



COVENANT
presbyterian church



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
MARCH 8, 2026

ADORATION



Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship | **Psalm 135:1-7**

Leader:

Praise the Lord!

Praise the name of the Lord,
give praise, O servants of the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God!

People:

**Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession.
For I know that the Lord is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.**

Leader:

Whatever the Lord pleases, he does,
in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all deeps.
He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth,
who makes lightnings for the rain
and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.

Hymn of Adoration

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Prayer of Adoration

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (#92)

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great;
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

Text and tune: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther (1529)
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CONFESSION

Call to Confession | **Acts 3:19-20**

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.

Confession of Sin

Gracious Father,

we confess that we have desired too much for the comforts of the world,

that we have loved the gifts more than the Giver.

In your mercy, help us to see that we strive after shadows, but that you are the substance.

We ask that you would blot out our sins;

that you would receive Christ's worthiness for our unworthiness; his righteousness for our dead works,

his glory for our shame.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | **Romans 8:1 & Galatians 2:20**

Leader:

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Your sins are forgiven.

People:

I have been crucified with Christ.

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Song of Assurance

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Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven.
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon.
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to Him.

Sing twice:

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

FORMATION AND COMMISSION



Congregational Prayer | Randy Richmond, Deacon

Reading of the Word | Acts 6:8-6:15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

#735 | 2nd-Century Traditional | Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Sermon

Unbelonging
Rev. Mike Kelly

Tithes & Offerings

Meditation | *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

New Communicant

Arthur Marzinke

The Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.**

**The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

Sursum Corda

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is good and right to do so.

Doxology

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Cups in the outer ring contain grape juice; remaining cups contain wine.

The Lord's Supper and Closing Songs are on pages 9-11.

Benediction

Postlude

My Jesus, I Love Thee (#648)

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Text: William R. Featherstone (1864)
Tune: CARITAS, Composer: Adoniram J. Gordon (1894)
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Rejoice, the Lord is King (#310)

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

Refrain

His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n.

Refrain

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet.

Refrain

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.

Refrain

There is a Higher Throne

There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue
Will one day come.

Before the Son we'll stand,
Made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace—
Salvation comes.

Chorus

Hear heaven's voices sing;
Their thund'rous anthem rings
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies.
Their praises rise.

All glory, wisdom, pow'r,
Strength, thanks, and honor are
To God our King who reigns on high
Forevermore!

And there we'll find our home,
Our life before the throne;
We'll honor Him in perfect song
Where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
As thirst and hunger die
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
We'll reign with Him.

Chorus

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CALENDAR & EVENTS

Details about events available at cpcissaquah.org

SUNDAY

9a - Sunday School

10:15a - Morning Worship

6p - Evening Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, March 14 | 8a

Women's Ministry | Face-to-Face

Friday, March 27 | 7p

At the home of Lucy Milojevich

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Audio-Visual Team

the CPC A/V team is currently in need of more volunteers—adults primarily, but teenagers also welcome—to spread out the rotation load and as we prepare for a couple of our teens to head to college. Whether or not you have experience, the team is happy to train you. Please reach out to John Roecker (johnr@cpcissaquah.org) if you are interested in finding out more.

ELL

As our student numbers grow, we are in need of more teachers for this valuable ministry! Talk to Beverly Roecker to find out more.

Jubilee Reach

We are looking for people who can donate once a month for six months, April-Sept. There are two ways to donate:

1. Groceries donors buy a bag of staple groceries from a set shopping list.
2. Stock the Shelves donors buy 1-2 bulk items, such as diapers or paper towels.

For more details or to sign up, please email Shirley Rowe.

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