

The Order for the Worship of God
The Lord's Day
October 18, 2020
10:15 a.m.

Welcome to St. Petersburg Presbyterian Church

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, either in-person or online, we are glad you are here. Our greatest desire as a church family is to know and worship God as he is revealed in the person of his Son, the Lord, Jesus Christ. More information about the mission and ministries of our church can be found on our website at www.stpetepca.org

Reflection

Insecurity is written across all human experience. Nothing seems stable in our world any longer. Christian people are not guaranteed immunity to temptation, tribulation or tragedy, but we are promised victory over them. God's pledge is not that suffering will never afflict us, but that it will never separate us from his love. This is the love of God which was supremely displayed in the cross, which has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, which has drawn out from us our responsive love, and which in its essential steadfastness will never let us go. Our confidence is not in our love for him, which is frail, fickle and faltering, but in his love for us, which is steadfast, faithful and persevering.

John R.W. Stott

Let me no more my comfort draw
From my frail hold of Thee;
In this alone rejoice with awe —
Thy mighty grasp of me.

John Campbell Shairp

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE WITH THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

The Welcome and Announcements — Derik Jenkins, ruling elder

The Call to Worship God — from Psalm 5 and 105

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever.

Leader: Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Shelter them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

All: For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Johann J. Schutz, 1675

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills,
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God, with me,
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads his own, his chosen band,
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's power proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols under foot be trod, the Lord is God! the Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well,
To God all praise and glory!

The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WE CONFESS TOGETHER WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Heidelberg Catechism

Question 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

All I Have Is Christ

© 2008 Sovereign Grace Music

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will
And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace

Chorus

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone, and live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is you. (Chorus)

WE REPENT OF OUR SINS AND RECEIVE GOD'S MERCY

The Call to Confession — 1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Song of Confession

Jesus, I Come

Words: William Sleeper. Music: Greg Thompson

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Silent Prayers of Confession

God's Promise of Forgiveness in Jesus Christ — from 1 Peter 2

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Christ Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Leader: Hear and believe the promise of the gospel: Through faith in Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven, your guilt and shame are taken away, and you are deeply loved by your Father in heaven!

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

Rock of Ages

Augustus Toplady, James Ward

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked come to Thee for dress; helpless look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eye lids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Parents are welcome to take their children, infants to age 4, to the nursery for the remainder of the service.

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK IN HIS WORD

The Sermon “Already, Not Yet!” Luke 19:11-27 Dr. Stephen Clark

As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. ¹²He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. ¹³Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’ ¹⁴But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’ ¹⁵When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. ¹⁶The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.’ ¹⁷And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’ ¹⁸And the second came, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made five minas.’ ¹⁹And he said to him, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’ ²⁰Then another came, saying, ‘Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; ²¹for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’ ²²He said to him, ‘I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? ²³Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’ ²⁴And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’ ²⁵And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten minas!’ ²⁶I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ²⁷But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.”

The Big Idea: How we respond to the coming of the King has everything to do with failure and success.

Sermon Notes

I. Expectations (11)

Faith in the face of delay and opposition (12, 14)

II. Testing (13-15)

Gifts and Grace (16-19)

III. Failure (20-24)

Anger and Unbelief (20-21)

Destiny and Destruction (22-24)

IV. The Principle and the Promise (24-26)

Questions for personal reflection and family / community group discussion.

1. What impressed your heart the most in this morning's worship service?
2. What disappointment about life has most affected you despite coming to Christ?
3. Describe how faith functions in the midst of delay, disappointment and opposition. Read Hebrews 11:1-2, 13-16 for help with this.
4. In what ways has the Lord already blessed you extraordinarily as you have followed him?
5. Does the description of the angry servant fit in with the nature of much of our culture? If so, in what ways?
6. How does anger, unbelief and a lack of accountability end up in self-destruction?
7. Explain how the principle and the promise of (vs. 26, 17) work out practically in our lives.

Sharing/Prayer: In what ways would you like the teaching of this parable to affect how you live in this coming week?

The Prayers of God's People

WE FEAST ON JESUS CHRIST BY FAITH IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The elders of St. Petersburg Presbyterian Church welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church where the gospel is loved and proclaimed. Come joyfully and thankfully to the Lord's Table, recognizing that your standing before the Father is completely dependent upon the grace and righteousness of Jesus Christ, the Reality behind this meal, and not your own merits.

The Words of Institution

The Giving and Receiving of the Bread and Cup

Please wait until all have been served, so we may eat and drink together

Prayer of Thanks

Heavenly Father, Thank you for all that you are, and all that you have done for me, and all you promise to do and be for me in Jesus. Thank you for giving me such a great salvation in him. Thank you for forgiving all my sins, crediting me with his righteousness, and adopting me as your dearly loved child. May I never lose sight of the grace you have so freely given me, and may every area of my life reflect that grace to others. In Jesus' powerful name, Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer for Covenant Children (Not yet received into communing membership)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your covenant family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL WITH SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

Worshiping God through Our Financial Giving — We respond to the mercies of God in Jesus Christ by joyfully and sacrificially giving our money for the spread of the gospel in our city and around the world.

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Charles Wesley, 1744

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful Name;
The Name all victorious of Jesus extol,
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might;
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO MAKE DISCIPLES

The Benediction — Jude 24-25

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, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

The Dismissal — Let us go from here to live as devoted followers of Jesus Christ, secure in the promise of His love, until He comes again.

All: Thanks be to God!

