

# BIG CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rensselaer, MO

February 21, 2021 11:00 a.m.

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## Prelude

\*Hymn of Praise #434

*“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”*

## \*Prayer of Invocation

\*Call to Worship

*(from Psalm 9)*

**Leader:** *the LORD sits enthroned forever. He has established His throne for justice, and He judges the world with righteousness.*

**PEOPLE:** **He judges the peoples with uprightness.**

**Leader:** The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know Your Name put their trust in You.

**PEOPLE:** **For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.**

**Leader:** *Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!  
Tell among the peoples His deeds!*

\*Hymn #437

*“The Church’s One Foundation”*

## Prayer of Confession (in unison):

LORD God, Your love toward us is steadfast and unending. Yet I have **abandoned Your command** to love my neighbor as myself. In the face of injustices, too often I **turn a blind eye** or **forget to even pray**. There is more **selfishness** in my heart than I want to admit, but the guilt of my sin is still too much for me to bear. Father, pardon all my sins—known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and unconfessed. Let the love of Christ control me, that I might live for You, not for myself.

## Private Prayers (silently before God)

## Words of Assurance

*Romans 5:5-8*

\***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** (printed on insert):

*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 (printed in insert)

## 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

\*Hymn #479

*“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

## Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Message

James 2:1-9

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\***Sending Hymn #473**

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

## \*Benediction & Response

His love endures forever. 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 #434** *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"*

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for His own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal Love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage;  
Grace, which, like the Lord the Giver, Never fails from age to age?

3 Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near:  
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna Which He gives them when they pray.  
Amen.

**\*Hymn #437** *"The Church's One Foundation"*

1 The Church's one Foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the word:  
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy Bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

2 Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

3 'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

4 Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.  
Amen.

**\*Hymn #479** *"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

1 In Christ there is no East or West,  
In Him no South or North;  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Him shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord  
Close binding all mankind.

3 Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,  
Whate'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as a son  
Is surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both East and West,  
In Him meet South and North;  
All Christly souls are one in Him  
Throughout the whole wide earth. Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn #473** *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one, Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

4 From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin, we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity. Amen.

## Announcements

- 1) **This Wednesday** 7:00-8:30 p.m. we continue Wednesday Night Bible Study for the Fall on the prophet Elijah. The study plans to meet through April 21. Live online viewing is available.
- 2) If you'd like to make an additional contribution to last Sunday's special offering to the Wheaton family (EPC World Outreach), please give those gifts to Ann Foreman.

## **Westminster Confession of Faith**

*(Chapter XXVI.1,2 "The Fellowship of the Saints")*

All believers are united to Jesus Christ, their Head,  
by His Spirit and by faith,  
and have fellowship with Him  
in His grace, suffering, death, resurrection, and glory.  
United to one another in love,  
the saints have fellowship in each other's gifts and grace  
and are obliged to perform public and private duties  
which nourish their mutual good,  
both spiritually and physically.  
By their profession of faith,  
saints are bound to maintain  
a holy fellowship and communion with each other  
in the worship of God  
and in the performance of other spiritual services  
for their mutual improvement.  
They are also bound to help each other in material things  
according to their different abilities and needs.  
This fellowship is to be offered as God gives the opportunity  
to everyone in every place  
who calls on the name of the Lord Jesus.



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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.