

Hymn- "Sing Praise to the Lord God Almighty"

Hymn- "God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises"

We Offer Thanks and Seek God in Prayer

Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

Isaiah 65:24

Field report- India by Eric Sackman

Concerns & Prayers of the people

We Present Our Offerings

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much. Luke 16:10

Dedication prayer

Hymn- "What Gift Can We Bring?"

The Word Proclaimed

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. V.29

Scripture Text: Acts 4:23-31

Sermon – "Prayer of the Harassed Church" by Pastor Jeff Gregory

Hymn – "Are We the Soldiers of the Cross?"

A Prayer of Anticipation

O God, gracious provider for our needs, we remember your Son Jesus with love and hope, and we look forward to the day we may sit at table with him in your everlasting kingdom. As his disciples ate and drank the Passover Seder with him, we look forward to the banquet feast of heaven. We want to break bread and drink wine with Jesus your Son and celebrate with him your great victory over evil. We pray in Jesus' blessed name. **Amen.** Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.

Anniversary Lord's Supper Liturgy

Hymn-531P "Lord of the Church, We Pray for Our Renewing"

Benediction- *Yahweh bless you, and keep you; Yahweh make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; Yahweh lift up His Countenance on you, and give you peace.* **Amen.** Numbers 6:24f

Good Shepherd Community Church

In the Heart of Dallas with a Heart for the World

September 14, 2014



40th Anniversary

For we are God's fellow workers.

You are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:9

Weekly Gatherings: *Sundays:*

10:30 a m - Corporate Worship: Word & Table

6:30pm – Evening Worship

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Worship Guide 14 September, 2014 – Acts 4 Prayer

We Gather before Our Lord God

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship-

*“Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting. **Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.***

“You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. Nehemiah 9:5-6

Hymn –196P “Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

Invocation Pastor Jeff Gregory

Hymn- 152P “Command Your Blessings from Above”

Hymn- “Built on the Rock the Church

We Humble Ourselves before God

Call to Confession—based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

In his faithfulness and love, God calls us to come to him

For forgiveness. Listen to these words:

The proof of God’s amazing love is this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Trusting in God’s faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray:

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

When we come before the throne of grace, God assures us of his grace, in words like these from Psalm 103:

The Lord is compassionate and gracious . . . As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust . . . But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord’s love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children’s children—with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. —Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18

We Seek God and Affirm Our Faith

Let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy! Ps 5:11

Prayer

Hymn- “O Jesus We Adore You”

Hymn- “God of Creation , All-powerful, All-wise”

We Read the Holy Scriptures

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Old Testament- Isaiah 37:14-20

Old Testament – Psalm 2

Psalter Hymn- 2B “Why Do the Nations Rage and Cry”

New Testament – - Luke 22:63-23:25

New Testament-Ephesians 6:10-20

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

We Encourage One Another through Song

But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress. Psalm 59:16