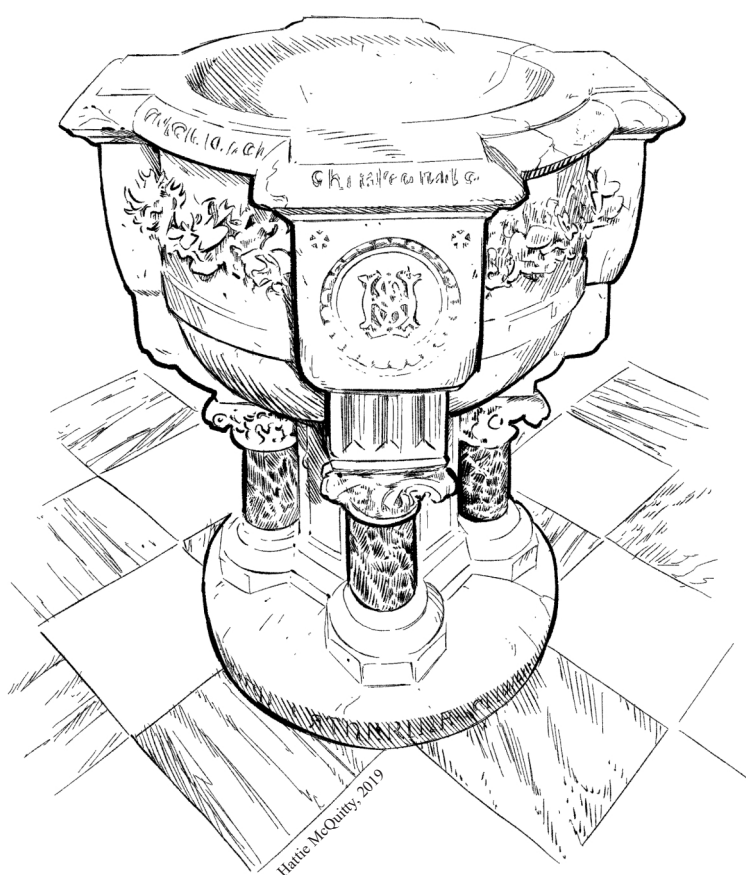


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# THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

## SANCTUARY ~ TEN O'CLOCK

"Let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service, with reverence and awe." Hebrews 12:28

### The Silent Prayer Upon Entering the Sanctuary

**The Prelude** - Prelude on "Werde Munter"

Percy Whitlock

### The Sounding of the Hour

#### + The Welcome and Announcements

#### The Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, who has made all mankind in Your image; cause those whom You have redeemed from their fallen estate to worship You for Your wonderful works and to fear You in Your judgments, and make us so to live out our days upholding justice, righteousness and truth; to the honor and glory of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Call to Worship - A New Song to the Lamb that was Slain, vv. 1-2

*Text:*

Behold the glories of the Lamb amidst His Father's throne:  
Prepare new honors for His Name, and songs before unknown.  
Let elders worship at His feet, the Church adore around,  
With vials full of odors sweet, and harps of sweeter sound.

— Isaac Watts after Rev. 5:6-8, from *Hymns and Spiritual Songs* (1707)

#### +\* The Hymnal - #53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Lobe Den Herren

#### \* The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

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.

#### \* The Apostles' 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 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.

\* this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.

\*\* "catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.

#### \* The Gloria Patri (Hymnal, #735)

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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.

### The Pastoral Prayer

#### The Scripture Reading - Hebrews 10:1-18

(10<sup>th</sup> reading—pew Bible pp. 1006-1007)

Acts 17:22-28 (pew Bible pp. 926-927)

### The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

\* **The Psalter** - Psalm 139:1–12 (*see insert*) Maryton

\* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Collection**

**The Anthem** - Brother James' Air

Gordon Jacob

*The Sanctuary Choir*

*Text:*

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of blessedness,  
E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill,  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head with oil Thou dost anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days  
Will surely follow me;  
And in my Father's house alway  
My dwelling place shall be.

— Psalm 23, version from *The Scottish Psalter* (1650)

\* **The Doxology and Dismissal**

Germany

*Children ages 4 & 5 may leave for a separate service as we sing*

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom earth and heaven adore,  
Be glory, as it was of old,  
Is now, and shall be evermore.  
Amen.

