The  
Throne

Ye servants of God your master proclaim  
And publish abroad his wonderful name  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all

Salvation to God who sits on the throne  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb

God rules in the height almighty to save  
Though hid from our sight  
His presence we have  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King

Then let us adore and give him his right  
All glory and pow'r all wisdom and might  
All honor and blessing with angels above  
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love

**The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

**Prayer of  
Dedication**

## Sermon

### “Abram Went Down to Egypt”

Genesis 12:10-20

Rev. Richard Harris

## Closing Song

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am his and he is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from his hand  
'Til he returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand  
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from his hand  
'Til he returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

## Benediction

## Postlude

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## Announcements

- Condolences** We extend our sympathy to Barbara Roseberry in the loss of her brother, Bill Manning. Please be in prayer for Barbara and her family during this difficult time.
- Support Our Partner School** The PTA of Cedar Brook Elementary needs volunteers for their Fall Festival on Saturday, November 2. Please sign up to help at [bit.ly/CBE-festival](https://bit.ly/CBE-festival).
- Family Ministry Social** Join us for the Family Ministry Social on Sunday, November 3, 12:30–3 pm at Kirby Ice House. Childcare provided at church. Details & registration: [cpchouston.org/social](https://cpchouston.org/social)
- ESL Teacher Training** Teacher training November 15 & 16: No experience necessary! Details & registration: [cpchouston.org/ESL](https://cpchouston.org/ESL) or contact Axel Sotelo.
- Men's Steak Night** Men, come for a great time of fellowship and great food November 22! Details & registration: [cpchouston.org/steak](https://cpchouston.org/steak)
- Thanksgiving Worship** Join us Sunday, November 24, at 5:30 pm for our Thanksgiving worship service followed by a fellowship meal together. Please sign up for dinner online at [cpchouston.org/Thanksgiving](https://cpchouston.org/Thanksgiving).
- Handel's Messiah** Our 2024 Handel's Messiah performance dates are December 12, 13 & 14.
- CPC Cookbook** Our cookbooks benefitting Tumaini Children's Village are here! To purchase a cookbook, visit [bit.ly/CPC-Cooks](https://bit.ly/CPC-Cooks).
- Men's Retreat** Our 2025 Men's Retreat is February 7–8. Learn more and register online: [cpchouston.org/mens-retreat](https://cpchouston.org/mens-retreat).
- Women's Retreat** Save the date for our Womens' Retreat March 28–30, 2025 at Camp Allen!
- Worship Choir** Worship Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New voices are welcome! Contact BJ McDougal for more information.
- Men's Bible Study** The Men's Bible Study is led by Pastor Harris on Tuesdays, 6:45–7:45 am, in the Chapel. Join us for teaching, small group discussion, and breakfast! Sign up at [cpchouston.org/men](https://cpchouston.org/men).
- Women's Bible Study** Join Mikie Bellis and the women of CPC for our study of Leviticus & Hebrews. We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Register at [cpchouston.org/BibleStudy](https://cpchouston.org/BibleStudy).
- Volunteers Needed** The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at [cpchouston.org/deacons](https://cpchouston.org/deacons).

## Announcements

- Sunday School** Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am!  
Class descriptions: [cpchouston.org/Sunday-School](http://cpchouston.org/Sunday-School)
- City Groups** Sign up online at [cpchouston.org/city-groups](http://cpchouston.org/city-groups) or contact Steve Bellis.
- Mo-Ranch** Mark your calendar for our All-Church Retreat at Mo-Ranch July 24–27, 2025.

### Year-to-Date Giving

<b>GIVING TARGETED FOR 2024</b>	<b>\$3,138,300</b>
<b>GIVING TARGETED JAN–OCT 2024</b>	<b>\$2,165,427</b>
<b>GIVING RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$2,063,735</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE AS OF 10/24/24</b>	<b>(\$101,692)</b>

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” *2 Corinthians 9:6*

Give online at [cpchouston.org/Give](http://cpchouston.org/Give)



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**Elder on Call**

Marshall Henderson

**Diaconal Member on Call**

Mike Lamb

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