

# **SHARING CHRIST**

# Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Newark, DE

# The Cost Of Discipleship

Cheap grace is not the kind of forgiveness of sin which frees us from the toils of sin. Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate. Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will gladly go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble; it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him...The only man who has the right to say that he is justified by grace alone is the man who has left all to follow Christ. Such a man knows that the call to discipleship is a gift of grace, and that the call is inseparable from the grace. But those who try to use this grace as a dispensation from following Christ are simply deceiving themselves.

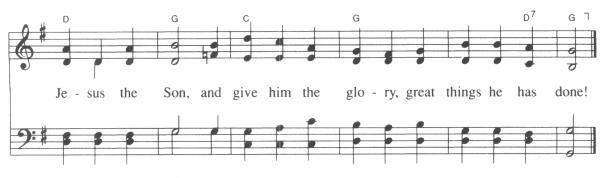
# ORDER OF WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 4, 2024

The playing of the chimes is a signal that the hour of our corporate worship has begun. During this time, we invite you to silently prepare your hearts praise our Triune God to whom belongs all glory, power, and majesty. (Please silence all phones and non-medical electronic devices.)	
Hearing support is available. Please, ask an usher, audio technician, or Deacon Norm Marks.	
Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. In Room 103 Infants/Toddler Nursery will be open at 10:30am. Room 100 is now available throughout the whole service for children2–3 years old. The lesson won't start until the sermon begins. Jr. Church (4yrs to 2 <sup>rd</sup> grade) does not meet on Communion Sundays.	
Gluten-free bread (in small, clear, zippered bags) is available for communion.	
Welcome	PASTOR BARBER
WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP	
Prelude — The Path of the Just (from <i>Twelve Canticles</i> ; Randall Thompson; based on Prov. 4:18)	CHANCEL and GRACE AND PEACE Choirs
The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more with the perfect day, with the perfect day.	
* GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP	PASTOR BARBER
Call to Worship — Psalm 150:1–3, 6 (Pew Bible, p. 668)	
Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;	
People: Praise him in his mighty heavens!	
Pastor: Praise him for his mighty deeds;	
People: Praise him according to his excellent greatness!	
Pastor: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!	
All: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!	
* Hymn (Trinity #55) — To God Be the Glory (music next pages)	

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To God Be the Glory





Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt. Mod.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11. William H. Doane, 1875

PASTOR EVANS

### \* PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## \* CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,

but belong—

body and soul,

in life and in death—

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,

and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way

that not a hair can fall from my head

without the will of my Father in heaven;

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,

Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready

from now on to live for him.

\* Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD	ELDER ALAN BEATTIE
New Testament reading — 1 Corinthians 9:24–27 (Pew Bible, p. 1217)	
<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one	
receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises	
self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we	
an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating	
the air. <sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after	
preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.	
1 Corinthians 9:24–27 (ESV)	
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.	
People: Thanks be to God.	
CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN	PASTOR EVAN
(followed by Private Confession of Sin)	
Loving God, we come to you this morning confessing that we have	
often professed to follow you with our lips but failed to follow you	
with our hearts. We have desired the blessings of the new life that	
you give us without the sacrifice of the sinful pleasures of this world.	
How often have we offended our Savior, Jesus Christ, by not being	
willing to live for Him, though he willingly died for us. We are	
ashamed to stand for Christ, though he graciously hung on the cross	
for us. Father, forgive us for the ways we have betrayed, belittled,	
and dismissed the grace of Christ given to us. Grant us boldness to	
proclaim Jesus as the only true life-giver. May we be willing to lose	
our very lives for Christ, that we might have salvation in Him.	
Assurance of Pardon	
We have been justified through faith and we have peace with God	
through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by	
faith into this grace in which we now stand.	
Romans 5:1–2 (Pew Bible, p. 1198)	
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# WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

## WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



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CHANCEL and GRACE AND PEACE Choirs

Offertory Response — God Breathed (based on Genesis 1:2-7 and Psalm 33:6; Pepper Choplin)

When all was dark and endless night, There was no energy or light. The universe was conceived when God breathed. God breathed and planets whirled in space, The moon and stars were set in place, and then the sun began to blaze when God breathed.

God breathed, In the beginning God breathed, and all creation came to be. God breathed.

God blessed the earth abundantly with living things to swim the sea, and set all creatures running free, when God breathed.

God breathed, ...

The birds that dance upon the wing and ev'ry song they rise to sing, their joyful music that they bring, all the music was conceived, when God breathed.

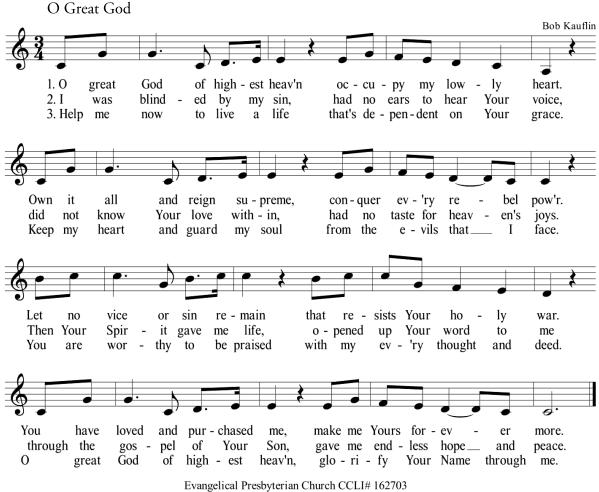
God breathed into the human form and when humanity was born, God set the human spirit free, when God breathed.

