



GoodShepherd
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 24, 2024

*Good Shepherd welcomes all ... the seeker, skeptic, and spiritually hungry. We all come as we are and at the same time, anticipate God will minister and change us by his grace. On the pages of the Bible, we see the unfolding message of Jesus Christ light up from Genesis to Revelation. He ignites our faith...he draws near to us and challenges us to grow. *Welcome!**

Meeting at: Kids R Kids Learning Academy

**Organizing Pastor
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MORNING WORSHIP

*If able, please stand.

**Hymn of Month

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Prayer Upon Entering the Sanctuary

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in our worship, in our supplications, and prayers; and dispose the hearts of Your servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Your most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Opening Praise (sing together):

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.*

*Salutation

Minister: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: And with your spirit.

*Call To Worship

Minister: This is the day which the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O LORD, do save, we beseech You;

O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity!

Congregation: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and He has given us light;

Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

Together: You are my God, and I give thanks to You;

You are my God, I extol You.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

For His lovingkindness is everlasting. *Psalm 118:24-29*

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**Hymn of Month

*Opening Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #181

We Come, O Christ, to You

Scriptural Exhortation:

Minister: Hear God's law as the will of God for your life:

Together: Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.' "But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING. "Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. "But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil. (*Matthew 5:33-37*)

Prayer of Confession:

Pastor: *Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God;*

People: O Lord God, eternal and Almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge most sincerely before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress Your holy commandments without end or ceasing; Wherefore we purchase for ourselves, through Your righteous judgment, our ruin and perdition. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended You; and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching Your grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the Name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as You blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of Your Holy Spirit; that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which will bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing unto You; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

1 John 1:9

*Hymn #242**

Not All the Blood of Beasts

Prayer for the Covenant Community

Psalm 50:15

*Confessing Our Faith:

The Apostles' Creed, p. 845

*The Gloria Patri (#735)

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Hebrews 13:16

*Hymn (insert)

Reading of Scripture from the Old Testament:

Genesis 42:1-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. Congregation: Praise Be to God!

Reading of Scripture for the Sermon:

Psalm 22:1-21

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord. Congregation: Praise Be to God!

Sermon Title:

A View from the Cross

*Hymn #675

Only Trust Him

*Benediction

*Departing Hymn (Trinity Hymnal #98, verse 3):

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven – the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.

NOTES

EVENING WORSHIP

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**Hymn of Month

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Favorites

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns (praise, prayer, and sharing)

*Call to Worship

Psalm 91:1-8

*Opening Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #94

How Firm a Foundation

Psalter Reading: Psalm 127

Trinity Hymnal p. 832

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #242**

Not All the Blood of Beasts

Prayer for the Covenant Community

Tithes and Offerings

Reading of Scripture from the New Testament:

Matthew 26:47-68

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. Congregation: Praise Be to God!

Reading of Scripture for the Sermon:

1 Samuel 30:7-27

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord. Congregation: Praise Be to God!

Sermon Title:

Can it Get Any Better Than This?

*Psalm 119U

The Book of Psalms for Singing

*Benediction

*Departing Hymn:

Show me Thy ways, O LORD; Thy paths, O teach Thou me;

And do Thou lead me in Thy truth; Therein my teacher be.

For Thou art God that dost To me salvation send,

And I upon Thee all the day Expecting do attend.

(Psalm 25A, Book of Psalms for Singing. Tune: LEOMINSTER)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We are grateful that you have joined our worship and fellowship today. We have prayed for you and your worship, and we look forward to meeting you personally.

Looking Ahead:

3/27 *Hour of Prayer* from 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom

3/30 *Men's Discipleship* from 9:00am-10:00am at Kids R Kids and also via Zoom. The men are studying *What Happens When We Worship?* by Jonathan Cruse.

Saturday Servers from 10:00-11:00am at Kids R Kids.

Ladies' Bible Study meets via Zoom at 10:15am. The women are studying the book *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges.

3/29 *Good Friday Hymn Sing!* This Friday, we will meet at The Village at Sugar Land (a local Senior Care Facility) to sing hymns for the residents. We will begin gathering between 5:30-5:45 and plan to begin singing at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited to the Sumpter's house afterwards for refreshments.

Easter Sunday rehearsal. Mr. Sieben will have a short rehearsal with the children immediately following the morning service today.

Nominations for the Offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon

Nominations for the offices of Ruling Elder or Deacon are now open and we will take nominations today and through this evening, March 24. As you nominate men, please consider three questions: first, are they presently serving; second, do they have the character required in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1; third, please ask the man for his permission before you nominate him. Please hand your nominations into Pastor Wheat or Pastor Sumpter.

Stay Connected!

Don't want to miss out on upcoming activities, events, and prayer? Announcements are usually shared here in the worship bulletin. But other ways to stay in the loop are...

- *Join the Email List:* For weekly announcements and Zoom links. Write to Mark Sumpter (gmarksumpter@gmail.com) or text him 541-450-1982
- *Join the GroupMe text thread for prayer requests:* Download the "GroupMe" app on your phone, then text Ben Sieben at 979-479-1197 to request to join.
- *Listen to past sermons:* www.gsopc.org (top-right corner of home page) or visit our Facebook page: Good Shepherd OPC
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