

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

“Let those refuse to sing, who never knew our God.” Isaac Watts

January 10, 2021

10:45 AM

THE PRELUDE

THE GREETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Minister: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS-PASTOR BARNES

THE SERVICE OF PRAISE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP-*PSALM 104:1-2*

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**Congregation: O Lord my God, You are very great!
You are clothed with splendor and majesty!**

Minister: Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak!
Stretching out the heavens like a curtain!

Congregation: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP-*NO. 660*

O God Beyond All Praising, We Worship You Today

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

**Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

THE INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father which 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 PSALM OF DEVOTION-*THE PSALTER 40A*
I Waited for the Lord (*stanzas 1 & 2*)

**I waited for the Lord; He stooped and heard my cry.
He brought me from a pit, out of the dungeon mire,
My feet set on a rock, my footsteps made secure,
My lips He gave a song, a song to praise our God.**

**Many will see with awe, and so will trust the Lord.
Blessed he who trusts the Lord, and turns not to false men.
Lord, none compares to You, Your thoughts and works, my God!
Should I declare each one, their number is too great.**

*(Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plates on the table at
the back of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the worship service,
or you may give online by going to www.tpcstatesboro.com.)*

THE SERVICE OF FAITH

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH-*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. [*universal]**

THE DOXOLOGY-*NO. 733*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE READING-*1 JOHN 1:1-4*

The Reader: The Word of the Lord!

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Reader: May God's Word live in us!

The Congregation: And bear much fruit to His glory!

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Minister: Let us pray that the Gospel of our Lord will fill our hearts with joy!

**Congregation: Heavenly Father, thank You for revealing to us the Gospel of eternal life in Jesus; and
thank You for the eyewitness testimony to the person and work of Jesus, that we find in Your Holy
Word! Fill our hearts with joy, as we are reconciled to You by the sacrifice of Jesus, and grant us rich
fellowship and communion with You in His Name; this we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your eternal Son,
who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE PSALM OF PREPARATION-*THE PSALTER 27B*

I Ask the Lord and Seek (*stanzas 4 & 5*)

**I ask the Lord and seek this one thing to obtain;
That in the Lord's house I may live, and ever there remain.**

**To gaze upon the Lord, His beauty to admire;
And in His temple I would stay to ponder and inquire.**

THE PRAYERS OF ADORATION

THE PRIVATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we need Your help.
We confess that we have wandered from Your way: we have done
wrong, and we have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us: wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring
forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

THE PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION

THE SERVICE OF WORD

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP-*NO. 381*

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

**Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumbring on the brink of woe;
Death is coming, hell is moving – can you bear to let them go?
See our fathers and our mothers and our children sinking down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior – tell them that he will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too;
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Then he'll call us home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON-*1 SAMUEL 13:1-14*

THE SERMON-*THE REV. PETE WHITNEY*

“Pray Before”

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP-*NO. 384*

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace;
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav’ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel’s joyful sound:
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound:
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.**

**So that when your love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey:
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.**

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

All are standing

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