

# COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 9, 2025

11:00 AM

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GOD'S GOOD NEWS

Romans 1:1-7



# MORNING WORSHIP

11:00 AM

## PRELUDE

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Mr. Logan Brasher

## WELCOME

Mr. Tim Leazer

## ☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 98:4-8* (Reader | **Congregation**)

Dr. Nicholas Beadles

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

## ☒ OPENING PRAYER

## ☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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## READING OF GOD'S WORD

*Exodus 13:1-16*

## ☒ HYMN OF THANKSGIVING AND TRUST

*That Man Is Blessed (Psalm 1)*

In Bulletin

☒ Please stand if you are able.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Psalm 25:16-18*

**Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*I John 1:8-9*

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.

## “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.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

## DOXOLOGY

# 732

*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. Amen.*

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

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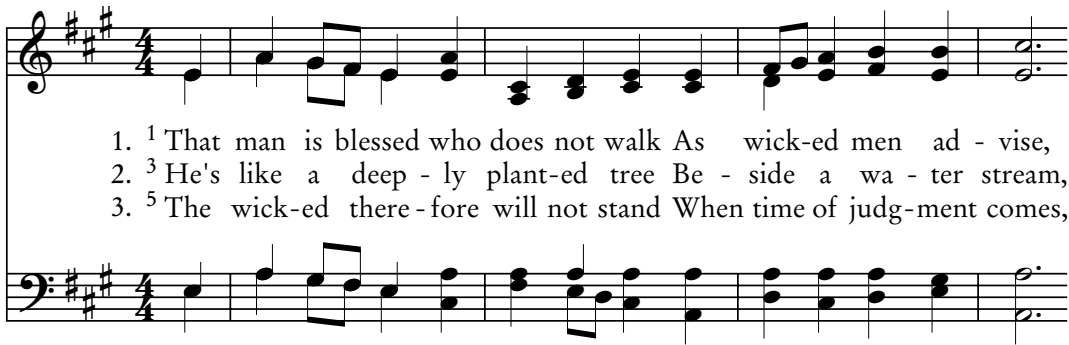
☒ HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

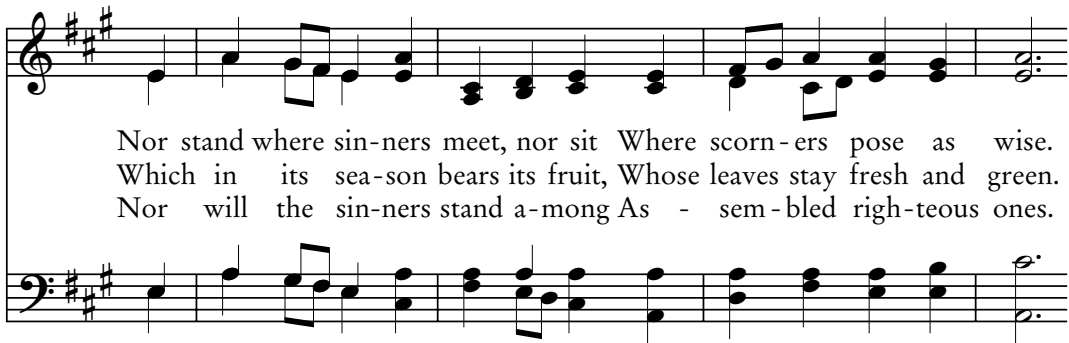
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☒ BENEDICTION

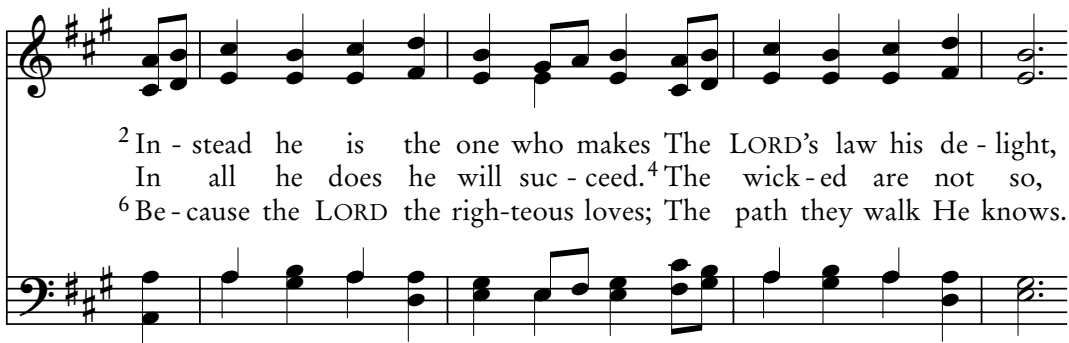
# THAT MAN IS BLESSED (PSALM 1)



