Record of Orders of Service for the Month of **September 2020**

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The Westminster Confession of Faith 14 - SAVING FAITH

1: How faith comes about and is strengthened.

The grace of faith by which the chosen are empowered to believe for their salvation,¹ is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts,² and is normally produced by the service of the Word.³

By this, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.⁴

[¹Heb 10:39. ²2 Cor 4:13, Eph 1:17-19, Eph 2:8. ³Rom 10:14,17. ⁴1 Pet 2:2, Acts 20:32, Rom 4:11, Luke 17:5, Rom 1:16-17.]

2: What faith does.

By this faith a Christian believes as true whatever is revealed in the Word, because of the authority of God who is speaking in it.¹

He responds differently to what each particular passage contains -

- rendering obedience to the commands²
- trembling at the threats,³ and
- receiving warmly the promises of God for this and future life.⁴

But the primary acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving and resting on Christ alone for being put in the right, being made holy and eternal life, as a result of the Covenant of Grace.⁵

[¹John 4:42, 1 Thes 2:13, 1 John 5:10, Acts 24:14. ²Rom 16:26. ³Isa 66:2. ⁴Heb 11:13, 1 Tim 4:8. ⁵John 1:12, Acts 16;31, Gal 2:20, Acts 15:11.]

3: The Growth of Faith.

This faith differs in degrees, being weak or strong.¹ It may be, often and in various ways, under attack and weakened, but it wins the victory.² It grows up in many to the acquiring of a full assurance through Christ,³ who is both the source and finisher of faith.⁴

[¹Heb 5:13-14, Rom 4:19-20, Matt 6:30; 8:10. ²Luke 22:31-32, Eph 6:16, 1 John 5:4-5. ³Heb 6:11-12; 10:22, Col 2:2. ⁴Heb 12:2.]

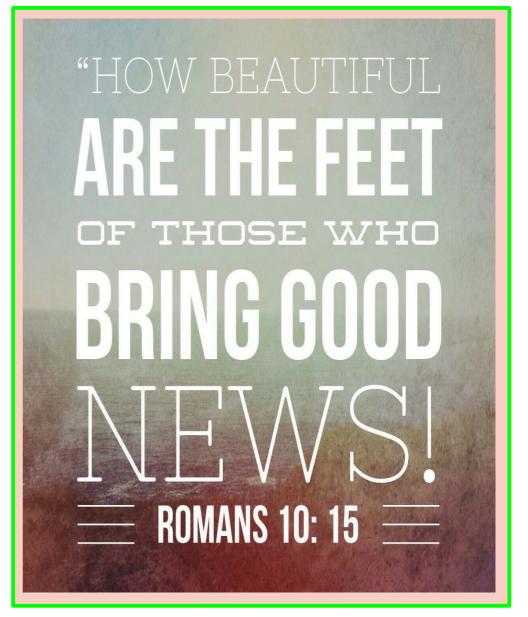
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Order of Worship for BUNBURY REGION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 6th September, AD 2020.





A moment of reflection before the start of the Service: We have come into His house

We have come into His house, and gathered in His Name to worship Him. (repeat) We have come into His house, and gathered in His Name to worship Christ the Lord, So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him. (repeat) So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Christ the Lord, worship Him Christ the Lord.

The Service of Worship to God

Approaching God

worship Him Christ the Lord.

a) Opening of Worship:

Call to Worship: (Psalm 34:8-10)

* Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

⁹ Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

¹⁰ The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

The Lord's Greeting:

The Lord be with you; and also with you.

b) Prayers of Adoration:

A Hymn of praise

When Morning Gilds the Skies

REJOICE! 152 (Psalm 34:1)

c) Confession and Assurance:

Call to confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. .

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for illumination:

OT Reading: Psalm 34 (ESV)

NT Reading: Romans 10:1-17 (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Gospel: Nature of Faith and Preaching - Part 2

Hymn:

Come Unto Me, You Weary

REJOICE! 388 (Matthew 11:28)

Responding to the Word from God

a) Prayers of the People:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace.

b) The Offering:

Invitation:

(*The collection of the monetary symbols of our offering is taken up*) REJOICE! 36 (John 8:12)

Prayer: (All stand)

c) Closing of Worship:

Hymn: Jesus, I Am Trusting, Trusting REJOICE! 540 (Hebrews 12:2)

Sending:

Blessing:

Now unto Him who is able to keep, able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power

both now and forever. Amen.

