



Presbyterianism: The Sovereignty of God

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PRELUDE/ COUNTDOWN  
PRAISE SONGS  
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Pastor  
WELCOMING OF GUESTS  
Pastor  
PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Inspired by Psalm 139)

*Liturgist: God, you search me and know me. Before I sit, you know when I will rise.*

**Congregation: God, you search me and know me. Before I speak, you know what I will say.**

*Liturgist: God, you search me and know me, in my joy and despair, in my breathing in and breathing out.*

**Congregation: God, you search me and know me. Your knowledge is too deep to reach, too vast to comprehend.**

*Liturgist: God, you search me and know me.*

**Congregation: Search me, O God, and know my heart.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE  
UMH #577

*God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1-4)*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed  
Liturgist

**I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father through Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. He**

was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge the living and dead. His kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets.

In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen

*\*Please stand as you are able*

\*GLORIA PATRI

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 139:16-18 (NKJV)

Liturgist

Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book, they all were written, The days fashioned for me, *When as yet there were* none of them. <sup>17</sup> How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup> *If* I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

*Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

God, we are sorry that we do not come to pray as much as we should and we thank you for giving us the words to pray when we can remember them. Amen

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 8:28 (NKJV)  
Liturgist

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

*Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

*If you have a prayer need or praise that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect the cards during the song and pray over the cards at the chancel rail.*

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *In the Garden / I Come to the Garden* (v. 1-3) UMH # 314

“This song was sung at my sister’s (Dawn) funeral. She loved her garden.”

Paula Davies

“It was my mama’s favorite. One day I want to walk in the garden with Jesus and my mama. Maybe the Lord will let me work in the garden.” Diane Matthews

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON

Pastor

Title: Christianity's Family Tree: Presbyterianism-The Sovereignty of God

Theme: Denominations within the Christian Faith

Purpose: To understand that the various forms of worship within the various denominations of Christianity should not be seen or used as a divisive measure within Christendom.

## RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, with prayers of gratitude, we offer you, our gifts. Receive them and use them according to your will, that your love and grace will be spread in our community and in the world. Help us always to listen to the voice of your Holy Spirit as we present these gifts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY SONG

*The Hammer Holds*

Sheila Novak

#### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All*

*Blessings*

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#### \*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin* (v. 1-4)

UMH #365

#### \*COMMISSION

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#### BENEDICTION

Pastor

(Based on Romans 8:28)

*As you leave this place, remember this: God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them. So go with confidence to love and serve God. And may the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you wherever you find yourself this week...and all of God's children said...**Amen.***

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**  
*Fellowship*

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*Love and*

POSTLUDE

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor  
of Dorothy Spence's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday*

