



Erin Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY NOVEMBER 19, 2023

*The prayers today were written by Pastor Stuart.

PRELUDE "Come, Ye Faithful People, Come" James Pethel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us lift up our hearts as we enter the holiness of God.

People: We will praise the Lord and bless His goodness today and forever.

Pastor: May our worship be faithful, sincere, and acceptable to our Creator on this sacred day. Amen

HYMN #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

PRAYERS OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Guide: Loving Maker of Heaven and Earth, who sustains humanity despite our warmongering and destructive ways, we humbly come before You to offer our praise and worship. We seek to please You with our words and prayers, our music and message; we want to glorify You from our hearts and acknowledge Your sovereignty over our lives.

People: Merciful Father, we know that not all of our ways please You. We fall into temptation and allow our desires to diminish our faith. We neglect to follow Christ's teaching and, instead, we pander to our misguided opinions, selfish ideals, and sinful wants. Rather than witness to Your generous and tolerant spirit, we embrace our narrow and prejudicial beliefs. Forgive us for putting ourselves first by casting You aside. Hear us now as we humbly confess.

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: To be Christians, we need to accept Christ, suffer for our faith, and share His love. In Him, we have life and with His own words, we now pray: ***"Our Father, Who art in heaven...THE LORD'S PRAYER" (debts/debtors)***

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: Jesus forgives all of our faults when we take them to Him and seek His mercy. We are redeemed by His blood and restored through His grace. Amen.

ANTHEM “Farther Along” by Russell Mauldin Erin Choir

PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

Pastor: Everlasting Lord, our lives are finite and frail. Our bodies are weak and sometimes fail; our minds can be anxious and chaotic; our souls can be downhearted and overwhelmed. We need Your healing touch and yearn for Your peace to be present in our lives.

People: Divine Creator, we also pray for our loved ones and neighbors, other church members and colleagues. You know the struggles they are experiencing and the hardships they are trying to endure. You are aware of their fears and worries, as well as their concerns and circumstances. As we quietly name them before You, we pray that You will heal them of all that harms them in body, mind, heart, and soul.

- *Silent Prayers for others and ourselves. A candle is lit.* -

Pastor: May the Lord hear our prayers and graciously answer our requests. In Christ’s Name, we ask. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Holy Spirit, thank You for these sacred scriptures and the lessons that they still teach us today. Help us to hear what You have to say to us, so that we may receive and apply God’s holy Word in our daily lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 90:1-12

1-2 Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3-4 You turn people back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.” A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

5-6 Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning: In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.

7-8 We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

9-10 All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

11-12 If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due. Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

ALL: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1-3 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

4-5 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

6-8 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

9-11 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON "Our Dwelling Place" Rev. John Stuart, Pastor

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

***God, Whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.***

DEDICATION

Lord Jesus, all that we have is given from You, so respectfully gather and combine this offering, not as something that we give, but as something that You both present and receive. Bless these tokens for the life, work, and ministry of Your Kingdom that

we undertake and accomplish in this congregation. In Your Name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN #643 “Now Thank We All Our God”

BENEDICTION

May our Lord Jesus grant us opportunities to witness effectively to His grace and love; may the Father guide our thoughts and bless our deeds; and may the Holy Spirit inspire us to live peaceably with one another, so we may glorify and honor the One, Triune, and Living God, forevermore. Amen

POSTLUDE “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Charles Callahan



ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Unified in Christ, we actively seek to create harmony in a diverse community through compassion, mutual respect, and love.



PRAYER

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OUR CONGREGATION

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FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR CONGREGATION

Rebecca Prysock (niece of Joanne Clelland) **Steve Barnes** (Husband of Becky Barnes)
Cathey Jenkins (mom of Lisa Osborne) **Seth Turnbow** (son of Cynthia and John House)
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If you would like to add or delete names to the prayer list, contact April by email at admin@erinpresbyterian.org



BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Psalm 90:12 Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

None of us knows how long we will live, so it's smart to recognize our mortality and be prepared to meet God in eternity. How we live our lives is temporarily important for each of us, but how we tend to our souls is and always will be eternally relevant. This is why we choose to worship on Sundays – to honor God with a precious and sacred time in our week, acknowledging Him as our Creator, King, and Everlasting Lord.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY

Isaiah 18:1-7

John 20:19-30

TUESDAY

Isaiah 19:1-15

John 21:1-14

WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 19:16-25

John 21:15-25

THURSDAY

Isaiah 20:1-6

Acts 1:1-11

FRIDAY

Isaiah 21:1-17

Acts 1:12-26

SATURDAY

Isaiah 22:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

SUNDAY

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Ephesians 1:15-23