



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

November 16, 2025



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

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS SUNDAY

- **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**: This Sunday morning at **9:30AM**.
- **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP**: Everyone is invited to join us after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES**: We are collecting again this year for Operation Christmas Child, focusing on boys and girls ages 10–14. Please bring items this Sunday as boxes will be packed during lunch. Collection bins are in the fellowship hall. Gift ideas can be found on flyers on the table in the foyer upstairs and by the collection boxes downstairs.
- **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**: Join us this Sunday at **5:30PM** in the sanctuary. See service details on page 17 (or the church calendar on our app or website).

NEXT WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY**: Next **Tuesday** (Nov 18) at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link)

THE FOLLOWING WEEK

- **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION**: Please join us on Thursday, **November 27** at **2:00PM** at Hope. We will provide the main dish(es) and have a sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts.

- **HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Our annual church decorating event will take place on Saturday, **November 29** at **10:00am**. Everyone is welcome as we deck the foyer and fellowship hall for Christmas (no experience needed, just a cheerful spirit and willing hands). Lisa Woodruff will be coordinating the event this year, so keep an eye out for a volunteer sign-up announcement.

COMING UP

- **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Our annual congregational meeting will take place during lunch after the worship service on Sunday, **November 30**.
- **CHRISTMAS RIP-OFF:** Join us for a beloved annual tradition: the Craig Vick Memorial Christmas Rip-Off on Saturday, **December 20**. The evening kicks off at **6:00PM** with tasty finger foods, followed by our hilariously unpredictable “rip-off” gift exchange. To play, bring a wrapped gift valued at \$15 or less — and brace yourself for the very real possibility that your present might be snatched away! Family and friends are very welcome, so come ready for laughter, mischief, and plenty of holiday cheer.

MORNING WORSHIP



SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

GREETING

PEOPLE: Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

from [Psalm 149:1–4; Psalm 118:24](#)

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.**

["Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"](#) (Ps 98)

#16

**Come, let us sing unto the Lord,
New songs of praise with sweet accord;
For wonders great by Him are done;
His hand and arm have victory won.**

**The great salvation of our God
Is seen through all the earth abroad;
Before the heathen's wond'ring sight,
He hath revealed His truth and right.**

**He called to mind His truth and grace
In promise made to Israel's race;
And unto earth's remotest bound,
Glad tidings of salvation sound.**

**All lands to God lift up your voice;
Sing praise to Him, with shouts rejoice;
With voice of joy and loud acclaim,
Let all unite and praise His Name.**

**Praise God with harp, with harp sing praise,
With voice of psalms His glory raise;
With trumpets, cornets, gladly sing
And shout before the Lord, the King.**

**Let earth be glad, let billow roar
And all that dwell from shore to shore;
Let floods clap hands with one accord,
Let hills rejoice before the Lord.**

**For lo, he comes; at his command
all nations shall in judgment stand;
In justice robes and throned in light,
the Lord shall judge, dispensing right**

Words from Psalm 98. Associate Reformed Presbyterian *Psalter* (1931; mod.).

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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

[*Proverbs 21:23-30*](#)

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Our sovereign God and Father, maker and ruler of all things and all people, we confess our sins before you. We acknowledge the sinfulness of our rebellion against your holiness. O Lord God, forgive the iniquity of your people; cover all our sin. Do not be angry with us, but revive us that we may rejoice in your mercy and grace. Restore us, O God of our salvation. We praise you and thank you that in our Savior Jesus you have shown us your steadfast love, O Lord, and granted us your salvation.

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

[Isaiah 12:3-4](#)

SINGING GOD'S GRACE

["My Song Forever Shall Record"](#) (Ps 89)

Songbook

**My song forever shall record
the tender mercies of the Lord;
Thy faithfulness will I proclaim,
and ev'ry age shall know Thy name.**

**I sing of mercies that endure,
forever builded firm and sure,
of faithfulness that never dies,
established changeless in the skies.**

**Behold God's truth and grace displayed,
for he has faithful cov'nant made,
and he has sworn that David's son
shall ever sit upon his throne.**

**"For him my mercy shall endure,
my cov'nant made with him is sure;
his throne and race I will maintain
forever, while the heav'ns remain."**

**The heav'ns shall join in glad accord
To praise Thy wondrous works, O Lord;
Thy faithfulness shall praise command
Where holy ones assembled stand.**

