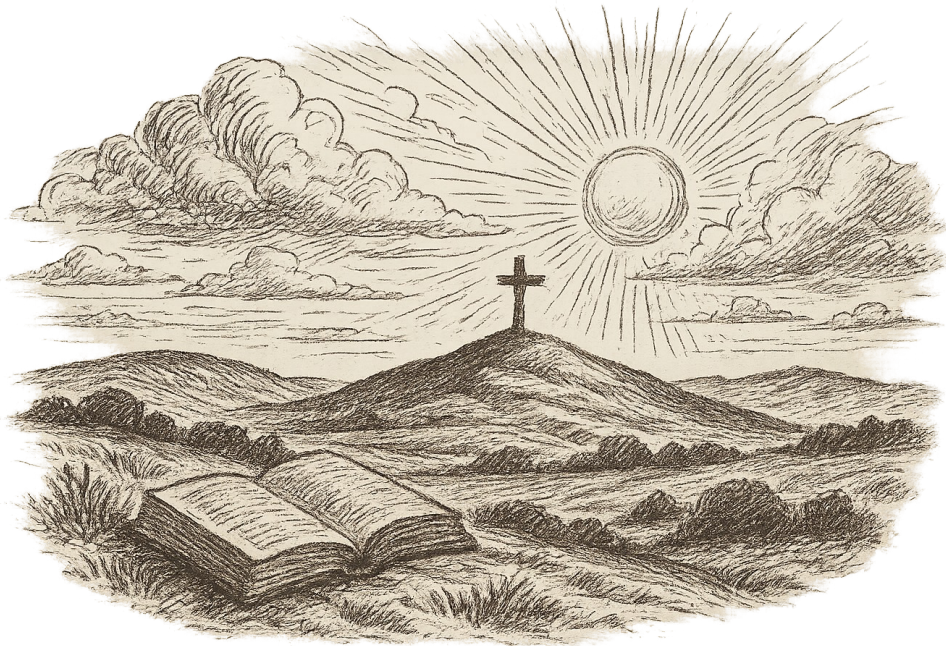


**COVENANT
WATERFALL**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Lord's Day

2 May 2025



Call to Worship[†]

The Lord calls us to worship by His Word. He alone initiates worship (Ps. 122:1-2). We as his people respond to him drawing near to us through his Word, by the power of his Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 113

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and for
evermore!**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

**The Lord is high above all nations,
and His glory above the heavens!**

Who is like the Lord our God,

who is seated on high,
who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?

**He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash
heap,**

**to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.**

**He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of
children.**

Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Praise and Invocation

We respond to God's summons with a prayer of praise and invocation, calling upon God's holy name to meet with us as He promises to do.

God's Greeting[†]

We are welcomed into the King's presence (2 Cor. 13:14), humbly confessing our reliance on His strength (Ps. 124:8).

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: Who made Heaven and Earth!

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you!

[†]Congregation speaks the words printed in **bold**.

Song of Praise

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King
of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health
and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so
wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so
gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy
work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily
attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty will do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me
adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now
with praises before Him!
Let the amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

*Joachim Neander (1665) – **LOBE DEN HERREN***

Call to Confession

God calls us to regularly confess our sins to Him in prayer, but especially together in worship. The Lord promises that if we come before Him in faith and humility, He will keep His promise to “forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” for the sake of Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practise the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Confession of Sins[†]

We confess our sins individually but also together, as the corporate body of Christ.

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not
to have done;
and there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardon

Through the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. God's promises are publicly read out, so that every sinner may know that if they have confessed their sins, they are truly washed away.

Exodus 34:6-7

“The Lord, the Lord, is a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.”

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Song of Thanksgiving

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun (Psalm 72)

Verse 1

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Verse 2

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Verse 3

Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Verse 4

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

*Isaac Watts (1719) – **DUKE STREET***

Pastoral Prayer

God is our good Father, who cares about the needs of his people. In this time, we lift up the needs of our congregation, our denomination, and of the church across the world. We also pray for the advance of God's kingdom in this world.

Sermon Text: *Colossians 1:1-2*

Prayer for Illumination

God's Word is living and active. Before we hear His Word preached, we ask God to open our hearts and give us understanding by His Spirit.

Sermon

Preacher: Rev. Henning Dafel

Confession of Our Faith[†]

We confess truths of our Christian faith that the church has held to throughout her history. This reminds us of our connection to the universal church of Christ throughout all the ages.

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**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended to the dead;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.**

Amen.

The Lord's Supper

The Supper points us to the redemption we have through the body and blood of Christ and seals to us all the benefits of union with Jesus by faith.

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Song in Response to God's Word

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Verse 1

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for, with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

Verse 2

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Verse 3

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

Verse 4

At His feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

*Traditional Eucharistic Hymn (4th c.) – **PICARDY***

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Sunday School – Heidelberg Catechism

The Heidelberg Catechism (1563) is a warm, beloved confession of Christian faith in 129 questions and answers. These are categorized into fifty-two "Lord's Days" for weekly teaching. It outlines Reformed doctrine and the believer's journey from sin to salvation to deliverance.

LORD'S DAY 26

Q. 69: How is it signified and sealed unto you in holy baptism that you have part in the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross?

A. Thus, that Christ has appointed this outward washing with water and added the promise that I am washed with His blood and Spirit from the pollution of my soul, that is, from all my sins, as certainly as I am washed outwardly with water, by which the filthiness of the body is commonly washed away.

Q. 70: What is it to be washed with the blood and Spirit of Christ?

A. It is to have the forgiveness of sins from God through grace, for the sake of Christ's blood, which He shed for us in His sacrifice on the cross; and also to be renewed by the Holy Spirit, and sanctified to be members of Christ, that we may more and more die unto sin and lead holy and unblamable lives.

Q. 71: Where has Christ assured us that we are washed with His blood and Spirit as certainly as we are washed with the water of baptism?

A. In the institution of baptism, which reads thus: *Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit* (Matt. 28:19). And: *He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned* (Mark 16:16). This promise is also repeated where the Scripture calls baptism *the washing of regeneration* and *the washing away of sins* (Titus 3:5; Acts 22:16).

Romans 6:1-7; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Acts 2:38-39; Matthew 28:18-20

Announcements

Visitors

If you are with us for the first time, we'd love to get to know you! Please stay afterward to chat with a member, or with our pastor.

Home Group

(Home group has closed for 2024, and will resume in the new year.)

Catechism Class

Classes on the Heidelberg Catechism are held every Lord's Day at 09:30.

Birthdays

- Melanie Hempson (May 15th)
- Colleen Roslyn Gravelet-Blondin (May 24th)

Prayer Items

Growth Opportunities

Pray for the growth and building-up of Covenant Waterfall, and for opportunities to engage our community. Pray that we may be bold, faithful witnesses for Christ to the souls of Upper Highway.

The Persecuted Church

Pray for the Church around the world, especially those suffering for the sake of Christ's name. Pray for God's nearness and mercy to them, and for courage to bear up under persecution.

Engagement: Chris & Anneli

We give thanks to God for their engagement! Pray that they would continue to grow in holiness and in love, as they prepare for life together. Ask that the Lord would protect their plans and glorify Himself in them.

Prayer Requests

If you have any needs or concerns for which your church can be praying, please feel free to speak to either Cullen or Henning.

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