ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Come, Thou Almighty King (No. 101)

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Welcome and Announcements

Paul Hurst, Interim Pastor

* Greeting

* Call to Worship – Psalms 133-134

Brett Callaway, Elder

Leader: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

All: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD! May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

* Prayer of Invocation

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

We Confess

Almighty God, we confess our sin What we have done, what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy, have mercy on us. Have mercy, have mercy.

Most gracious God we have lost our way, Like wand'ring sheep we have gone astray. We're truly sorry and we turn back Now for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ.

> Have mercy, have mercy on us. Have mercy, have mercy on us. Have mercy, have mercy.

As far as the east is from the west,
So far have I removed your sinfulness.
I carried your guilt and shame upon myself.
You are forgiven, forgiven.
You are forgiven, forgiven.

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* There is a Fountain Filled with Blood (No. 253)

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains: lose all their guilty stains; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away: washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away; and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die: and shall be till I die; redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save, when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave: lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave; when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r, till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more: be saved, to sin no more; till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

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.

Confession of Faith – *Heidelberg Catechism*, q. 1-2

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

Il: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Leader: What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

All: First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

You may give online via ardenpres.org or the QR code on front page.

Musical Offertory

Sanctuary Choir

Brett Callaway

And Can It Be?

Wesley (1738) | Dan Forrest (2014)

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain—For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above So free, so infinite His grace— Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race: 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine; Alive in Him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love!

Sermon Jesus: by John

Who Are You? John 8:12-30

Pew Bible p. 893

Paul Hurst

^{*} congregation standing (as able)

* Fairest Lord Jesus (No. 170)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be thine.

* 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

Evening Ladies Bible Study (6:30 p.m.) Monday Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (9:30 a.m.)

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

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

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

Fri-Sun GO24 Missions Conference

Ladies Dinner Out at Rocky's (6:30 p.m.) March 28

March 29 Good Friday Service (7:00 p.m.)

Easter Sunday (Brunch during SS; no children's worship) March 31

Summer Student Ministry Intern Application deadline

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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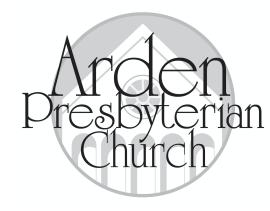
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DEACONS: David Avdich, Bob Hubert, Larry Kidd, Gary Missel, Jeremy Pressley, Tom Robertson

Financial Update as of 03/14/24; Weekly Offering 03/10/24: \$13,006

| | March Giving | YTD Giving | YTD Expense | YTD Diff. |
|---------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| General Fund | \$28,122 | \$180,407 | \$187,290 | (-\$6,884) |
| Mercy Fund | \$893 | \$3,773 | \$2,639 | \$1,134 |
| Faith Promise | \$6,455 | \$29,545 | \$47,758 | (-\$18,213) |
| Building | \$1,608 | \$5,348 | \$6,768 | (-\$1,420) |



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

March 17, 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





