



HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

January 3, 2021

Note: All hymn selections are included at the end of this document.

Reflection

“In opposition...to all the suggestions of the devil, the sole, simple, and sufficient answer is the word of God. This puts to flight all the powers of darkness. The Christian finds this to be true in his individual experience. It dissipates his doubts; it drives away his fears; it delivers him from the power of Satan.” – Charles Hodge

“A layman who has the Scripture is more than Pope or council without it.”

– Martin Luther

Musical Reflection

O Word of God Incarnate (sung by musicians)

1. O Word of God Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps
shines on from age to age.

2. It floateth like a banner
before God's host unfurled;
it shineth like a beacon
above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging sea,
'mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to thee

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

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.*

Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-3

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord, give praise, O servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise

How Firm a Foundation #94

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Prayer of Confession and Pastoral Prayer

Words of Comfort and Promise

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Hymn of Response

Before the Throne of God Above

- 1. Before the throne of God above; I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great High Priest whose name is Love; Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands; My name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*
- 2. When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there; who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died; my sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just is satisfied; to look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.*
- 3. Behold him there! The Risen Lamb; my perfect spotless Righteousness.
The great unchangeable I Am; the King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high; with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.*

Alt. Words and Music by Vikki Cook

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 157, 160

Q. 157. How is the Word of God to be read?

A. The holy Scriptures are to be read with an high and reverent esteem of them; with a firm persuasion that they are the very Word of God, and that he only can enable us to understand them; with desire to know, believe, and obey the will of God revealed in them; with diligence, and attention to the matter and scope of them; with meditation, application, self-denial, and prayer.

Q. 160. What is required of those that hear the word preached?

A. It is required of those that hear the word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

¹¹ “Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and

thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. ¹⁷ Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ ¹⁸ You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. ¹⁹ And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. ²⁰ Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Amen

Hymn of Preparation

Shine Thou upon Us, Lord #411

Proclamation of God’s Word

Rev. Steve Light

Matthew 4:1-11 – “It is Written...” Triumph over the Tempter by the Word of God

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,’
and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We invite all baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, who are communicant members of a Bible-believing church, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully for Christ, to participate in the Lord's Supper. According to 1 Corinthians 11, participating rightly in this meal requires us to understand what is happening, so we ask that children who have not yet been received into communicant membership not partake of the elements. If you think your child is ready to participate, please speak to one of the elders.

Musical Reflection

Our Great God (sung by musicians)

1. Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne,
they raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Refrain

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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2. Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sov'reign God. *Refrain*

Offering

(offering plates at exits)

Closing Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #92

Benediction

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Matthew 4:1-11 ~ "It is Written..." Triumph over the Tempter by the Word of God

1. Your salvation is bound up with the defeat of _____.
2. The first lie exposed: "You live by bread _____. God and his word are _____. You are on your _____."
3. The second lie exposed: "You can put God to the _____. You can do what you _____ and expect God's protection. You may _____ upon God."
4. The third temptation: A temptation of strong _____, not subtlety.
5. The Sword of the Spirit is the _____.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Visitors! We are so glad you are here to worship with us. Please take a moment to fill out the visitor's card there in the pew in front of you! There is also a place for **prayer requests** on the back.

Upcoming Sunday Morning Schedule — We will begin our new Adult Sunday School series on the topic of Evangelism **next Sunday, January 10th at 9:15 am** in the Fellowship Hall. More details to come.

Upcoming Sunday Evening Schedule — We will **not** have evening activities tonight. We will begin our new evening format **next Sunday, January 10th at 6:00 pm** with a Sunday Evening Worship & Prayer Service. More details to come.

2021 Bible Reading Plan — We have begun a new Bible reading and journal plan for the year 2021. Be sure to grab a green journal and reading plan located at each of the exits today.

Neighborhood Outreach Dinner — We will resume our normal NOD ministry schedule this Thursday, January 7th.

Men's & Women's Hebrews Bible Studies — Both the men and women will study the book of Hebrews in our upcoming Bible studies. We are eager to have maximum participation for these times of fellowship and study of God's Word; will you join us? **Please register** on our website under the "Ministries" tab, under Bible Studies. All gatherings will take place at the church in a large room, and will also be offered via Zoom. Email hmccollough@htpctampa.org with any questions.

****Study guides are available for purchase today (\$13 - cash, check, or pay online).**

- **Women** — beginning Tuesday, January 12th at 10:00 am & 6:30 pm.
- **Men** — beginning Friday, January 15th at 7:00 am (potential evening meeting option)

How Firm a Foundation

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - cry tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Shine Thou upon Us, Lord

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Preach the Word. 2 Tim. 4:2

1. Shine thou up - on us, Lord, true light of men, to - day,
 2. Breathe thou up - on us, Lord, thy Spir - it's liv - ing flame.
 3. Speak thou for us, O Lord, in all we say of thee;
 4. Live thou with - in us, Lord; thy mind and will be ours;

and through the writ - ten Word thy ver - y self dis - play,
 that so with one ac - cord our lips may tell thy name.
 ac - cord - ing to thy Word let all our teach - ing be,
 be thou be - lov'd, a - dored, and served with all our pow'rs,

that so from hearts which burn with gaz - ing on thy face
 Give thou the hear - ing ear, fix thou the wan - d'ring thought,
 that so thy lambs may know their own true Shep - herd's voice,
 that so our lives may teach thy chil - dren what thou art,

thy lit - tle ones may learn the won - ders of thy grace.
 that those we teach may hear the great things thou hast wrought.
 wher - e'er he leads them go, and in his love re - joice.
 and plead, by more than speech, for thee with ev - 'ry heart.

John Ellerton, 1881

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.