

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, April 21, 2024

Welcome and Announcements: Dennis Ferris

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 27

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

**Congregation: The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: When the wicked advance against me
to devour me,

**Congregation: it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.**

Pastor: Though an army besiege me,

Congregation: my heart will not fear;

Pastor: though war break out against me,

Congregation: even then I will be confident.

Pastor: One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:

**Congregation: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

**All: to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.**

Song of Adoration: Red Book #53- Ancient of Days
Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #14- Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder
Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #32- Great is Thy Faithfulness

Profession of Faith

33. What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

34. What is adoption?

Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we are not worthy of Your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we draw near to You: listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your word, and carried in Your arms. Cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may share the radiant light of Your Spirit and Your character with the world. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Romans 4:20-25

Yet [Abraham] did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #125- Let All Things Now Living

Sermon text: Ephesians 5:8-14

Children's message

Sermon:

Gospel Life - Light into Darkness

Outline:

- I. Bearing the Fruit of Light
- II. Exposing Deeds of Darkness
- III. Bringing Visibility into Darkness

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song: Red Book #51- The Bond of Love

Benediction Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,

but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.