

THE SERVICE of Worship

November 7, 2021
Communion Sunday
10:30 A.M.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON
established 1870

Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Let All Things Now Living"
Edwin Walker, Organist

David Cherwien
(b. 1957)

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Come worship God,

who gives food to the hungry and sets the prisoner free.

Come worship God,

who gives life to the lifeless and sets our hearts aflame.

Come worship God,

and bring your gifts before the One who is their source.

Come and worship, for the Lord God has plans for you, plans of hope and a future.

Responding to God's love and grace,

we worship with joy, nurture with faith, and serve others with love.

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING | "Now Thank We All Our God"

Glory to God 643

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

O Christ, you praised the gift of the widow, who had so little and gave it all.

Forgive us, O Christ,

for turning our eyes away from people who are trapped in poverty.

Forgive us, O Christ,

for turning our resources into reasons for pride or greed.

Forgive us, O Christ,

and by your forgiveness, teach us to follow in your way of generosity.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; behold, a new life has begun.

Friends, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI | *Sung*

Glory to God 581

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.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

“The Call”

The Sanctuary Choir; Edwin Walker, Organist
Ralph Stannard, Director

Z. Randall Stroope
Text by George Herbert
(1593-1633)

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 9:24–28

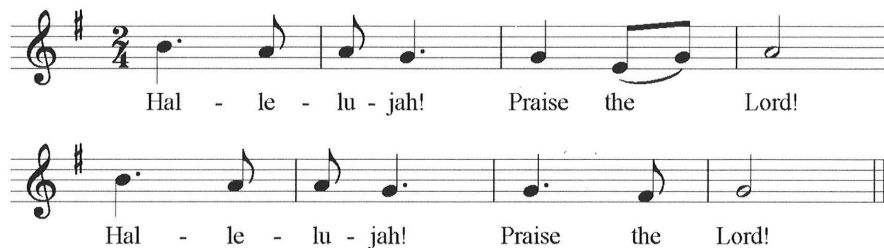
Christ entered the sanctuary of heaven; he will come again to save.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 146

Rev. Dr. Paul Burns, Cantor

Hal H. Hopson



Refrain text: Traditional (PD)

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:38–44

Jesus criticizes the scribes and praises the gift of a poor widow.

SERMON

“A Once and For All Offering”

Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF DEDICATION | “Take My Life”

Glory to God 697

*APOSTLES’ CREED | *Unison*

Traditional Version

**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 the 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 saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Greater Love Hath No Man”

John Ireland

The Sanctuary Choir | Nina Polochek and Max Bitner, Soloists
Edwin Walker, Organist | Ralph Stannard, Director

*Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
that ye should show forth the praises of him
who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto to God, which is your reasonable service.*

*DOXOLOGY | “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Glory to God 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | *Responsively*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

HYMN OF EXALTATION | “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Glory to God 559

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Unison*

**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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Edwin Walker, Organist

Helmut Walcha
(1907-1991)