God breathed, ...

When there was nothingness and night, God breathed and there was light.

#### \* Song — O Great God (music next page)

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PASTOR BARBER

# GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

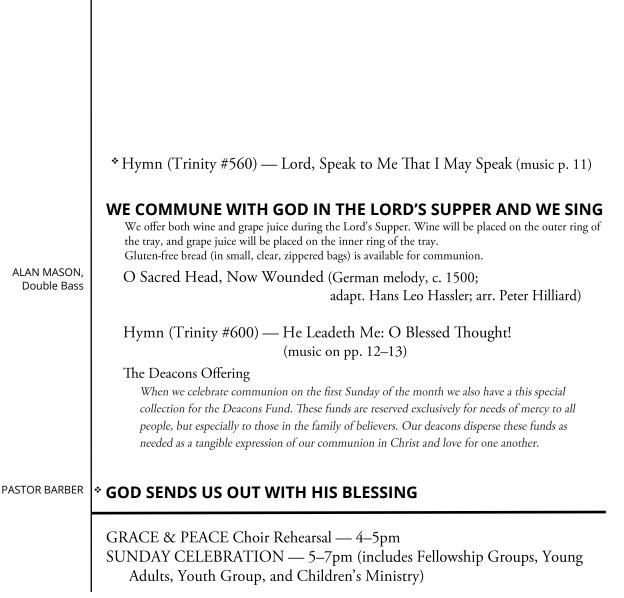
The Cost Of Discipleship — Luke 9:23–31, 51–62 (Pew Bible, p. 1102) <sup>23</sup> And [Jesus] said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. <sup>25</sup> For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? <sup>26</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup> But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

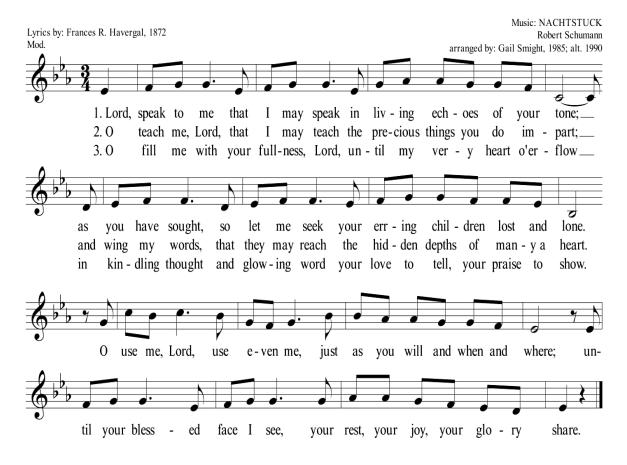
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<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup> But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." 60 And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62 Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:23-31, 51-62 (ESV)

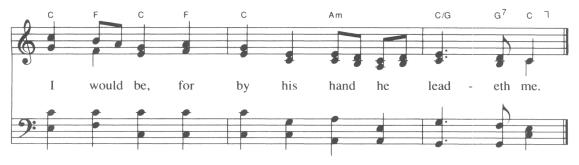


# Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak Trinity #560



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Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862; alt.

HE LEADETH ME L.M.D. William B. Bradbury, 1864



OUR MISSION We exist to change lives through sharing Christ. We carry out this mission in three ways:

#### GATHER — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP-10:45AM

DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES-9:30AM

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-Thursdays from 8:00-9:00AM in Room B202 and online. "Created for Worship" by Jason Helopoulos.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP—Wednesdays, 9:15-11:30an and 6:30-8:00pm.

SUNDAY CELEBRATION/FELLOWSHIP GROUPS—Resume tonight from 5-7pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST—February 10, 8:00-9:30am

BIBLE CONFERENCE—March 1-3: Speaker: Robert Cunningham on "Living Out Your Faith in A Political Year".

#### SEND — we are all Christ's ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally

MISSIONARIES-Steve & Rita Williams - MTW: New Zealand (see our Missionary Highlight in this week's online EPiC Newsletter)

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT-Saturday, February 10, 4:45-8:00pm

PARENTING THROUGH A TEMPERAMENT LENS—Seminar with Dr. Kathleen Cherry, February 24, 9:00-11:30am. Please invite your friends from outside the church to attend as well.

#### Attendance and Financial Information for January 28, 2024

SS: 130 -AM: 323

General	Fund

Weekly Gifts Received	\$16,967.28
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$22,240.08
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$64,395.36
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$88,960.32
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$55,738.25



# OUR MISSION IS TO CHANGE LIVES THROUGH SHARING CHRIST BY GATHERING, DISCIPLING AND SENDING

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#### Mission to the World

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