



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

We return this morning to Romans 8, and our passage — verses 31-32 — ties in nicely with Psalm 91, which we considered last week. For here we find the triumphant Word that, because God is for us — this God who is above all and rules over all for his covenant people — because this God is for us, no one and no thing can stand against us. But we have a great proof of this: the fact that God did not spare his one and only Son. If our God would give this great gift for us, then won't he give us glory too?

Our worship service today reminds us of all these truths and ties them together for our minds, but even more for our hearts. We are called to worship with words from Psalm 91, an assurance to those who already abide under the Almighty's wings that our God will keep his promises to us, will guard us and protect us. And this is the case even though, as we confess, we are a people who have "corrupt and wandering hearts." Yet our God gave his one and only Son so that we might have eternal life. Surely, he will show us his salvation! Thanks be to God!

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY  
*Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

"Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord" from *Elijah* Mendelssohn  
*Elaine Clowers, Mindy Johnson, Arron Powell, and Harrison Howle, Quartet*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 91

*The Minister:* He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

*The Congregation:* I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

*The Minister:* For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

*The Congregation:* He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

*The Minister:* Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him. I will protect him, because he knows my name.

*All:* With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation! Amen!  
Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Who with God Most High Finds Shelter”

Psalm 91

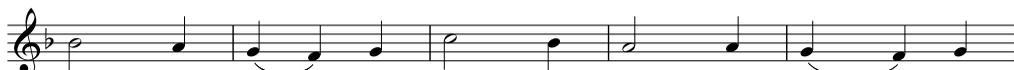
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1. Who with God Most High finds shel - ter in th'Al -  
2. God's truth is your shield and buck - ler; you'll no



might - y's shad - ow hides. To the Lord I'll  
ter - ror fear at night, nor by day the



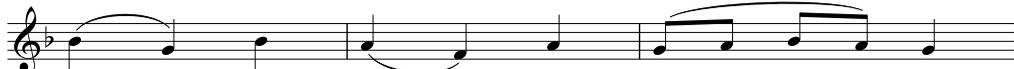
say, "My Re - fuge!" in my God my trust a -  
ar - row fly - ing, nor dis - ease that stalks at



bides. From the trap - per's snare he'll save you,  
night, For his love to me I'll save him,



from the dead - ly pes - ti - lence; cov - er  
keep him, for my name he knows. I will



you with out - spread pin - - ions,  
show him my sal - va - - tion,



make his wings your con - fi - dence.  
with long life will sat - is - fy.

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

### THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

### THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. Enable me to recognize my death to sin; when it tempts me, may I be deaf to its voice. Grant that I would abhor my body of death, its indolence, envy, meanness, and pride. Forgive, and kill, all my vices; have mercy on my unbelief, on my corrupt and wandering heart. Grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of his life — the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness. And fill me with your grace daily that my life be a fountain of love to Christ and for my neighbor, all for your sake, *Amen*.

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” — *John 3:14-16*

# THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“The Power of the Cross”

*Arron Powell, Violin James Brown, Guitar*

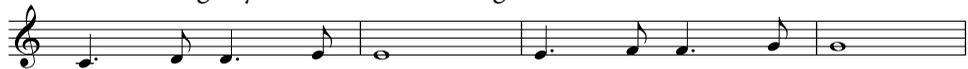
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1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day:  
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face,  
3. Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath  
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.  
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.  
quakes as its Mak - er bows his head.  
for through your suf - fring I am free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then  
Ev' - ry bit - ter thought, ev' - ry e - vil deed  
Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood. This, the  
crown - ing your blood - stained brow. This, the  
"Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. This, the  
won through your self - less love! This, the



pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came  
pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came  
pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came  
pow'r of the cross: Son of God,



sin for us; took the blame, bore the  
sin for us; took the blame, bore the  
sin for us; took the blame, bore the  
slain for us; what a love! What a



wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 13

*The Minister:* Why is he called God's "only begotten Son" when we also are God's children?

*The Congregation:* Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God — adopted by grace through Christ.

*The Minister:* Why do you call him "our Lord"?

*The Congregation:* Because — not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood — he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

## THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

## THE ANTHEM

"I Will Arise"

arr. Shaw-Parker

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms,  
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace,  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

# THE SERMON

Romans 8:31-32

*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“If God Is for Us”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. God is for us
  - A. Certainty

- B. Completely

2. God gave for us
  - A. He did not spare

- B. He handed over

3. God will give for us
  - A. All things

- B. Best thing

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Amazing Grace!”

No. 460  
(stanzas 1-5)

Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro’ many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;

‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,

I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’ve first begun.

## THE POSTLUDE

“God Is My Strong Salvation”

*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

arr. Young



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*The arrangement in the Sanctuary is presented to the glory of God.*

11:00 a.m. .... Worship Service

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The mission of Independent Presbyterian Church  
is to make disciples of Jesus by gathering for worship,  
growing in community, and going out in love.



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