

## Lord's Day Worship

September 25, 2022

\*(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.*

### PRAISE

\* Call to Worship Psalm 89:1

\* Opening Hymn *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

### RENEWAL

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of all grace, we are weak and forgetful people. We forget what you have done for us in and through the gospel of your Son, Jesus. Father, forgive the unbelief that clouds our minds with doubt and fear. Jesus, you held fast to the gospel in your living, dying, and rising again, always obeying your Father and setting your face toward the cross. You never forgot your mission, but faithfully lived and died in our place. Though we may forget you, you never forget us. You intercede for us daily before your Father, and you are preparing us for the day when we will feast with you in heaven. Help us to live by this faith and hope.** (silent prayer)

\* Assurance of Pardon Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Thanks be to God!**

\* Song *The First Place*

Presentation of 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bibles

*4<sup>th</sup> graders receiving Bibles today:*

*Skyler Boswell, Ryker Castleman, Lincoln Harris*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering

*Doxology*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Reading Habakkuk 2:1-4

\* Song *Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart*

New Testament Reading Romans 1:13-17

Sermon "Not Ashamed of the Gospel"

### COMMITMENT

\*Affirmation of Faith 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 (ESV)

**Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.**

\* Closing Song *Lord Jesus, We Must Know You*

\* Benediction

\* Dismissal

Church, where are you going?

**We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

Glory to God!

### Do Not Be Ashamed

*Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling. – 2 Tim. 1:8-9*

Why does Paul warn against being ashamed of the gospel? Because it's a trap into which we easily fall. It's easy to be ashamed of Jesus Christ, of the servants of Jesus Christ, and of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Here's why. Vague talk about religion, God, and spirituality is usually tolerated – even welcomed – in the modern world. What is offensive to modern (and ancient) society is a clear declaration that there is salvation in no one other than Jesus Christ. If we are prepared to declare with Peter that *there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved* (Acts 4:12), then we will surely face opposition. Paul's message to Timothy will be a message for us: *share in suffering for the gospel.*

Paul's invitation to suffering also runs counter to the Christian triumphalism of our day, which always speaks of Christian living in glowing terms, as if God will always smooth our path and lead us from victory to victory. Jesus, in contrast, was blunt and honest: *A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you* (John 15:20). John Newton was right in his famous hymn *Amazing Grace*. A Christian must pass through "many dangers, toils and snares," before "grace will lead me home."

God has saved you, Christian, and he will hold you fast in the midst of suffering. God has called you, and his Holy Spirit will give you courage to testify to the truth of his gospel. When you are tempted to shrink back from standing for Christ, his servants, or his message, keep your eyes fixed on him, rely on his strength, and *do not be ashamed.*

Pastor Phil Moran



# CHRIST

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**“...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything.” Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV**

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**September 25, 2022 | Rev. Phil Moran**  
**“Not Ashamed of the Gospel”**  
**Romans 1:13-17**

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