**Who in the heav'nly dwellings fair
Can with the Lord Himself compare?
In all Thy works and vast designs
Thy faithfulness forever shines.**

**The heav'ns and earth, by right divine,
The world and all therein, are Thine;
The whole creation's wondrous frame
Proclaims its Maker's glorious Name.**

**Blest be the Lord forever more,
Whose promise stands from days of yore.
His Word is faithful now as then;
Blest be his name. Amen, amen.**

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

The 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;**

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**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.**

P R A Y E R

[Kuwait \(prayercast.com\)](http://prayercast.com): Located at the head of the Persian Gulf between Saudi Arabia and Iraq, the desert state of Kuwait is blessed with an abundance of oil, great material wealth, and strategic access to major shipping lanes. The Kuwaiti people are descendants of nomadic tribes who settled in the area in the 18th century, yet today they are a minority in their own nation. The population is only 40% Kuwaiti, while the majority is composed of a large immigrant population. These migrant workers are often taken advantage of and treated with resentment.

The Kuwaiti government is a constitutional emirate headed by an Emir, who shares power with an elected national assembly. The political environment has recently been shaken by political unrest, protests, accusations of corruption, and many successive changes in the government. Kuwait was invaded by its northern neighbor Iraq in 1990, and in the following year a coalition of nations removed the Iraqi forces and liberated Kuwaitis. The nation has since made a strong economic recovery. Oil is the primary economic driver behind the Kuwaiti economy and composes nearly half of the GDP. Kuwait possesses roughly 7% of the world's proven oil reserve and produces over 2.6 million barrels every day.

Sunni Islam is the official religion of Kuwait, and 60% of the people follow that faith. 25% are Shi'a Muslims, and 14% are Christians. The underground church is growing quickly in numbers and maturity. Between 2005 and 2010, Christianity in Kuwait had an annual growth rate of nearly 6%. Christian meetings are allowed, but only in certain designated compounds. More space is needed. Christian satellite TV, radio programing, and websites are effective tools that are reaching numerous Kuwaitis with the message of Christ. Many Kuwaiti students who study abroad encounter Christian witnesses and become followers of Jesus. The large minority group of "Bidoon", or stateless Arabs, has no known believers.

- Pray for God to use His unlimited resources to make Himself known to Muslims.
- Pray for the salvation of Kuwaitis studying in nations where the Gospel is openly proclaimed.
- Pray for expatriate believers to be fearless speakers of truth.

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

[Deuteronomy 31:30 – 32:44](#)

³⁰Then Moses spoke the words of this song until they were finished, in the ears of all the assembly of Israel:

- 1 “Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak,
 and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
- 2 May my teaching drop as the rain,
 my speech distill as the dew,
 like gentle rain upon the tender grass,
 and like showers upon the herb.
- 3 For I will proclaim the name of the LORD;
 ascribe greatness to our God!
- 4 The Rock, his work is perfect,
 for all his ways are justice.
 A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
 just and upright is he.
- 5 They have dealt corruptly with him;
 they are no longer his children
 because they are blemished;
 they are a crooked and twisted generation.
- 6 Do you thus repay the LORD,
 you foolish and senseless people?
 Is not he your father, who created you,
 who made you and established you?

- 7 Remember the days of old;
consider the years of many generations;
ask your father, and he will show you,
your elders, and they will tell you.
- 8 When the Most High gave to the nations
their inheritance,
when he divided mankind,
he fixed the borders of the peoples
according to the number of the sons of God.
- 9 But the LORD's portion is his people,
Jacob his allotted heritage.
- 10 He found him in a desert land,
and in the howling waste of the wilderness;
he encircled him, he cared for him,
he kept him as the apple of his eye.
- 11 Like an eagle that stirs up its nest,
that flutters over its young,
spreading out its wings, catching them,
bearing them on its pinions,
- 12 the LORD alone guided him,
no foreign god was with him.
- 13 He made him ride on the high places of the land,
and he ate the produce of the field,
and he suckled him with honey out of the rock,
and oil out of the flinty rock.
- 14 Curds from the herd, and milk from the flock,
with fat of lambs,
rams of Bashan and goats,
with the very finest of the wheat —
and you drank foaming wine made from
the blood of the grape.