The Westminster Confession of Faith 13 – SANCTIFICATION

1: True Holiness.

Those who are effectively called and reborn by having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further made holy, actually and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by His Word and Spirit residing in them.

The control of the whole body of sin is destroyed,³ and its particular cravings are increasingly weakened and put to death.⁴

They themselves are increasingly strengthened in all saving graces,⁵ so as to practise true holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.⁶

[¹1 Cor 6:11, Acts 20:32, Phil 3:10, Rom 6:5-6. ²John 17:17,Eph 5:26, 2 Thes 2:13. ³Rom 6:6, 14. ⁴Gal 5:24, Rom 8:13. ⁵ Col 1:11, Eph 3:16-19. °2 Cor 7:1, Heb 12:14.]

2: Incomplete.

This being made holy is throughout the whole person, 1 yet incomplete in this life. There remain still some left-overs of corruption in every part, 2 as a result of which there arises a continual and interminable conflict, the flesh fighting against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh.3

[11 Thes 5:23. 2Rom 16:26. 3Gal 5:17, 1 Pet 2:11.]

3: Real progress.

In this conflict the remaining corruption may greatly prevail for a time,¹ but through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the part that is reborn overcomes,² and so Christians grow in grace³ by making holiness complete⁴ in the fear of God.

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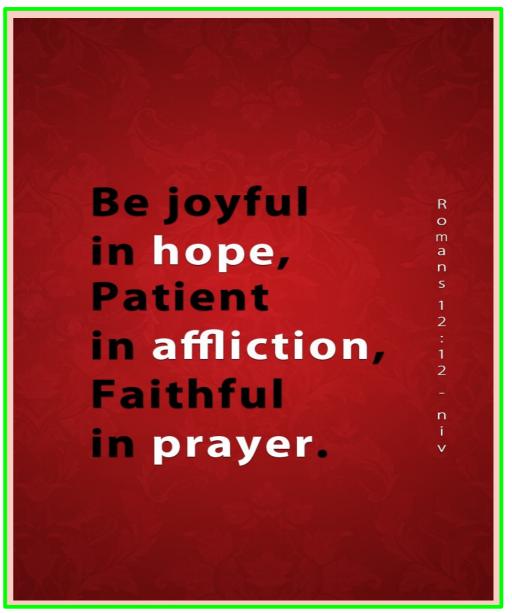
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Order of Worship for BUNBURY REGION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 13th September, AD 2020.





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The Service of Worship to God

Approaching God

a) Opening of Worship:

Call to Worship: (Malachi 4:2)

But for you who revere my name,

the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.

And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.

The Lord's Greeting:

The Lord be with you; and also with you.

b) Prayers of Adoration:

A Hymn of praise

Sometimes a Light Surprises

REJOICE! 504 (Malachi 4:2)

c) Confession and Assurance:

Call to confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. .

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for illumination:

OT Reading: **Daniel 9:4-19** (ESV)

NT Reading: Romans 12 (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Consecration

Hymn:

Make Me a Captive Lord

REJOICE! 564 (Ephesians 4:1)

Responding to the Word from God

a) Prayers of the People:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

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Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

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b) The Offering:

Invitation:

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Prayer: (All stand)

c) Closing of Worship:

Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

REJOICE! 38 (1 Timothy 1:17)

Sending:

Blessing:

Now unto Him who is able to keep, able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and forever. Amen.

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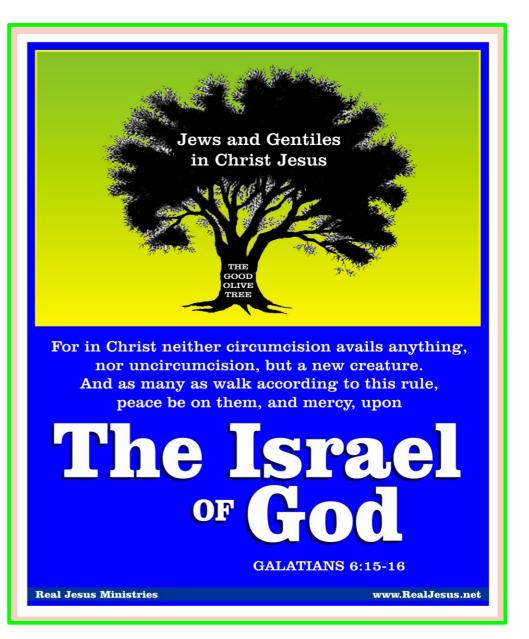
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Sunday 20th September, AD 2020.



