



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

2021 . . . Thank God! Many of us have whispered this phrase to ourselves . . . maybe even shouted it from the rooftops. As we start a new year — a year we hope brings peace, health, and joy — it's always good to reorient our lives around God's Word and to think about its importance and its full operational authority in our daily living. Psalm 119 will be our guide through worship this morning as we use it to call us to worship, confess our sins, and assure us of God's pardoning grace in Jesus Christ. This Psalm speaks to the glories and wonders of God's Word, as well as reminds us that true blessedness is only found in daily delighting in it.

You will notice that, for our statement of faith, we are using the New City Catechism this year. For the past couple of years, in our Wednesday night BLAST! Program, our children have been learning this relatively new catechism, which draws on language from the great historic Reformed catechisms of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. As an encouragement to us all — young and old — we thought it would be good to use these catechism answers to teach us the things we most assuredly believe. If you would like additional resources to encourage your families with this catechism, you can find them online at <http://newcitycatechism.com>.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE THIRD DAY OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-ONE

Ten O'clock in the Morning

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

arr. Manz

Emilee Garrett, Organ

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:169-175

The Minister: Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word! Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.

The Congregation: My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes. My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.

The Minister: Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts. I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight.

The Congregation: Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me.

The Minister: Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness. O praise him, alleluia!

The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

No. 115

Francis of Asissi, ca. 1225

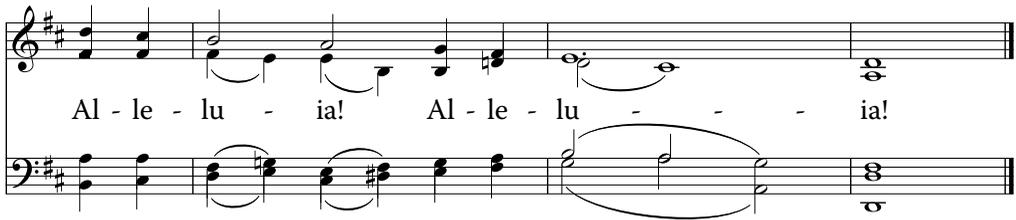
Lasst Uns Erfreuen

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy
4. And all ye men of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers,

with us sing, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou burn-ing
heav'n a-long, O praise him, al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing
Lord to hear, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou fire so
take your part, O sing ye, al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long

sun with gold-en beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam!
moon, in praise re-joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice!
mas-ter-ful and bright, that giv-est man both warmth and light.
pain and sor-row bear, praise God and on him cast your care!

O praise Him! O praise Him! Al-le-lu-ia!



THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

“With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord! I will keep your statutes. I call to you; save me, that I may observe your testimonies. I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words. My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise. Hear my voice according to your steadfast love; O Lord, according to your justice give me life.”

— *Psalm 119:145-149*

Father, we confess with our mouths that your Word is inspired, authoritative, and the only rule for faith and practice, and yet our hearts trivialize it, neglect it, and question its significance in our lives. We too quickly run to self-governance and filter your Word through cultural presuppositions and experiential false realities of the modern-day self. Father, forgive us for our lack of love for your Word, and renew a right spirit in us around your testimonies, commandments, and statutes. Cause our hearts to delight in your truth, and orient our lives around the eternal Word of God, our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word! When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes! Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works. My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word! Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law! I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your rules before me; I cling to your testimonies, O Lord; let me not be put to shame! I will run in the way of your commandments when you enlarge my heart!

— *Psalm 119:25-32*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“How Firm a Foundation”

No. 94

James Brown, Guitar Michelle Crews, Piano Tim Keith, Bass

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787

Foundation

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis -
3. "When through the deep waters I call you to
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall

Lord, is laid for your faith in his
mayed; for I am your God, and will
go, the riv - ers of sor - row shall
lie, my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall

ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he
still give you aid; I'll strength - en you,
not o - ver - flow; for I will be
be your sup - ply; the flame shall not

say than to you he has said, to
help you, and cause you to stand, up -
with you, your trou - bles to bless, and
hurt you; I on - ly de - sign your

you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
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."

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

New City Catechism, Q and A 1

The Minister: What is our only hope in life and death?

The Congregation: That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death,
to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

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

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J.S. Bach/arr. Treharne

Lauren Griffin, Violin

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Jesu, joy of man’s desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright,
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashion’d with the fire of life impassion’d.
Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding, Hark, what peaceful music rings!
Where the flock, in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty’s fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom’s holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own, in the love of joys unknown.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1

¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

“This Is the Way . . .”