- 15 But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked;
you grew fat, stout, and sleek;
then he forsook God who made him
and scoffed at the Rock of his salvation.
- 16 They stirred him to jealousy with strange gods;
with abominations they provoked him to anger.
- 17 They sacrificed to demons that were not God,
to gods they had never known,
to new gods that had come recently,
whom your fathers had never dreaded.
- 18 You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you,
and you forgot the God who gave you birth.
- 19 The LORD saw it and spurned them,
because of the provocation of his sons
and his daughters.
- 20 And he said, 'I will hide my face from them;
I will see what their end will be,
for they are a perverse generation,
children in whom is no faithfulness.
- 21 They have made me jealous with what is no god;
they have provoked me to anger with their idols.
So I will make them jealous with those
who are no people;
I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.
- 22 For a fire is kindled by my anger,
and it burns to the depths of Sheol,
devours the earth and its increase,
and sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.
- 23 And I will heap disasters upon them;
I will spend my arrows on them;
- 24 they shall be wasted with hunger,
and devoured by plague
and poisonous pestilence;

I will send the teeth of beasts against them,
with the venom of things that crawl in the dust.
25 Outdoors the sword shall bereave,
and indoors terror,
for young man and woman alike,
the nursing child with the man of gray hairs.
26 I would have said, "I will cut them to pieces;
I will wipe them from human memory,"
27 had I not feared provocation by the enemy,
lest their adversaries should misunderstand,
lest they should say "Our hand is triumphant,
it was not the LORD who did all this."
28 For they are a nation void of counsel,
and there is no understanding in them.
29 If they were wise, they would understand this;
they would discern their latter end!
30 How could one have chased a thousand,
and two have put ten thousand to flight,
unless their Rock had sold them,
and the LORD had given them up?
31 For their rock is not as our Rock;
our enemies are by themselves.
32 For their vine comes from the vine of Sodom
and from the fields of Gomorrah;
their grapes are grapes of poison;
their clusters are bitter;
33 their wine is the poison of serpents
and the cruel venom of asps.
34 Is not this laid up in store with me,
sealed up in my treasuries?
35 Vengeance is mine, and recompense,
for the time when their foot shall slip;
for the day of their calamity is at hand,
and their doom comes swiftly.'

- 36 For the LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.
- 37 Then he will say, 'Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,
38 who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?
Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!
- 39 See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.
- 40 For I lift up my hand to heaven
and swear, As I live forever,
41 if I sharpen my flashing sword
and my hand takes hold on judgment,
I will take vengeance on my adversaries
and will repay those who hate me.
- 42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood,
and my sword shall devour flesh —
with the blood of the slain and the captives,
from the long-haired heads of the enemy.'
- 43 Rejoice with him, O heavens;
bow down to him, all gods,
for he avenges the blood of his children
and takes vengeance on his adversaries.
He repays those who hate him
and cleanses his people's land."
- 44 Moses came and recited all the words of this song in the
hearing of the people, he and Joshua the son of Nun.

GRATEFUL PRAISE

"God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

#122

**God, all nature sings Thy glory,
and Thy works proclaim Thy might;
ordered vastness in the heavens,
ordered course of day and night;
beauty in the changing seasons,
beauty in the storming sea;
all the changing moods of nature
praise the changeless Trinity.**

**Clearer still we see Thy hand in
man whom Thou hast made for Thee;
ruler of creation's glory,
image of Thy majesty.**

**Music, art, the fruitful garden,
all the labor of his days,
are the calling of his Maker
to the harvest feast of praise.**

**But our sins have spoiled Thine image;
nature, conscience only serve
as unceasing, grim reminders
of the wrath which we deserve.**

**Yet Thy grace and saving mercy
in Thy Word of truth revealed
claim the praise of all who know Thee,
in the blood of Jesus sealed.**

**God of glory, power, mercy,
all creation praises Thee;
we, Thy creatures, would adore Thee
now and through eternity.**

**Saved to magnify Thy goodness,
grant us strength to do Thy will;
with our acts as with our voices
Thy commandments to fulfill.**

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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 AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

"Doxology"

#733

BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 3:5, 18

"Threefold Amen"

#740



EVENING WORSHIP



OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 15

(TH page 787–788)

HYMN

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

TH #535

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 6

NT SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 4

PRAYERS

SERMON

1 Corinthians 5:1

“Not Even among the Gentiles”

(See WCF 24.4 — TH page 863)

SONGS BY REQUEST

CLOSING PRAYER



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