ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Oh, How Good It Is

Oh, how good it is when the family of God dwells together in spirit, in faith, and unity; where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love are the fruits of his presence here among us.

(Refrain): So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and with one heart we'll live out his Word till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come; for he dwells in the presence of his people.

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share, to rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace, when we offer the blessing of belonging. (Refrain)

Oh, how good it is to embrace his command to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives. When we live as one, we all share in the love of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. (Refrain)

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Welcome and Announcements

Paul Hurst. Interim Pastor

Arden Focus: Parenting Sunday School Class

Mark Hedrick, Elder

Session Update: Welcome Elliot Mattix

Leon Turlington, Elder

* Call to Worship – Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

* Prayer of Invocation

* Praise, My Soul. The King of Heaven (No. 76)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress; praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes; praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone; but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on. Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

from Ephesians 1-2

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus ALL: Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Leader: In him we have redemption through his blood; We have the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

> Because he loves you as his own dear children, confess your sins to God silently.

-silent confession of sin-

Leader: You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

ALL: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace we have been saved.

Leader: He raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

In Jesus our sins are forgiven!

* Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord. In Christ he has in heav'nly realms his blessings on us poured. For pure and blameless in his sight he destined us to be And now we've been adopted through his Son eternally.

(*Refrain*): To the praise of your glory, to the praise of your mercy and grace. To the praise of your glory, you are the God who saves!

Come praise and glorify our God, who gives his grace in Christ. In him, our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice. In him, God has made known to us the myst'ry of his will That Christ should be the head of all his purpose to fulfill. (*Refrain*)

Come praise and glorify our God, for we've believed the Word And through our faith we have a seal--the Spirit of the Lord The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption's done Until we join in endless praise to God, the Three in One (*Refrain 2X*)

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Small Talk Paul Hurst

Children ages 3 years old -5^{th} grade are invited to join the speaker on the Sanctuary steps. They also have the option of participating in Children's Worship (downstairs following the small talk. Volunteers are at the back of the sanctuary to escort the children downstairs.

Children will remain in Room 8 (sanctuary lower level) until picked up promptly by parents.

Pastoral Prayer

Leon Turlington

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

You may also give online or mail your check to the Church Office.

* How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders; ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom; but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection. Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

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Sermon

Jesus: by John Now the Family Chimes In John 7:1-13 Pew Bible p. 892

Paul Hurst

^{*} congregation standing (as able)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Arden Presbyterian Church welcomes to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, who are seeking to forsake their sin, and who are members in good standing of congregations that proclaim this gospel.

The bread is free of gluten, dairy, nut, and soy.

Bread Distribution My Jesus I Love Thee (No. 648)

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me. and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death; and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath; and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow: if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

* Closing Hymn

The Doxology (No. 731)

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.

* Benediction and Dismissal

Elders are available down front after the service for anyone who would like prayer.



WEEKLY EMAIL

Scan this QR Code to subscribe to our weekly email. The email comes each Friday and highlights pertinent information about our church and ministries.

This week's prayer requests, missions moment, and announcements are available at the welcome center and in the weekly email.

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING DATES

Reception/Lunch for Elliot Mattix (Dir. of Student Min.) Sunday

Tuesday Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study begins

Zoom Prayer Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

Midweek meal (5:45 p.m.) and activities (6:30 p.m.) Wednesday

Thursday Men's Prayer and Bible Study (8:00 a.m.)

Men's New Commandment Ministry (8:30 a.m.) February 11 Tea reception in memory of Faith Maddix Monday Evening Ladies Bible Study begins February 12

Hands of Faith February 15

Summer Student Ministry Intern Application deadline March 1

See weekly email or announcement sheet for details!

OUR VISION

As a family called by God's grace and led by God's Word, we seek to welcome all people as part of God's kingdom work, both locally and globally, by prayerfully extending the praises of Christ to our neighbors and communities.

> **Children's Sunday School Classes** | 9:30 – 10:20 a.m. **Student & Adult Sunday School Classes** | 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. **Worship Service** | 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend our weekly worship service, you may watch our live stream at ardenpres.org/live-webcast

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Financial Update as of 01/31/24; Weekly Offering 01/28/24: \$19,031

	January Giving	YTD Giving	YTD Expense	YTD Diff.
General Fund	\$93,934	\$93,934	\$77,594	\$16,340
Mercy Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$872	\$128
Faith Promise	\$6,590	\$6,590	\$19,743	(-\$13,154)
Building	\$1,970	\$1,970	\$3,945	(-\$1,975)



Following Christ, proclaiming his praises, and engaging our community with his grace.

February 4, 2024 10:45 a.m.

Welcome to Arden Presbyterian Church! We hope your time in worship with us is a blessing to you. For all **first-time guests**, we have a gift for you at our **Welcome** Center located in the Lobby. Please drop by and see us!

Options for children during worship:

- Children of all ages are welcome to remain with their parents in worship. We have bags with activities as you enter the Sanctuary. The activities may be taken home.
- Children may also participate in Children's Worship following Small Talk.
- Nursery is available for birth through age 4.

Devices for the hearing impaired are available at the lobby welcome center.

The Balcony is available for those who are immunocompromised or for those who have heightened health concerns. Masks are available at the balcony entrance for those who would like one.

Learn more about our church family by visiting the Welcome Center in the lobby or our website: ardenpres.org





