

Psalm 118:19-29

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12. ¹⁹ Now o - pen wide the gates for me, The
 13. ²⁰ This is the gate that is the LORD's, The
 14. ²² That stone is now the cor - ner - stone That
 15. ²⁴ This is the day the LORD has made; Let

gates of righ - teous - ness, And I will en - ter
 righ - teous en - ter in. ²¹ I'm thank - ful You have
 build - ers once de - spised. ²³ This is the do - ing
 us be glad and sing. ²⁵ Ho - san - na, LORD! O

in through them; With thanks the LORD I'll bless.
 an - swered me; My Sav - ior You have been.
 of the LORD, And won - drous in our eyes.
 give suc - cess! O LORD, sal - va - tion bring!

16. ²⁶ O blessed is the one who comes,
 Comes in the LORD's great name.
 A blessing from the LORD's own house
 Upon you we proclaim.

17. ²⁷ The LORD is God and He to us
 Has made the light arise.
 With cords bind to the altar's horns
 The festal sacrifice.

18. ²⁸ You are my God, I'll give You thanks;
 My God, I'll give you praise.
²⁹ O thank the LORD, for He is good;
 His love lasts endless days.

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WE PRAY FOR THE NATION AND THE WORLD

- The Persecuted Church in Mali, Nepal, and East Africa.
- Bill & Jill Bennett: Church planters in Jefferson, GA.
- Pray for nurses, doctors, and other health care professionals to have strength for their works of service and care.

WE PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Covenant Presbyterian: Chattanooga, TN and their pastor John Jones.
- Mentoring Program at Walker & Hays State Prisons; mentors Mike Tuggle, Wil Davis, Luke Wilson, Bill Henshall, and Melvin Howell.
- Boy Scout Troop 52: the evangelism opportunities it presents.
- Chris Traffanstedt: leading Bible study with unchurched people.
- Outreach to Battlewood Apartments led by Gary Sutherland: ask God to draw people to His Son and to make disciples.

WE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

- Covenant family of the week: Herman McConathy.
- Capital Improvements Fund: Ask God to show you ways you may be enabled to increase your support of this congregation through meeting some of our facility needs. Pray God will grant us approval from the Government to make repairs to the property He has entrusted to us.
- Church Officers: Ask God to raise up additional church officers and reveal to the congregation whom He is calling to serve them and Him.
- Youth & Young Adults Generosity Project: pray for the youth and young adult Sunday school classes as they seek God to show them ways they can know the joy of generosity this month.
- Diana Johnson's Mother, Linda Hoag, is suffering from crippling back pain. Pray for relief and the right treatment for her. Ask God to make this affliction the cause for the family to desire heavenly things more as they see the emptiness of worldly things.
- Terrell Tucker: is having breathing and heart trouble; pray the Lord will give Ellen strength and patience as she cares for him. Ask God to make them to know the depth of His love for His people in Christ.
- Herman McConathy's Sister Nadine: praise God for the relief she has received from some of the effects of Macular Degeneration. Thank God also that she will not have to undergo dialysis treatment.
- Sandy Chase (Andrea Newby's mother) has a form of blood cancer and is taking chemo pills; pray God will give her stronger faith in Him through this affliction and sustain her through the treatment.
- Marcy Tuggle: her sisters, Bonnie continues to grieve the sudden death of her husband and is facing renewed cancer treatment as the cancer grows and spreads; pray for Marcy as she cares for her asking God to give both of them strength as they suffer together and seek encouragement from His covenant promises.
- Ralph Cobb: Brother of David Cobb; continues in a terminal health condition; pray for his family in this season as they care for him and find comfort in Christ's resurrection as it guarantees that of His people.
- Shut ins: Jane Deck and Monroe Davis: pray for their spiritual comfort in Christ and for their continued growth in God's grace.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

O great and everlasting God, Who dwells in unapproachable light, Who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart; we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, nor with all our soul, nor with all our mind, nor with all our strength; nor our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with Your provisions for us. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about Your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things which perish, rather than in You, the Everlasting God. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able for all time to save us who approach You through him, since he always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. (Hebrews 2:14-18)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

please hold the elements until all have been served so we may partake together

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING.....“Now Open Wide the Gates” (Psalm 118:19-29)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE DOXOLOGY.Psalm 72:18-19

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.

THE LORD’S DAY EVENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 15, 2019 | 6:15 p.m.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 217“All My Heart This Night Rejoices”

*THE INVOCATION

HYMN REQUEST

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Acts 16:1-5

THE SERMON.....“Paul Did What?!”

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 644.....“May the Mind of Christ My Saviour”

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

THE CONFESSION OF FAITHHeidelberg Catechism No. 79

Q. Why does Christ call the bread His body and the cup His blood, or the new covenant in His blood, and why does Paul speak of a participation in the body and blood of Christ?

A. He wants to teach us by His supper that as bread and wine sustain us in this temporal life, so His crucified body and shed blood are true food and drink for our souls to eternal life. But, even more important, He wants to assure us by this visible sign and pledge, first, that through the working of the Holy Spirit we share in His true body and blood as surely as we receive with our mouth these holy signs in remembrance of Him, and, second, that all His suffering and obedience are as certainly ours as if we personally had suffered and paid for our sins.

THE INVITATION TO CHRIST’S TABLE

THE LAW OF GOD

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matt. 22:37-40)