



**January 10, 2021**

## **Welcome**

*Welcome to Homewood Community Church. To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come -- this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship** *(please stand)*

To God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever.  
Amen.

### **Opening Prayer** *(please remain standing)*

### **Song of Praise** *(please remain standing and sing)*

#### **O Worship the King**

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing His wonderful love  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light and canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

Chorus:

You alone are the matchless King, To You alone be all majesty  
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite? You breathe in the air, You shine in the light

O measureless might, ineffable love, While angels delight to worship above  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend  
(chorus)

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## **Confession of Sin** *(please be seated)*

Blake Davidson | Ashley Sineath

**ALL:** Holy Father, We confess that our offenses before you are without number. We have loved darkness, observed vanity, flattered you with our lips, and broken your commands. We confess that we are too often quick to speak, slow to listen, and quick to become angry. Help us to see our sin more clearly that we may learn to hate it, and teach us to behold Christ: his ability to save, his arms outstretched, and his big heart for us. Help us to walk in him, depend upon him, commune with him, be conformed to him, and follow him, imperfect but still pressing forward.

*-Adapted from the Valley of Vision*

## **Assurance of Forgiveness** *(please stand)*

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*-Romans 6:23*

## **1st Service: Dismissal of Children to “Teach me to Worship”**

*\*Grades 4K-Kinder are dismissed. Volunteers will be at the back doors ready to welcome them. After the service is over, pick up your child out front, at the last door on the side of the building.*

## **Song of Renewal** *(please remain standing)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity

[Chorus]

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Jesus reigns

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky, and sea  
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

[Chorus]

Let all the earth proclaim, all the people sing  
You are holy, You are holy  
Let all the Heavens ring, worthy is the King  
You are holy, You are holy  
[x2]

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity  
blessed Trinity, blessed Trinity

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## God is at Work

### Prayers of the People *(please be seated)*

Brock DeShong |

### Scripture Reading *(please stand for the reading of God's Word)*

Lisa Phillips

Revelation 1:1-8

**1** The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, **2** who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. **3** Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. **4** John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, **5** and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, **6** and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. **7** “Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen. **8** “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Reader: “The Word of the Lord...”

**All: “Thanks be to God...”**

## Sermon- Revelation- Intro

## Offering

Each of us should give...not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. -2 Corinthians 9:7

## Celebration of Communion

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise!**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "this is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "this cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

## Invitation to the Table

Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. It's not a meal for good people. It's a meal for desperate people who trust in Jesus alone for salvation, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal today, we don't want this to be an awkward time. Feel free to use the prayers printed below to spend this time in reflection or prayer. We are glad you are here.

We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to arrange a meeting with Tom, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.

\*Self-serve communion cups filled with a wafer and juice were handed out at the entrance.

**A prayer for those searching for truth:**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

**A prayer of belief:**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

**Closing Hymn** *(please stand)*

**The Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you, And give you peace  
(repeat 1st time)

(Chorus)

Amen, amen, amen

Amen, amen, amen

(Verse)

May His favor be upon you, And a thousand generations  
And your family and your children, And their children, and their children

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And your family and your children, And their children, and their children

May His presence go before you, And behind you, and beside you  
All around you, and within you, He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening, In your coming, and your going  
In your weeping, and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you  
(Chorus)

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**Benediction** *(remain standing and extend your arms to receive God's blessing)*