All music used by permission through Christian Copyright Licensing International, #2216391

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionary of the Month

We are praying this month for our missionaries, David and Erin Pervis, serving with Mission to the World (MIW, the PCA's world missions agency) in Athens, Greece, using English instruction as a means for evangelism among Greeks and refugees from the Middle East and Asia. Pray for their two children, Clara and Josiah.

Officer Nominations

During the month of October, the Session will be receiving nominations from the congregation for the offices of elder and deacon. Nomination forms are located in the lobby. Please place completed forms in the box provided. Pray that God would give us called and gifted men for these leadership roles.

Dr. Stephen Clark Preaching

We are thankful to have Dr. Stephen Clark as our guest preacher today. Please pray for Dr. Clark as he ministers God's Word to us.

Sunday School for All Ages

Children, youth and adult Sunday school classes meet at 9:00. Take advantage of these opportunities to grow in your understanding of God and His Word.

Women's Bible Studies

Join us for our Fall Women's Bible Study, each Tuesday. A morning group meets at the church at 9:30 a.m. and an evening group meets by Zoom at 7:00 p.m.. We are studying the book, *Identity Theft: Reclaiming the Truth of Our Identity in Christ*, by Melissa Kruger. Books are available for purchase for \$10. For more information, contact Clare Jones (morning study) at copilotjones@outlook.com or Kathryn Brannan (evening study via zoom) at bkbrannan@gmail.com.

Men's Friday Morning Bible Study

All men are invited to be part of the Friday morning Bible study at 7:00 a.m. We meet in the fellowship hall and by Zoom. We are studying the book of Exodus. Invite a friend and join with other men for fellowship and encouragement in our walk with Christ. For more information, contact Pastor Dave at d.harding@stpetepca.org.

The James Club

The James Club group of AA is a Christ-centered outreach ministry for those struggling with alcohol and drug addictions. It meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 in the fellowship hall. For more information, contact Kyle Krueger at kkruieger@bloomberg.net.

Deacon's Fund Offering Next Sunday

On the last Sunday of each month our cash offering is given to the Deacon's Fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance to members, as well as others, in times of need. Please consider making a generous contribution next week, by cash, check or online. If by check, please note "Deacon's Fund" on the memo line and send the church office.

THIS WEEK AT SPPC

Sunday (October 18)

- 8:30 a.m.** Congregational Prayer — meets in classroom by fellowship hall
- 9:00 a.m.** Bible Classes for all ages
- 10:15 a.m.** Corporate Worship
- 12:00 p.m.** Jones Community Group — meets in fellowship hall

Monday (Office closed)

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m.** Women’s Bible Study — meets in fellowship hall
- 7:00 p.m.** Women’s Bible Study — Zoom meeting
- 7:30 p.m.** James Club — a Christ-centered outreach ministry for those struggling with alcohol and drug addictions. Meets in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m.** Tanner Community Group — Northeast St. Pete. Lynn Tanner: (727) 482-4855
Shadle Community Group — Fellowship hall. Dave Shadle: (610) 217-8718

Thursday

- 7:00 p.m.** Jenkins Community Group — Northwest St. Pete. Derik Jenkins: (727) 452-8715

Friday

- 7:00 a.m.** Men’s Bible Study — meets in fellowship hall and Zoom

<u>One Year Community Bible Reading Calendar</u>		
Monday, Oct 19	Jeremiah 30-32	Titus 3
Tuesday, Oct 20	Jeremiah 33-35	Philemon
Wednesday, Oct 21	Jeremiah 36-38	John 1
Thursday, Oct 22	Jeremiah 39-41	John 2
Friday, Oct 23	Jeremiah 42-44	John 3
Saturday, Oct 24	Psalms 123-125	

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

Elders (The Session)	David Harding	727-434-9048
	Derik Jenkins	727-452-8715
	Chad Martin	727-744-8704
Deacons (The Diaconate)	Bob Berry	407-920-7412
	Mike Eldridge	727-515-9560
	Dave Shadle	610-217-8718
Administrative Assistant	Michele Hurm	727-329-6346
Children and Youth	Derik Jenkins	727-452-8715
Community Groups	David Harding	727-434-9048
Facilities	Mike Eldridge	727-515-9560
Homeless Outreach	Kyle Krueger	727-364-7355
Hospitality	Barbara Burkham	727-579-4220
Men's Ministry	David Harding	727-434-9048
Mercy Ministry	Dave Shadle	610-217-8718
Missions	Bob Berry	407-920-7412
Music	Donna Grabill	727-415-3735
Safety	Mike Eldridge	727-515-9560
Ushers/Greeters	Bo Arnold	931-436-8005
Women's Ministry	Mary Vellenga	727-482-6435

SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES & AGENCIES

Esaie and Natacha Etienne	Mission to the World	Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Susan Newkirk	Mission to the World	Cape Town, S. Africa
David and Erin Pervis	Mission to the World	Athens, Greece
Bill and Pam Schweitzer	Mission to the World	Gateshead, England
Marcelo and Claudia Carvalho	WEC Brazil	Amazon, Brazil
Ravi and Renuka Chary	Presbyterian Church India (PCI)	Telangana, India
Christina Schrader	Wycliffe Bible Translators	Benin/Togo, Africa
Andrew and Meghan Newman	Reformed University Fellowship	USF, Tampa
New Hearts Outreach		Tampa
New Life Solutions Pregnancy Center		St. Petersburg
Next STEPP Center		St. Petersburg