

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89:6-8, 14-16

A HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 32 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism 1 & 2

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

Congregation: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Minister: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

Congregation: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

Hymn 12 – Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim (Stanza 3)

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 90 Hymnal, Pg. 816

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Great God of mercy and grace, we confess how prone our hearts are to wander from you. Even though you interposed your precious blood to rescue us from the death our sins deserved, we still easily wander astray like lost sheep. Instead of reverently trembling in awe and wonder before you and pursuing holiness eagerly, we constantly turn aside after our idols, ignoring your life-giving statutes and the wise rules you have laid down for us in your Word. Our eyes covet the possessions you have given to our neighbors, as well as their bodies and their relationships. Our minds and our mouths are filled with unclean thoughts and words. Our hearts are set firmly on things that will rust, break, decay, and die, instead of being devoted to the one who loved us and gave himself for us. Father, be at work in us more and more. Give us a new will that desires to obey you, then give us new strength to do the good things that you make us desire. When we do obey you, keep us from boasting, as if our new obedience were something we had accomplished by ourselves. When we fail, draw us into a deeper recognition of our utter dependence upon you and constant need of the gospel. Holy Spirit, transform our hearts by renewing our minds. Spread your holiness through every corner of our lives, so that we obey not out of slavish fear but out of joyful reverence for the God who loved us so much. Teach us to see God's law as the perfect guide for our steps, and to revel in the freedom that is ours in Christ, who has taken away the law's threats by nailing them to the cross, making peace between us and God. Have your way within us according to your own good pleasure, as a potter shapes the clay for his own purposes. In Jesus' name, amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. *Ezekiel 36:25-27*

RESPONSE OF THE CONGREGATION

Hymn 6 – O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord (Stanza 1)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:15-22 Pew Bible Pg. 1155

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Followed by the Lord's Prayer ("Debts")

OFFERING and DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Old Hundredth L.M. (731)

A HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn 642 – Be Thou My Vision

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Philemon 21-25 *Pew Bible Pg. 1274*

Closing Words

Pastor James A. La Belle

A HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 649 – More Love to Thee, O Christ

BENEDICTION

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel, for he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel. And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity; the whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be. *McKee CM (11:1,2)*