

# BIG CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rensselaer, MO

January 10, 2021 11:00 a.m.

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## Prelude

\*Hymn of Praise #140

*"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Call to Worship

*(from Psalm 66)*

*Leader: Bless our God, O peoples! Let the sound of His praise be heard, He who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.*

PEOPLE: **For you, O God, have tested us and tried us as silver is tried.**

*Leader: You brought us into the net; You laid a crushing burden on our backs; You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water.*

PEOPLE: **Yet You have brought us out to a place of abundance.**

*Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His Name!*

\*Hymn #365

*"All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"*

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison):

O Lord, I marvel that You should become incarnate, be crucified, dead, and buried. Grant me to die with You, that I may rise to new life, for I wish to be as dead and buried to my own sin and to the sins of the world. Forgive me and purge from me all that is **joyless, hopeless, faithless**. Make me steadfast for every trial, and shape me according to Your good will and purposes. Help me to seek You—in the power and grace of Your Spirit—for all things.

**Private Prayers** (silently before God)

**Words of Assurance**

*1 Peter 1:3-7*

\***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.

\***Affirmation of Faith**

*Westminster Confession*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*(Children may remain with parents in the sanctuary, nursery, or upstairs.)*

**Sharing of Needs and Mercies**

**Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer**

**Worshiping God with Tithes & Offerings**

\***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

\***Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Message**

James 1:2-4

*(page 1011)*

**Communion**

*The Lord's Table is open to all who trust upon Jesus alone for salvation by faith and in repentance. Eat of the bread and juice as you receive it. Please keep cups with you, and dispose of them as you exit.*

\***Sending Hymn #443**

*"A Parting Hymn We Sing"*

\***Benediction & Response**

The LORD is my strength. Hallelujah!

\***Postlude**

*\* Please stand, if you are able and it is comfortable for you.  
Assistive listening devices are available upon request.*

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*Rev. Nathan Markley, Pastor  
Rebecca McElroy, Pianist  
All Members, Ministers*

**\*Hymn of Praise #140** *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”*

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
And triumph ever more:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 His Kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 He all His foes shall quell,  
Shall all our sins destroy,  
And every bosom swell  
With pure seraphic joy:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Amen.

**\*Hymn #365** *“All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”*

1 All the way my Saviour leads me;  
What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy,  
Who through life has been my Guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,  
Here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well. (2x)

2 All the way my Saviour leads me,  
Cheers each winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for every trial,  
Feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter,  
And my soul athirst may be,  
Gushing from the Rock before me,  
Lo! a spring of joy I see. (2x)

3 All the way my Saviour leads me;  
Oh, the fullness of His love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
In my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal,  
Wings its flight to realms of day,  
This my song through endless ages:  
Jesus led me all the way. (2x) Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn #443** *“A Parting Hymn We Sing”*

1 A parting hymn we sing  
Around Thy Table, Lord;  
Again our grateful tribute bring,  
Our solemn vows record.

2 Here have we seen Thy face,  
And felt Thy presence here;  
So may the savor of Thy grace,  
In word and life appear.

3 The purchase of Thy blood,  
By sin no longer led,  
The path our dear Redeemer trod  
May we rejoicing tread.

4 In self-forgetting love  
Be our communion shown,  
Until we join the Church above,  
And know as we are known. Amen.

## Announcements

- 1) Monthly Bible Study meets **this Thursday** (Jan. 14) at 2:00 here in the fellowship hall.
- 2) The offering to CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) came to \$3,100.
- 3) We'll serve communion **today** with *both* bread and juice in spaced plastic cups. We ask you to hold and throw away cups after use.

*WLC Q. 174. How must we receive the Lord's supper when it is offered?*

A. We should reverently and attentively wait on God as we carefully observe the sacramental elements. We should take specific notice of the Lord's body and meditate feelingly on His death and suffering and so stir up in us a lively effect of God's spiritual gifts. We should critically examine ourselves and be sorry for our sins. We should earnestly hunger and thirst after Christ, feeding on Him by faith, drawing from His fullness, trusting in His merit, rejoicing in His love, and giving thanks for His grace. We thereby renew our covenant with God and our love for fellow believers.

### A note to parents:

We're always glad when kids join us in the sanctuary to worship God! While nursery services are still on hold for health safety, parents may keep kids with them in the sanctuary, in the downstairs nursery space, or in the balcony upstairs any time during the worship service.



## Westminster Confession of Faith

*(Chapter V.1,7 "Providence")*

God, who created everything, also upholds everything.

He directs, regulates, and governs  
every creature, action, and thing,  
from the greatest to the least,  
by His completely wise and holy providence.

He does so in accordance with His infallible foreknowledge and the voluntary, unchangeable purpose of His own will, all to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

Just as the providence of God  
in general extends to every creature,  
so in a very special way it takes care of His church  
and orders all things for its good.

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The Westminster Confession of Faith (written 1600s England) has been professed for centuries as a concise confession of the essential truths of the Christian faith according to the Scriptures. It remains the EPC standard of doctrinal foundation.