Ascension PCA

November 15, 2026



A community of worshipping, maturing,
and multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ,
to the glory of God the Father,
by the power of His Spirit,
and in the hope of God's Kingdom.

WELCOME TO ASCENSION!

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

We are delighted that you are here, especially if this is your first time with us.

Connect with One Another:

We would love to know that you were here this morning and encourage you to fill in a *Connect Card* so that we can follow up with you, answer your questions, or pray for you.

Our practice of wearing *Name Tags* is to make you feel more comfortable among us, help you to identify staff and leadership, and make it easier for you to connect with us. See our back page for contact information.

We heartily invite you to join us for *refreshments* and conversation after the service.

To Parents of Young Children:

If you would like to utilize it, we have a staffed *Nursery* for children through age 3 across the hall.

We encourage younger children to remain with us during the service. They are not a distraction!

Feel free to sit up front where your child can more easily see and hear what is happening.

Clipboards for kids are available to encourage our children to participate in our worship together. Stop by the special Kids Table to pick up clipboards and crayons for your child.

Free Biblical Resources:

If you don't have a copy of God's Word, please help yourself to one of the free Bibles as our gift for you to take home.

You are also welcome to browse the literature and resources available to you on the Welcome Table, carts, and stands.

Joyfully worshipping together
as the family of God,
with reverence and awe,
mindful of our heritage
as well as our present context.

A Word About Our Liturgy

The elements and sequence that make up
our worship service (the liturgy) is the way
we tell ourselves, one another, and all in this place,
the grand story of the Triune God:
the story of God pursuing a people
despite their wanderings and forgetfulness,
and shaping them into His people for His glory.

QUIETING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

O God, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee
such good things as pass man's understanding,
pour into our hearts such love toward Thee,
that we, loving Thee above all things,
may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ The Book of Common Prayer

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

We gather at the invitation of God through His Word.
He speaks first, revealing Himself to us,
and we respond with one voice in joy and thanksgiving!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Exodus 15:1–2,11

M: Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

P: I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.
The LORD is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise Him,
my father's God, and I will exalt Him.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might.
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render,O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Words by Walter Chambers Smith (1867).
Traditional Welsh hymn melody.
PUBLIC DOMAIN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace
and crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
on this terrestrial ball
to Him all majesty ascribe
and crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
we at His feet may fall.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown Him Lord of all!

Verses 1-2 by Edward Perronet (1779); verse 3 by John Rippon (1787).
Music by Oliver Holden (1793).
PUBLIC DOMAIN.

GOD CLEANSES US

We gather each week as sinners in constant need of His mercy.
The corporate confession of sin acknowledges this
and invites honest expression before God.
However, God isn't silent as we cry out to Him —
He assures us that His grace is bigger than our sin.
God's forgiveness is for all those who humble themselves
before Him in Christ Jesus.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 132

1 Remember, O LORD, in David's favor,
all the hardships he endured,
2 how he swore to the LORD
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
3 "I will not enter my house
or get into my bed,
4 I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
5 until I find a place for the LORD,
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Jaar.
7 "Let us go to His dwelling place;
let us worship at His footstool!"

8 Arise, O LORD, and go to Your resting place,
You and the ark of Your might.
9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let Your saints shout for joy.
10 For the sake of Your servant David,
do not turn away the face of Your anointed one.

11 The LORD swore to David a sure oath
from which He will not turn back:
"One of the sons of your body
I will set on Your throne.
12 If your sons keep My covenant
and My testimonies that I shall teach them,
their sons also forever
shall sit on your throne."

13 For the LORD has chosen Zion;
He has desired it for His dwelling place:
14 "This is My resting place forever;
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
15 I will abundantly bless her provisions;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
16 Her priests I will clothe with salvation,
and her saints will shout for joy.
17 There I will make a horn to sprout for David;
I have prepared a lamp for My anointed.
18 His enemies I will clothe with shame,
but on him his crown will shine."

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Heavenly Father, we have sinned.

Both consciously and unconsciously,
we have thought, spoken, and done what we should not have.
And we have not thought, spoken, and done
what You have called us to do and be as Your people.
Forgive us, we pray.

