

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:3-7

Elder: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

All: 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 us,

Elder: who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

All: In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Adoration

Jerusalem, Heavenly Home

Chorus: Jerusalem, heavenly home, city of truth and grace
Oh when shall we come to thee, city of sweet embrace?

There shall the curse no more be known
And we no more complain
There God is seen upon His throne
And there the Lamb shall reign (Chorus)

We shall behold the Savior's face ,And all His glories see
And love in every feature trace
How sweet the sight shall be (Chorus)

His perfect likeness we shall wear, With all His image blessed
His Name upon our foreheads bear
Indelibly impressed (Chorus)

Bridge: Oh when shall we come to thee?
Jerusalem, Jerusalem
Oh when shall we come to thee?
Jerusalem, Jerusalem
Oh when shall we come to thee?
Jerusalem, Jerusalem (Chorus)

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Holy holy is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat (Repeat)

Chorus: *Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing, praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You*

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and Glory and power be
To You the only wise King (Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery (Chorus 2x)

Holy holy holy, is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come

Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q58. How does the article concerning “life everlasting” comfort you?

A. Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God eternally.

Psalter

Psalms 1A

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 36:22-36

Confession of Sin

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

A Place Prepared
Revelation 21:1-8

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Doxology

Hymn 165

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Sermon Notes:

A Place Prepared
Revelation 21:1-8

1. A place prepared. *(vv 1)*

2. A people prepared. *(vv 2-4)*

3. A promise prepared. *(vv 5-8)*

Meditation:

Most people hope to go to heaven when they die. This is not surprising, given the generally acknowledged alternatives (either hell or nothingness). However, it is quite revealing to ask people what they hope to do when they get to heaven. Most people anticipate the joys of this world writ large: golf courses with no sand traps or water hazards, heavenly mansions with no worries about mortgage payments. If they could have all of those things without leaving this planet, they would be more than content. Christians, however, long for heaven because they long to be in the nearer presence of the God whom they love with all their hearts, joining in the unstinted, eternal worship of the Lamb.

Iain Duguid

We pilgrims walk the tightrope between earth and heaven, feeling trapped in time, yet with eternity beating in our hearts. Our unsatisfied sense of exile is not to be solved or fixed while here on earth. Our pain and longings make sure we will never be content, but that's good: it is to our benefit that we do not grow comfortable in a world destined for decay.

Joni Eareckson Tada

Elders

Andy Raynor - Teaching Elder/Pastor
Danny Handley - Clerk of Session
Van Watts
Aaron Carter
Ken Dozier
Larry Canterbury

Deacons

Matt O'Brien
Ken Powell
Dennis Joyner
Eric LaRoche
Luke LaHay
Zach Presley
Robert Long

Ruling Elder Emeriti - Tom O'Brien, Bob Brown, Rusty Davenport

Calendar of Events

April 3 & 17 - Ladies Bible Study
April 10 & 24 - Men's Table Talk
March 24, April 7 & 21, May 5 - New Members Class
April 28 - *Raising Sexually Faith Kids*
April 21 - Offering for Melissa Weidemann
May 5 - Missions Offering for Summer Vietnam Trip

Prayer Requests:

Our Leaders and Military
Carol Watts
Pam Grawburg
Sue Ressler
Jackie Fisher

Enoch VanHook
Audrey Kraft
Joanne Rigsbee
Eddie Lee

Announcement:

On Mission:

RUF

Chuck & Lauren Askew - NC State
Skylar and Dori Adams - ECU

CRU - Campus Crusade

Jeffrey & Lindsey Rhea - ECU

Lummi Nation, Washington

Michael & Lindie Wadhams

Czech Republic

Pavel Bartos

Choices Women's Center of Wilson

Germany

Sam & Elizabeth Goodwin

South Asia

Calvin & Geeta Taylor

Harvest USA

John Freeman

Kenya

Elizabeth Raynor

Ministries of the
Presbyterian Church in America
&
Eastern Carolina Presbytery

March Giving	Monthly Expenses	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Expenses
\$23,920.98	\$20,978.57	\$84,161.12	\$63,606.85

**Benevolence Offering Taken Every 2nd Sunday*

***All of our communion bread is gluten free.*

meeting at: 4851 Bloomery Road

mail to: PO Box 8115, Wilson, NC 27893



W I L S O N
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH (P C A)

The LORD's Day
April 28, 2024

Sunday School 9:30am --- Worship 10:30am
4851 Bloomery Road, Wilson NC 27896

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