# **Order of Worship**

1 Peter 1:3-7

Call to Worship

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	Prayer of Ir
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	Sermon
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)	The Sacram Doxology Hymn 165
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)	Sermon Not
Holy holy holy, is the Lord God Almighty Who was and is and is to come	1. A place pr

# **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	Psalm 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

Intercession

A Place Prepared Revelation 21:1-8

ment of the Lord's Supper

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

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A Place Prepared Revelation 21:1-8

prepared. (v 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.

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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

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\$20,978.57

March Giving \$23,920.98

Year to **Date Giving** \$84,161.12

Year to Date Expenses \$63,606.85

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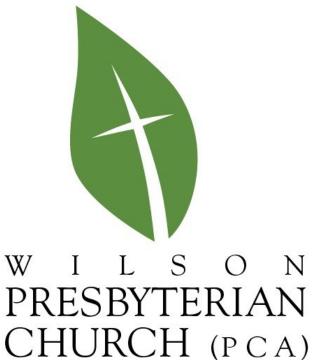
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