**The Sermon**

Mr. Johnson

“THE GOSPEL AND GOD” –2

*LIX. Expositions of Acts of the Apostles*

\* **The Psalter** - Psalm 139:13–20, 23–24 (*see insert*)

Maryton

\* **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all)

St. Anne

Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come:  
O be our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home!

—*Trinity Hymnal*, #30, stanza 7)

**The Postlude** - Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren, BuxWV 214

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Text:*

My soul, now praise thy maker!  
Let all within me bless His name  
Who maketh thee partaker  
Of mercies more than thou darest claim.  
Forget Him not whose meekness  
Still bears with all thy sin,

Who healeth all thy weakness,  
Renews thy life within.  
Whose grace and care are endless  
And saved thee through the past;  
Who leaves no sufferer friendless,  
But rights the wronged at last.

— Johann Gramann, after Psalm 103; tr. Catherine Winkworth

\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Children's Church: Mark and Carol Dusek

+ Latecomers may be seated

Assisting: Evan Gear

**GREETERS-ELDERS:**

FRONT DOOR: Elder & Mrs. K. Crowe

NORTH SIDE: T. Barrett

SOUTH SIDE: C. Martin

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:**

ELDER: S. Jackson

**GREETERS-USHERS/DEACONS:**

FRONT DOOR: A. Tanner

BAPTISMAL FONT: P. Brodmann

# THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

## SANCTUARY ~ FIVE THIRTY O'CLOCK

"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must  
worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24

### Preparation (5:15-5:30 p.m.)

*Hymn Sing - Psalm 1 (Psalm of the Month)*

Arlington

+ *Announcements*

### Praise

*Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise*

+\* *Hymnal - #100 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"*

Nicaea

### Confession of Sin, Pardon, and Thanksgiving

\* *Reading of the Law of God (see back panel of hymnal)*

*Prayer of Confession*

*Assurance of Pardon*

*Affirmation of Faith - The Westminster Creed, Part I (based on the Shorter Catechism)*

I believe man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever;

I believe that the word of God, contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule given to direct us, how to glorify and enjoy God.

I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth;

I believe there is but one true and living God;  
that there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory;

I believe God's purpose is eternal, having foreordained whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Collection*

### Provision for Life and Growth

*Scripture Reading - 2 Corinthians 9 (10<sup>th</sup> reading—pew Bible p. 968)*

*Prayer of Intercession*

\* *Psalter - Psalm 34:1-14 (see insert)*

Yorkshire

\* *Prayer of Illumination*

*Scripture & Sermon - Daniel 9:1-5 (pew Bible pp. 746-747)*

Mr. Shaw

"LESSONS ON PRAYER" — PART 1

*XIII. The Gospel According to Daniel*

### Thanksgiving and Blessing

\* *Hymnal - #304 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

Vox Dilecti

\* *Benediction*

## Psalm 34:1-14



1. <sup>1</sup>In ev' - ry time I'll al-ways bless the LORD; His praise will ev - er be with-  
2. <sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD and He has ans-wered me, And He from all my ter - rors  
3. <sup>8</sup>O taste and you will see the LORD is good! How hap - py is the man who  
4. <sup>11</sup>O come, you chil-dren, lis-ten un - to me; And I will teach you how to

in my mouth. <sup>2</sup>My soul will make its boast-ing in the LORD;  
set me free. <sup>5</sup>O look to Him, be ra-diant, un - a - shamed!  
trusts in Him! <sup>9</sup>O fear the LORD, all you He has re-deemed!  
fear the LORD. <sup>12</sup>Who longs for life and loves to see good days?

Let all the hum - ble hear it and be glad. <sup>3</sup>O join with me to  
<sup>6</sup>This poor man cried; the LORD from trou - ble saved. <sup>7</sup>The LORD's own an - gel  
For those who fear Him ne - ver suf - fer want. <sup>10</sup>Young li - ons hun-ger;  
<sup>13</sup>From e - vil keep your tongue, your lips from lies. <sup>14</sup>De - part from e - vil

mag - ni - fy the LORD! Let us to - geth - er raise His name on high!  
con-stant-ly en-camps A - round those fear-ing Him, and res - cues them,  
they may lack their food; But those who seek the LORD shall have no want.  
and be do - ing good; Seek peace and strive for it with all your heart.