Grant us the grace to never be content with ourselves,
to always grieve and turn from our sin,
to never think that we have "arrived."
Give us the strength by Your Spirit to kill our pride and envy,
to command our tongues to speak words of life,
and to trample down our selfishness.

May we live for You and not for ourselves,
may we be transformed into Your likeness,
be set apart for Your service,
and live entirely for Your glory.
In the name of Jesus we plead, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

In these moments, we confess our personal sins to God so that we may take hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 54:8,43:25, 44:22

"With everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the LORD, your Redeemer. I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."

Believe this good news and live in peace. Amen.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Psalm 42

Why my soul are you downcast?
Why are you troubled within?
For I will hope in my Saviour, my God.
I will praise Him, yet praise Him again.

Why my soul are you downcast?
Why are you troubled within?
For I will hope in my Saviour, my God.
I will praise Him, yet praise Him again.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
I will praise Him yet, praise Him again.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
I will praise Him yet, praise Him again.

Morning by morning, new mercies are streaming.
I trust in Your goodness where I cannot see.
You have been faithful whenever I wandered.
Lord, give me the hope that I need.

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I trust in Your goodness where I cannot see.
You have been faithful whenever I wandered.
Lord, give me the grace that I need.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
I will praise Him yet, praise Him again.

Why my soul are you downcast?
Why are you troubled within?
For I will hope in my Saviour, my God
and will praise Him, yet praise Him again.

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Holy Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a crucial means of growing and comforting God's people and awakening people to new faith in Jesus.

PRAYER

READING OF THE WORD

Romans 5:12–21

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death
through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — 13 for
sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not
counted where there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses,
even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam,
who was a type of the one who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one
man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by
the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And the
free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment
following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following
many trespasses brought justification. 17 For if, because of one man's
trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those
who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness
reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act
of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the
one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one
man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 Now the law came
in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all
the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign
through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

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.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

"The Last Adam" *Pastor Nate Hitchcock*

SERMON NOTES: _____

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PRAYER

GIVING TO THE LORD

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with Whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

There is One Gospel

There is one Gospel on which I stand
for all eternity.
It is my story, my Father's plan.
The Son has rescued me.
Oh what a Gospel, oh what a peace.
My highest joy and my deepest need.
Now and forever, He is my light.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel to which I cling,
all else I count as loss.
For there, where justice and mercy meet,
He saved me on the cross.
No more I boast in what I can bring,
no more I carry the weight of sin.
For He has brought me from death to life.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel where hope is found,
the empty tomb still speaks.
For death could not keep my Saviour down,
He lives and I am free.
Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes,
my life is His and His hope is mine.
For He has promised I too will rise.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And in this Gospel, the church is one,
we do not walk alone.
We have His Spirit as we press on
to lead us safely home.
And when in glory still I will sing
of this old story that rescued me.
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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of this old story that rescued me.
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I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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GOD COMMUNES WITH US

The Lord's Supper is a meal for the family of God,
given by Jesus the night before His death to be celebrated until His return.
It points back to the cross, forward to the return of King,
and spiritually nourishes us for today as we eat and drink in faith.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

CONFESSING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

from Philippians 2

P: Christ Jesus, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made Himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled himself and became obedient to death —
even death on a cross!

Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place
and gave Him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please COME FORWARD to receive the elements from the elders at the table, then RETURN to your seats.
GLUTEN-FREE BREAD and GRAPE JUICE are available from the trays.
Please HOLD elements until we can all partake TOGETHER.

SONG OF MEDITATION

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea:
a great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,
my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart;
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there,
who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died
my sinful soul is counted free,
for God, the Just, is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of Glory and of Grace.

One with Himself, I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God;
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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GOD SENDS US

We end by receiving God's promises to us as His people.
He will be with us as we serve Him in this world,
to the end of all time.

BENEDICTION

SONG OF RESPONSE

His Mercy is More

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
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9:00AM: **Discipleship Hour**
10:00AM: **Worship Service** (in-person & livestream)

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