

BIG CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rensselaer, MO

April 28, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

*Hymn of Praise #132

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

(from Psalm 89)

Leader: *I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.*

PEOPLE: **Steadfast love will be built up forever. In the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness.**

Leader: *O LORD, You have a mighty arm; strong is Your hand. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne.*

PEOPLE: **Steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.**

Leader: *Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk in the light of Your face, who exult in Your name all the day.*

*Hymn #105

"How Gentle God's Commands"

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

MOST HOLY GOD, Your love toward us is wide and free, yet we are often **callous** and **careless** in our loves. I have **imitated evil** and **not imitated good**. Rather than loving my neighbor as myself, too often I **love myself first**. Father, cause me to feel the true weight of my sin and work in me true repentance by Your Spirit. We praise You that in mercy You are ever-willing to receive each humble sinner who comes to You by faith in Your Son Jesus.

Private Prayers *(silently before God)*

Words of Assurance

Romans 5:8-9

***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 reverse)*

Westminster Catechism

Welcome & Announcements †

Sharing of Needs and Mercies

Prayers of the People *(on insert)* / Lord's Prayer

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

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 #215

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Message

Guest Preacher, Dr. Woodie Burt

John 13:34-35

*Sending Hymn # 399

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Benediction & Response

The LORD is good. Hallelujah!

*Postlude

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

** Please stand, if you are able and it is comfortable for you.*

† Children ages 0-4 may exit to the Nursery downstairs after the Welcome.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q.4. *What is God?*

- A. God is a spirit,
Whose being, wisdom, power, holiness,
justice, goodness, and truth
are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable.

Q.5. *Is there more than one God?*

- A. There is only one, the living and true God.

Q.6. *How many persons are in the one God?*

- A. Three persons are in the one God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
These three are one God,
the same in substance and equal in power and glory.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism (written in 1600s England) consists of brief questions and answers as a concise confession of the truths of the Christian faith according to the Scriptures. This is a modern English adaptation of the original.



**The Worship of God
on April 28, 2024**

*In Essentials, Unity
In Non-Essentials, Liberty
In All Things, Charity (Love)*

**Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00**

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