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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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September 1, 2019  
*Trinity Season*

  
**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.*

"He Will Hold Me Fast," our hymn of preparation, was written by lyricist Ada Henderson. Though it was first penned and corporately sung in the early 1900s, Kristyn and Keith Getty have reintroduced the hymn to the Church.

It is a hymn of assurance that reflects on the wonderful truth that God watches over and sustains the faith of His people. Scripture is clear about the saving and preserving grace of God:

"We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul,  
a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain."

*Hebrews 6:19*

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling  
and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy..."

*Jude 24:25*

"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you  
will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

*Philippians 1:6*

With our weaknesses continually before us, it is easy to believe that one day they will nullify our faith. However, this hymn reminds us of the gospel promises God gives us in His Word: not only does God save us according to the riches of His grace; He also keeps us!

Let us, those firmly in the grip of the Lord, praise Him together!

## BEHOLD THE GLORY OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "All Glory Laud and Honor" ..... J.S. Bach  
"Adagio" from *Lute Concerto*. . . . . Antonio Vivaldi; arr. Metzger

*Samuel Metzger, organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Josh Preston

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ..... ELLACOMBE

*Words: Isaac Watts / Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl / Exodus 20:11*



1. I sing the mighty-y pow'r of God that made the  
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the  
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be-low but makes your



moun-tains rise, that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad  
earth with food; he formed the crea-tures with his word  
glo-ries known; and clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow



and built the loft-y skies. I sing the wis-dom  
and then pro-nounced them good. Lord, how your won-ders  
by or-der from your throne; while all that bor-rows

that or - dained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines  
 are dis-played wher - e'er I turn my eye, if I sur -  
 life from you is ev - er in your care, and ev - ery -  
 full at his com-mand and all the stars o - bey.  
 vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!  
 where that we can be, you, God, are pre - sent there.

✦ INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦ STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 25 . . . . . Shelley Hill (8:15)  
 Rong Guo Zhou (11:00)

How is Christ a priest?

**As a priest, Christ offered Himself up once as a sacrifice for us  
 to satisfy divine justice and to reconcile us to God,  
 and He continually intercedes for us.**

*This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening.*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

“Lift High the Name of Jesus” . . . . . LIFT HIGH THE NAME OF JESUS

*Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Fionán de Barra, and Ed Cash | Philippians 2:9-11*

**Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.  
 Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace.  
 Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him.  
 He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.  
 O sing, my soul, and tell all He’s done,  
 Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!**

## BEHOLD THE LOVE OF GOD

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious heavenly Father,  
 You sent the King of heaven, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 to subdue our restless hearts  
 and to defend us against all that would bring us spiritual harm.  
 Yet we confess that our hearts remain more apathetic than active,  
 more isolated than involved,  
 more callous than compassionate,  
 more obstinate than obedient,  
 and more legalistic than loving.  
 Forgive us for straying from Your way.  
 Release us from the bondage of idols  
 that have kept us from knowing Your truth.  
 Pardon us for attempting to find life and satisfaction  
 in created things rather than in You,  
 our blessed Creator and Lord.  
 For we pray in Jesus’ mighty name.**

### INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON . . . . . I Peter 1:3-4

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,  
kept in heaven for you.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" . . . . . William Kirkpatrick

*Words: Louisa Stead / Music: William Kirkpatrick / Galatians 2:20*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word,  
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more.*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me, 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace.

✦ *Congregation stands and sings:*

**I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more.**

*Tabitha Wadkins, Justin Wadkins, and Mandy Webb, trio  
Clay Hancock, violin*

✦ DOXOLOGY . . . . . TALLIS' CANON

**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.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . . Artez Henderson

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

## BEHOLD THE WILL OF GOD

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please stand)*

**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.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

"He Will Hold Me Fast".....HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Words: Ada Habershon and Matt Merker / Music: Matt Merker / Psalm 139:10

Trio:

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

♠ Congregation stands and sings:

2. Those he saves are his de - light, Christ will hold me fast;  
3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.  
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;  
Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast

bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.  
'til our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!

Refrain

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;

for my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

SCRIPTURE LESSON .....Exodus 8:16-19  
(page 50 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON

*Digitus Dei*

George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 642 "Be Thou My Vision" ..... SLANE

*Words: Eleanor Hull / Music: Traditional Irish Melody, arr. David Evans / Philippians 3:7*

✦BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata Brevis" ..... Daniel Gawthrop

✦Indicates congregation standing

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## **I. In Creation and Providence**

## **II. In Miracles**

## **III. In the Cross**