

# THE LORD’S DAY WORSHIP

The Twenty-Eighth Day of August, Two Thousand Eleven  
MORNING WORSHIP  
Ten O’Clock

Interim Minister — Dr. Guy L. Richardson  
Minister to Youth and Families — The Reverend Mr. Richard E. Owens, III

*The Bible is the means by which God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, reveals Himself to His people. We respond to His grace by praising Him through praying, singing, reading, and preaching the Bible.*

## The Greetings and Announcements

## The Preparation for Worship and Instrumental Prelude

## Introit — “The Lord Has Heard and Answered My Prayer”

### ‡The Call to Worship

### ‡The Hymn No. 457 — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

### ‡The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

## The Scripture Reading and Pastoral Prayer

**Psalm 19:7-14.....Rev. Richard Owens**

**The Sacrament of Baptism.....Channing Whitten Hodges, II  
Son of Channing and Michelle Hodges  
RE John Downs**

**The Prayer.....RE Charles Montgomery, Sr.**

### ‡The Hymn No. 523 — “My Hope is in the Lord”

## The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

### \*Anthem — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Chorus

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

## The Prayer of Illumination

## The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 49 (Pew Bible 472)

## The Sermon — “It All Goes Back in the Box”..... Dr. Guy L. Richardson

### ‡The Hymn No. 585 — “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

### ‡Benediction

\*Children depart for Little Worship at the conclusion of the Anthem.

‡Congregation standing.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

### VERITAS CLASS

Who: Couples with young children  
Where: The Fellowship Hall  
Teacher: Gary Dyksterhouse and Zeb O’Bryant  
Study: “Generous Justice” by Tim Keller

### AGAPE/KOINONIA CLASS

Who: Couples with older children, and seniors  
Where: The Choir Room  
Teacher: Lee Coleman  
Study: “Have Faith Anyway!” a study of the book of Habakkuk

### YOUNG ADULTS CLASS

Who: Young married couples and singles  
Where: The Library  
Teacher: John Patridge and T Mac Howard  
Study: “The Book of Acts”

### SENIOR HIGH AND JUNIOR HIGH CLASSES COMBINED

Who: 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
Where: Fireside Room  
Teacher: Richard Owens

### CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Who: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Where: Classroom by the Library  
Teacher: Meagan Reans

Who: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
Where: Classroom by Harris Coleman’s Office  
Teachers: Kathryn Dyksterhouse

Who: 4 and 5 year olds  
Where: Classroom by the nursery on the right  
Teachers: Jeff Warren

Who: 2 and 3 year olds  
Where: Classroom by the nursery on the left  
Teacher: Larry Joe and Margie Makamson

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Wednesday night activities have started back at 6:00 p.m. with Men and Women meeting together in the Library, Jr. and Sr. High Youth supper and Bible study and Children’s activities. Nursery is available.

## AUGUST USHER TEAM

Kim and Mary Elizabeth Makamson (head usher), Hal and Kathy Coleman, Watson Pillow, and Chris and Suzanne Shaw.

## THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

9:15 a.m. Prayer in the Fireside Room  
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship: Dr. Guy L. Richardson  
Little Worship: Trey and Elizabeth O’Brien  
11:20 a.m. Sunday school for all ages

### MONDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 p.m. Young Adult Sunday School Men’s Discipleship Group

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
Youth Ministry – Jr. High & Sr. High  
Children’s Ministry  
Nursery Available

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:15 a.m. Prayer in the Fireside Room  
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship: Dr. Guy L. Richardson  
Little Worship: Neil and Allison Pillow  
11:20 a.m. Sunday school for all ages

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PROMOTION SUNDAY TODAY:** Westminster is kicking off its new year in Sunday School this morning.. Now is the perfect time to begin attending a Sunday school class. New teachers and new studies will help make this year a fun and exciting opportunity for spiritual growth. Join us!

**CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST?!?:** The choir would like to invite all “**Christmas only**” singers to the choir kick-off today. There will be a covered dish lunch after Sunday school, followed by the Christmas rehearsal from 1:30 – 2:30 (Regular choir members will stay until 3:00).

**MISSION TEAM MEETING:** The mission team will be meeting in September to review the missionaries that Westminster supports. If you would like to be part of this process, please talk to Gary Dyksterhouse or Lee Coleman.

**LITTLE WORSHIP:** This morning children ages 4-5 may remain in the sanctuary or be dismissed to attend Little Worship at the conclusion of the Anthem. Those who are scheduled to teach Little Worship for August are: August 28 – Trey and Elizabeth O’Brien and for September are: September 4 – Neil and Allison Pillow; September 11 – Johnny and Georgeanne Smith; September 18 – Walter and Stevie Pillow. The Lesson Book is in the church office on the top shelf of the book case. Please return it to the office each Sunday.

**SEPTEMBER USHER TEAM:** John Downs (head usher), Jeff and Brady Warren, Kirk and Darla Kimes, and McLeod and Allison Meek.

**FLOWERS:** The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Channing and Michelle Hodges in honor of their son, Whitt.

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP  
(From Psalm 92 and Psalm 95)**

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name,  
O Most High;

**People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your  
faithfulness by night,**

Pastor: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

**People: At the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the  
rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a  
joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

**Pastor and People: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King  
above all gods!**

**The Old Testament Reading: Psalm 19:7-14**

*<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the  
LORD is sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are  
right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;  
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be  
desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant  
warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup> Who can discern his  
errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant  
also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!  
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup> Let the  
words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your  
sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

**WILL BAPTISM SAVE THIS CHILD?**

Will baptism save this child? No, salvation comes through trusting in Jesus Christ  
as one's Savior and Lord. Then why do we baptize this child? Not for sentiment,  
though he/she is sweet. Not for tradition, though it is dear. We baptize this child  
because we believe the Bible commands us to do so.

Throughout biblical history, God has promised to bless through a covenant  
relationship with his people. He said to Abraham, "I will be a God to you and to  
your children after you." Abraham believed God's covenant promise and devoted  
all that he had to the Lord, including the members of his household. In obedience  
to God, Abraham showed his devotion through practicing the rite of circumcision  
in his household. This rite demonstrated that God's covenant would pass to future  
generations but would necessitate the shedding of blood for sin.

The shed blood did not create the covenant but rather acted as a seal, a pledge  
given by God, that he would honor his promise to all who, like Abraham, put their  
faith in him.

In the New Testament the Apostle Peter, preaching on the day of Pentecost,  
assured all that covenant promises of God would continue for the children of  
believers. He said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of  
Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven. The promise is for you and for  
your children and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call."

The promise to bless through faith in God's grace continued, but the Apostle Paul  
told Colossian believers that the sign of this covenant has changed. No longer  
foreshadowing the shedding of Christ's blood, the New Testament sacrament of  
baptism is a sign of what Christ's blood accomplishes, the washing away of sin  
and, thus, our union with him.

This water does not itself wash away sin but rather, according to the Apostle Paul,  
this sacrament acts as a seal, a visible pledge of God given to the church, whereby  
Heaven assures us that when such children as this one express faith in Christ, all  
the promises of his covenant of grace will apply to them.

The Bible gives us good reason to express our covenant privileges through such a  
baptism. In the New Testament accounts of baptism, every person identified as  
having a household present at his or her conversion also had the household  
baptized.

Yes, it is sweet to savor God's goodness to this family, but sentiment is not what  
leads this church or these parents to this holy ordinance. We baptize this child in  
obedience to biblical teaching, in keeping with the precedent of centuries of  
faithful families, and in expectation of God's presence and blessing. God now  
uses this sacrament to pledge to us his faithfulness as we, in faith, devote this child  
of the covenant to him.

~ Dr. Bryan Chapell



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