



Hixson Presbyterian Church  
September 3, 2017

**Prelude**

**Greetings**

Greg Baney

**Call to Worship** From Psalm 111

**Prayer of Preparation & Confession**

**†Across the Lands**

You're the Word of God the Father  
from before the world began;  
Every star and every planet  
has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

Chorus: You're the Author of creation,  
You're the God of every man,  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of Heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
with a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered, that the guilty may go free.

With a shout You rose victorious,  
wresting vict'ry from the grave  
And ascended into Heaven, leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.

**Responsive Reading** Revelation 4:11; 5:12, 13

**†God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory**

*Tune- Come, Thou Fount*  
God, all nature sings thy glory,  
and thy works proclaim thy might;  
Ordered vastness in the heavens,  
ordered course of day and night.  
Beauty in the changing seasons,  
beauty in the storming sea;  
All the changing moods of nature  
praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in man  
whom thou hast made for thee  
Ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty  
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days.  
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise

But our sins have spoiled thine image;  
nature, conscience only serve  
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.  
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy word of truth revealed.  
Claim the praise of all who know thee,  
in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee.

We, thy creatures,  
would adore thee now and through eternity.  
Saved to magnify thy goodness,  
grant us strength to do thy will  
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

**†Here I Am to Worship**

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus: Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor. (Chorus)

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross. (Chorus)

And here I am to worship...

**Baptism**

Farren and Everhett Vineyard

**God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

*\*Please fill out the friendship folder found at the end of the pew\**

Children Pre-K through 1st grade are  
invited to Children's Church

**Offertory** *Christ Intercedes*

**Sermon**

"Incomparable Christ"  
Colossians 1:15-20

Robert Johnson

**†Before the Throne of God Above**

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
my name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in Heav'n He stands,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart—  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.  
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me—  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,  
my perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of Glory and of Grace.  
[One with Himself, I cannot die,  
my soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ my Savior and my God—  
With Christ my Savior and my God.]

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

† Congregation Standing  
Please feel free to sit as necessary

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### **Why Do We Do That?**

**Singing these particular songs:**

We believe that scripture allows us to sing a variety of songs from all times and seasons in church history (Col. 3:16). In our church we practice a blended style with a mix of ancient and modern hymns as well as some contemporary songs. As we sing songs from the history of the church we connect with our past. As we sing songs from the present day we connect with churches around us who worship the same God. We sing these particular songs because we believe they are centered around God and the gospel, not us. Also, they must be explicit about the God of the Bible and not so vague as to leave us wondering who we're really singing about. Lastly, the style and tune must be accessible to all who gather for worship at our church, enabling us to worship in a way that is familiar, yet also preferential those who are comfortable in other traditions (Rom. 12:10, 1 Cor. 14:26).

**Sermon Notes - Robert Johnson**  
"Incomparable Christ"  
Colossians 1:15-20

**First, The Person of Christ (15)**

**Second, The Glory of Christ (16-19)**

**Third, Reconciliation & Peace (20)**

**Finally, Applying the Truth**

## Announcements for the week of September 3, 2017

• **There will be no evening ministries today due to the holiday weekend.**

• **Men's Football Cookout:** Men, please come on down to the pavilion on Saturday, September 9 at 5pm to enjoy some college football, BBQ, and other various activities with your fellow men. The meat and drinks will be provided, but we ask that you'd bring a dish to share for dinner. For more information visit [Hixsonpres.org/men](http://Hixsonpres.org/men).

• **Pictorial Directory:** It is time for a new pictorial directory! We will produce the new directory in-house using our CCB program (Church Community Builder). This will require all of our cooperation to get our family profile pages in CCB up to date, including adding a family picture. We will have easy to follow directions that you can take home next week to help you update your information. If you are not able to do this on your own, or do not have access to a computer please stop by one of our stations after church September 10, 17, & 24 and we will be glad to help. As soon as all the profiles in CCB are updated we can print directories for everyone.

• **Primetimers (HPC's Senior Adult Group)** will meet at the church Tuesday, September 12 at 12:00pm for a delicious lunch provided by the church kitchen committee. David Carroll will be our speaker. Please sign up on the church website if you have not received a phone call.

• **Fall Women's Bible Study:** Please join us for a Women's Bible Study entitled "From Garden to Glory". The study will be on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30, September 13 thru November 15. Please indicate if you will need childcare when you sign up. Workbooks can be purchased at the Welcome Desk. The cost for the workbook is \$8.00.