The Reverend Parker Tenent

Assistant Pastor

SERMON NOTES

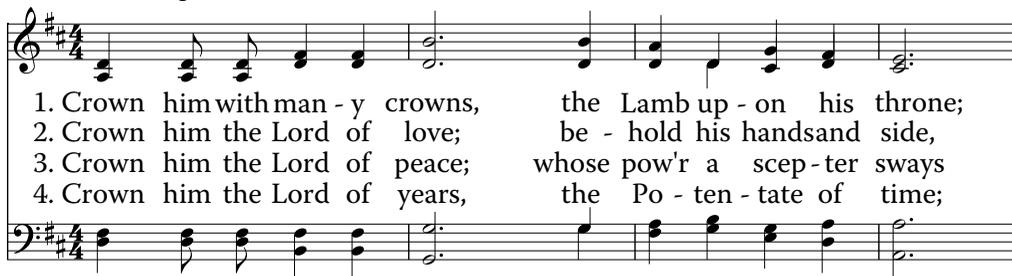
THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

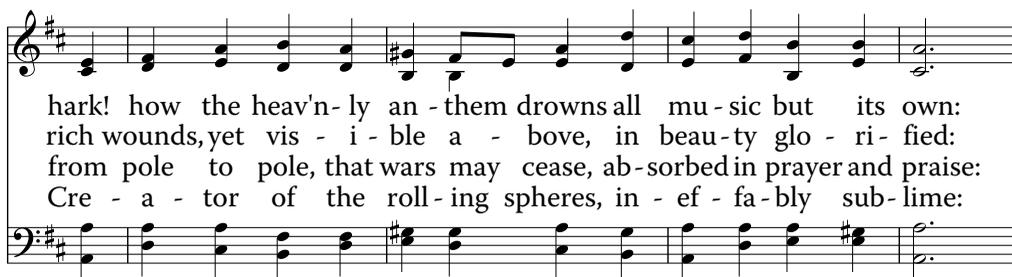
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Matthew Bridges, 1851

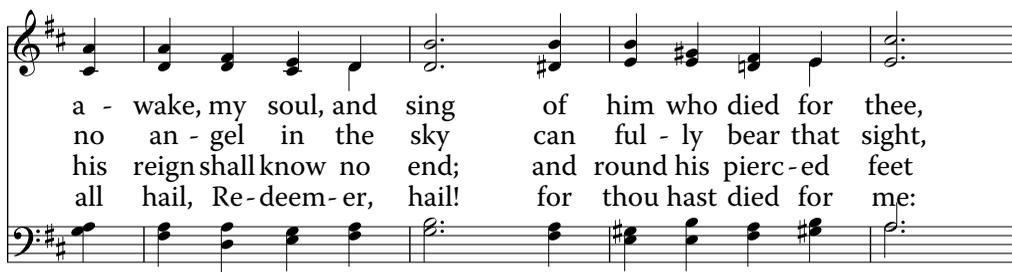
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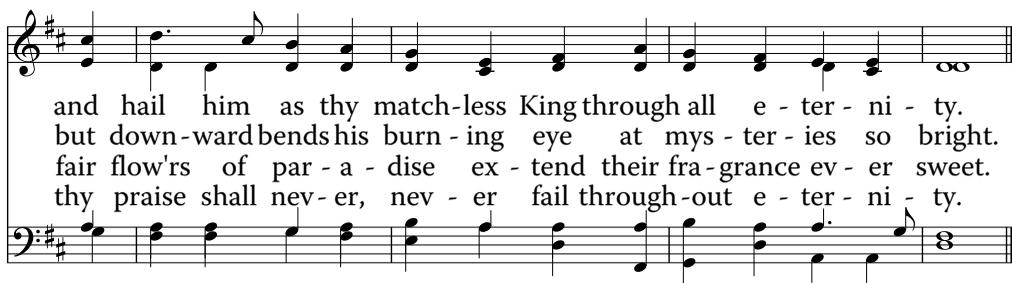
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;



hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Antioch

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

THE POSTLUDE

“Prelude in Classic Style”

G. Young



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

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

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BIRTH

Congratulations to

Mary and Jacob Davis on the birth of their son,
Halford “Ford” Lee Davis, on December 21.

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DEATH

We extend our sympathy to

Pat Gettings on the death of her husband,
Lou Gettings, on December 20.

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Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

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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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