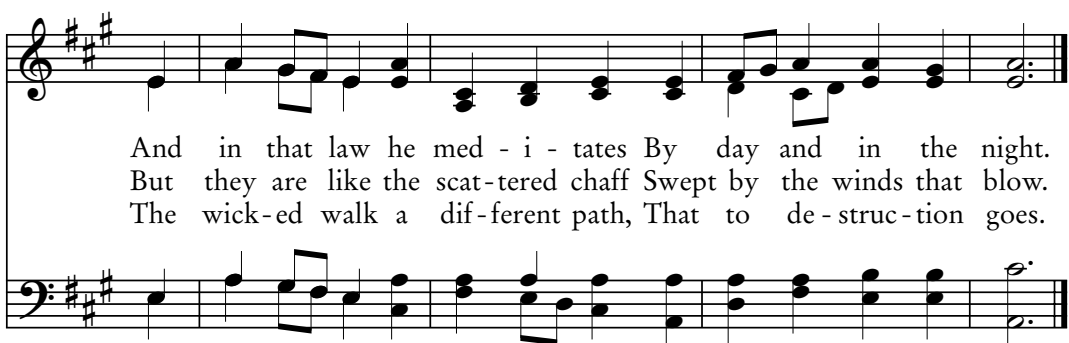
1. <sup>1</sup> That man is blessed who does not walk As wick-ed men ad - vise,  
2. <sup>3</sup> He's like a deep - ly plant-ed tree Be - side a wa - ter stream,  
3. <sup>5</sup> The wick-ed there - fore will not stand When time of judg - ment comes,



Nor stand where sin - ners meet, nor sit Where scorn - ers pose as wise.  
Which in its sea - son bears its fruit, Whose leaves stay fresh and green.  
Nor will the sin - ners stand a - mong As - sem - bled righ - teous ones.



<sup>2</sup> In - stead he is the one who makes The LORD's law his de - light,  
In all he does he will suc - ceed.<sup>4</sup> The wick - ed are not so,  
<sup>6</sup> Be - cause the LORD the righ - teous loves; The path they walk He knows.



And in that law he med - i - tates By day and in the night.  
But they are like the scat - tered chaff Swept by the winds that blow.  
The wick - ed walk a dif - ferent path, That to de - struc - tion goes.

# SERMON NOTES

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# WORSHIP 101

*Welcome to our church and to one of the most vital things we do: worshipping the Living God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). We hope that as you worship with us, your hearts will be enriched, your minds opened to the things of God, and your desires shaped to His will. Below is the layout of our morning worship.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Since we are a worshipping community, we may have a few announcements of common interest before the Prelude, but please read the items of interest in your bulletin. Join us in any of our activities.

**PRELUDE:** A musical piece planned for reflection and preparation. We recognize that most of us lead very hectic lives. Please calm your heart and prepare to meet God. Meditation on Scripture or reading over the words of hymns for the service is often helpful.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** The tone of the service begins with Scripture, reminding us all of our purpose.

**SINGING UNTO THE LORD:** We welcome you to pray, praise, and witness during our songs. We use hymns that are time-tested, focused on God, and reverent. Our goal is to bring you into the presence of the exalted God, no less, who joins us in worship. When special music is included, it is offered as an act of worship to the glory of God. Since it is not a performance for our entertainment, we ask you hold your applause.

**CONFESSION:** Often we use historic confessions or creeds to verbalize our faith publicly and to unite us together. Usually, the pastor will identify the time period or setting of an ancient confession. We also use Prayers of Confessions, with an announcement of Pardon from sin — good news for all believers. We invite you to enter sincerely into these opportunities to acknowledge our brokenness – in thought, word, and deed – and to receive God’s forgiveness through Christ.

**PASTORAL PRAYER:** A time to praise, petition, and communicate with God. We often pray for specific needs of our congregation at this time, as well as use words and phrases from the Bible.

**OFFERING:** Our church’s work is supported by grateful givers and their tithes, which belong to the Lord (Mal. 3:10).

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** We believe that God’s Word is perfect and cannot fail. Thus, we seek to saturate our worship with as much of God’s Word as possible. Every service of worship will feature many portions of God’s Word because it is the bread of life.

**SERMON:** An explanation of the Bible verses read. Our pastors frequently preach through books of the Bible, trusting God’s Spirit to apply His Word to your hearts. The sermon’s purpose is not so much to entertain as it is to unfold and apply the eternal message of God.

**BENEDICTION:** While the benediction is pronounced, reverently meditate and rejoice in God’s blessing. It is quite literally a "good word", taken from Scripture to give a concluding blessing to the service.

**POSTLUDE:** Celebratory music played after the service has concluded. During this time, be sure to greet one another and deepen your friendships as an overflow of worship.

*In essence, we seek to worship God as modeled in Scripture, not according to human imagination, custom, creativity, or glamour. This ancient and reverent worship form depends on God’s ordinary methods: preaching, prayer, and the sacraments as effective means by which God conveys grace, strength, truth, love, and eternal life. We extend our hands to invite you to join us.*