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The Service of Worship to God

Approaching God

a) Opening of Worship:

Call to Worship: (Deuteronomy 29:29)

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

The Lord's Greeting:

The Lord be with you; and also with you.

b) Prayers of Adoration:

A Hymn of praise

For the Might of Your Arm

REJOICE! 605 (Deuteronomy 7:19)

c) Confession and Assurance:

Call to confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. .

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for illumination:

OT Reading: Amos 9:11-15 (ESV)

NT Reading: Romans 11:1-36 (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon: What About Israel?

Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

REJOICE! 209 (Galatians 6:14)

Responding to the Word from God

a) Prayers of the People:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

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Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace.

b) The Offering:

Invitation:

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Prayer: (All stand)

c) Closing of Worship:

Hymn: Jesus the Everlasting Word

REJOICE! 124 (John 1:1-3)

Sending:

Blessing:

Now unto Him who is able to keep, able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and forever. Amen.

Extract from "Romans 8-16 For You" our main models of the possible relationshi

Four main models of the possible relationship between Church and State

1: Erastianism: The state controls the church.

2: Theocracy: The church controls the state.

3: Constantinianism: A compromise in which the state favours the church, and the church makes some accommodation with the state in order to preserve its favoured status. [Attributed to the situation in the Fourth Century with the Roman Emperor, Constantine the Great]

4: Partnership: Church and state recognise each other, and they each have distinct God-given responsibilities, and encourage and collaborate with each other in fulfilling these roles.

Paul in Romans 13:1-7 is not giving a direct discussion of church-state relations. Nevertheless, there are some interesting inferences we can draw. Of the four models proposed (by John Stott) the fourth (Partnership) seems to accord best with Paul's teaching in Romans 13.

His main focus however is how the Christian believer is to live as a citizen of his or her country.

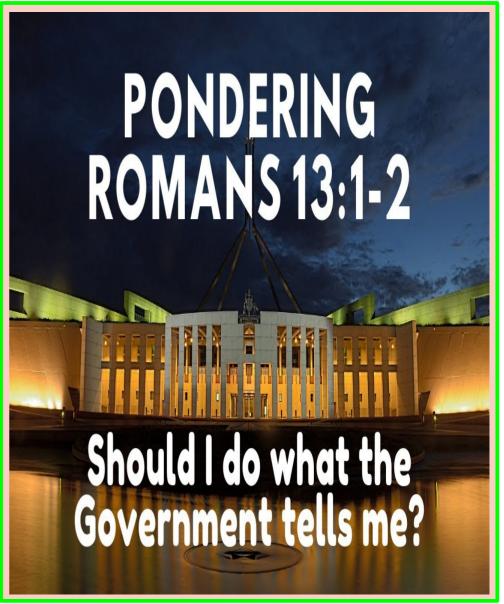
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The Service of Worship to God

Approaching God

a) Opening of Worship:

Call to Worship: (Psalm 42:1,2,11)

¹ As the deer pants for streams of water,

so my soul pants for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?

¹¹ Why are you downcast, O my soul?
Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,

or I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.

The Lord's Greeting:

The Lord be with you; and also with you.

b) Prayers of Adoration:

A Hymn of praise

As Longs the Deer

REJOICE! 545 (Psalm 42:1-2, 6-8, 11)

c) Confession and Assurance:

Call to confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. .

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for illumination:

OT Reading: **Daniel 3:1-6, 16-18** (ESV)

NT Reading: Romans 13: 1-7 (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Church and State

Hymn: Eternal Light, Eternal Light!

REJOICE! 39 (1 John 1:5)

Responding to the Word from God

a) Prayers of the People:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace.

b) The Offering:

Invitation:

(The collection of the monetary symbols of our offering is taken up) REJOICE! 36 (John 8:12)

Prayer: (All stand)

c) Closing of Worship:

Hymn: O Lord, the Judge of All the Earth

REJOICE! 43 (Psalm 94:1-5,8-13,17-18)

Sending:

Blessing:

Now unto Him who is able to keep, able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and forever. Amen.