## ABORTION: THE TESTIMONY OF LAW

We rejoice at the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision of June 24, 2022, reversing the Roe v. Wade decision of January 22, 2023 which legalized abortion on demand in all 50 states. It needed to be reversed. The Roe decision differentiated the status of the unborn according to trimesters of development. However, these trimester divisions were arbitrary according to any biological or scientific criteria. The decision created a constitutional right to abortion that previously did not exist and based this right upon "privacy rights" found not in the constitution itself but read into it's "penumbra," as Justice William O. Douglas famously said.

The real basis of the decision was social expediency. Its proponents defend it philosophically by an evolutionary model of legal interpretation known as "legal positivism," which in effect allows judges to create new laws apart from the legislative process. Berkeley law professor John Noonan, commenting on the arbitrary and unprecedented nature of the Roe v. Wade decision and its companion Doe v. Dalton, said that together they "may stand as the most radical decisions ever issued by the Supreme Court." Chief Justice William Rehnquist referred to it as an exercise of "raw judicial power." We celebrate its reversal.

The result of Dobbs vs. Jackson is not to ban abortion but to send the issue back to the states. Each state may now decide whether to prohibit all abortions, some abortions, or no abortions. It would be right to say that the fight for the lives of the unborn has just begun. State by state battles are and will be waged that will determine if the sanctity and dignity of human life will be recognized and protected, especially that life still developing in its mother's womb.

To listen to the sermon Mr. Johnson preached the Sunday after the reversal of the Roe v. Wade decision, see the link below or scan the QR code with your phone camera.

**"THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS" - PSALM 126**

**SUNDAY MORNING - JUNE 26, 2022**

<https://ipcs.ga/rw2022>



# Psalm 139:1-12



1. <sup>1</sup>LORD, Thou hast searched me; <sup>2</sup>Thou hast known  
 2. <sup>3</sup>Thou know - est all the ways I plan,  
 3. <sup>5</sup>Be - hind, be - fore me, Thou dost stand  
 4. <sup>7</sup>Where shall I from Thy Spi - rit flee,

My ris - ing and my sit - ting down;  
 My path and ly - ing down dost scan;  
 And lay on me Thy migh - ty hand;  
 Or from Thy pre - sence hid - den be?

And from a - far Thou know - est well  
<sup>4</sup>For in my tongue no word can be,  
<sup>6</sup>Such know - ledge is for me too strange  
<sup>8</sup>In heav'n Thou art, if there I fly,

The ve - ry thoughts that in me dwell.  
 But, lo, O LORD, 'tis known to Thee.  
 And high be - yond my ut - most range.  
 In death's a - bode, if there I lie.

5. <sup>9</sup>If I the wings of morning take  
 And utmost sea my dwelling make,  
<sup>10</sup>E'en there Thy hand shall guide my way  
 And Thy right hand shall be my stay.

6. <sup>11</sup>If I say, "Darkness covers me,"  
<sup>12</sup>The darkness hideth not from Thee.  
 To Thee both night and day are bright;  
 The darkness shineth as the light.

# Psalm 139:13-20, 23-24



1. <sup>13</sup>My in - ward parts were formed by Thee;  
 2. Thy won - drous works I sure - ly know;  
 3. <sup>16</sup>Mine un - formed sub - stance Thou didst see;  
 4. <sup>17</sup>Thy thoughts, O God, to me are dear;

With - in the womb, Thou fa - shioned me;  
<sup>15</sup>When as in depths of earth be - low  
 The days that were or - dained to me  
<sup>18</sup>How great their sum! They more ap - pear

<sup>14</sup>And I Thy prai - ses will pro - claim,  
 My frame in se - cret first was made,  
 Were writ - ten in Thy book, each one,  
 In num - ber than the sand to me.

For strange and won - drous is my frame.  
 'Twas all be - fore Thine eyes dis - played.  
 When as of them there yet was none.  
 When I a - wake, I'm still with Thee.

5. <sup>19</sup>The wicked Thou wilt slay, O God;  
 Depart from me, ye men of blood,  
<sup>20</sup>They speak of Thee in words profane,  
 The foes who take Thy name in vain.

6. <sup>23</sup>Search me, O God; my heart discern;  
 And try me, every thought to learn,  
<sup>24</sup>And see if any sin holds sway.  
 Lead in the everlasting way.