



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

JANUARY 7, 2018

# MORNING WORSHIP

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## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

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*If you live inside this massive promise, your life is more stable and solid than Mount Everest. Nothing can blow you over when you are inside the walls of Romans 8:28. Outside of Romans 8:28 is confusion and anxiety and fear and uncertainty. Outside this promise of all-encompassing future grace, there are straw houses of drugs and alcohol and numbing TV and dozens of futile diversions. There are slat walls and tin roofs of fragile investment strategies and fleeting insurance coverage and trivial retirement plans. There are cardboard fortifications of deadbolt locks and alarm systems and antiballistic missiles. Outside, are a thousand substitutes for Romans 8:28. Once you walk through the door of love into the massive unshakeable structure of Romans 8:28, everything changes. There come into your life stability and depth and freedom. You simply can't be blown away anymore. The confidence that a sovereign God governs your good and bad and all the pleasures you'll ever experience is an incomparable refuge and security and hope and power in your life.*

JOHN PIPER, *Future Grace*

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

Toccata on NICAEA

arr. Page Long

The Striking of the Hour

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The Call to Worship

Psalm 122:1-4

Mr. Howell

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!” Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

† The Processional Hymn No. 100     *Holy, Holy, Holy!*     NICAEA

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Lord’s Prayer     (Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-5

Page 762 in the Pew Bible

The New Testament Lesson

Romans 8:28-30

Page 1201 in the Pew Bible

The Morning Prayer

The Hymn No. 662

*As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams*

AS THE HART LONGS

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

*How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1597

Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1599; arr. Bach

Chancel Choir

(see No. 515 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)



3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## The Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)

### The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

### † The Covenant Vows

#### *Vows of the Parents*

1. Do you acknowledge your children's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate them to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

#### *Vow of the Congregation*

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of their children?

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## The Words of Institution

For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto Him. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you and to your seed after you. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your house.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

## The Baptism

**ASHER STEPHEN ROSENBLATT**

**ANNA ELIZABETH ROSENBLATT**

**AVERY MORGAN ROSENBLATT**

*Parents:* Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Rosenblatt (Lauren)

*Assisting:* Ruling Elder/Shepherd Ken Williams

## The Covenant Prayer

† The Hymn No. 499

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

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† The Benediction of God’s Grace and the Congregation’s AMEN

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful and He will do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **AMEN.**

† The Quiet Reflection, Meditation, and Personal Application

*Following the 8:30 service, the congregation is encouraged to greet the covenant family at the front of the church. Join them in their excitement, thanksgiving and anticipation of God’s faithfulness to His covenant promises. Please use this time to assure these parents that you will indeed be there for them in prayer, with encouragement, as a source of refuge and partnership, as well as an aid in instructing their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.*

† The Postlude

Let All Together Praise Our God

arr. Charles Ore

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# LORD'S DAY VESPERS

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PRELIMINARY PREPARATION • 5:45 P.M.

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6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Homily

JOHN 17: JESUS' PRAYER

"The Hour has Come"

John 17:1-3

Rob Pendley

*A new evening sermon series begins tonight with a look into the prayer life of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as we study together His High Priestly Prayer in John, Chapter 17. If you have not made evening worship a godly habit in your life, now is a great time to experience a less formal service with wonderful music, readings, testimonies, and solid biblical preaching. Evening worship bookends the Lord's Day with worship, and it is a most gracious way to start the new week.*



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