• **New Visitor's Luncheon:** If you are new to HPC, we would like to invite you to a New Visitor's Luncheon scheduled for Sunday, September 17th at 12:30pm. This is our way of saying thanks to you for joining our congregation in worship. It is also a great opportunity for you to meet the staff of HPC in a more intimate setting and learn more about our church. Please fill out the tear-off in your bulletin to let us know you are coming.

• **The Uganda Mission trip** is coming up September 22-31. They are still trying to raise much needed funds. Please consider giving to support this mission trip. You may designate Uganda Mission Trip on your check.

• **Women's Retreat:** November 10-12, 2017 at Wafloy Mountain Village in Gatlinburg, TN. Ladies, college age and up, please join us for *Joy in the Midst*. Registration is now open. You may sign up and pay your deposit today at the registration table in the foyer.

• **Save the Date:** Saturday, October 28 from 8:00-9:30 am, Pancake Breakfast. Sunday, October 29 from 4:00-7:00pm, Social time with a special guest & Anniversary Banquet & Program.

• **TASK:** Our Tutoring After School Kids ministry begins Tuesday, September 5. Most of the children we tutor are Hispanic and we help to bridge the gap for parents who have barriers to helping their children. Over the years I have seen many tears shed by parents wanting the best for their children! I would ask that you prayerfully consider how you might help our ministry this year. We always need tutors (3:30-5:30pm Tuesday and Thursday). Even one day would be helpful! We also need snacks each week, and we need everyone in the congregation to pray for our ministry and the children we serve. Please complete the tear-off in Sunday's bulletin or sign up on our website (on the Local Outreach page) to let us know how you are led to help. You may also contact Reid Scott @ 423-605-0853 with any questions.

## Weekly Calendar

### **Sunday, September 3**

9:30am Sunday School  
10:45am Worship Service  
No Evening Ministries

### **Monday, September 4**

Labor Day - Office Closed

### **Tuesday, September 5**

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
8:30am Ladies Prayer Walk  
3:00pm TASK

### **Wednesday, September 6**

6:30pm Choir Practice  
Dig for Youth  
Music & Missions HPC Kids

### **Thursday, September 7**

3:00pm TASK

### **Friday, September 8**

### **Saturday, September 9**

9:00am Choir Christmas Workday  
5:00pm Men's Cookout & Football Night

## **Adult Sunday School Classes**

### **Women's Sunday School Class: Teaching Ladies for Christ (TLC)**

TLC is a class designed for women of all ages in any stage of life. We will be using biblically centered books and studies to dig deeper into what it means to be a woman of God. Our goal is to connect with one another while we explore practical and applicable ideas and content that we can use daily in our lives to help continue to grow into women who follow Christ. **August 20 – December 31st** (Taught by Leigh Anne Grant)

### **The End of the Ages: The Book of Revelation**

Ever wondered about the return of Christ? What are we to believe concerning the "rapture", the Anti-Christ, and the Battle of Armageddon? Are we living in the "end times"? What is the book of Revelation all about, and can it be practically used in the life of a believer today? If you have ever asked these questions, you are not alone. Come join us as we explore together this amazing, and complex book. **August 20 – December 31st** (Taught by Floyd Richardson).

### **Foundations of Faith**

This class explores the basic elements of the Christian faith, and is a great resource for those seeking to learn more about what it means to be a Christian, a member of the colony of heaven. We will explore such topics as the existence of God, the person of and work of Christ and the Holy Spirit. How can you know you are a Christian, and is church attendance important? Please join us for this exciting and stimulating study **August 20 – October 8th** (Taught by Hutchings, Carver, Siren and Huff)

## Contributions Report

<b>General:</b>		<b>Missions:</b>	
<b>Aug 27, 2017</b>		<b>Aug 27, 2017</b>	
Contributions	12,918.00	Contributions	1,710.00
Budget	13,515.00	Budget	1,828.00
<b>Month to Date</b>		<b>Month to Date</b>	
Contributions	51,919.00	Contributions	5,915.00
Budget	54,060.00	Budget	7,312.00
<b>Building Fund Weekly</b>	4,872	<b>Month to Date</b>	20,425
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	5,303	<b>Monthly Goal</b>	21,212