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Beverly Heights
Presbyterian
Church

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Worship at a Glance

A Brief Overview of our Worship Service and How to Participate

A Note to Parents

Children are encouraged to be in the sanctuary because we believe the Bible commands us to include children in the worship service. Parents have the privilege of training their children for worship every Lord's Day. We are happy to partner with you in that training. To assist in training, we encourage families with children to sit closer to the front with their kids and make use of the children's worship bags in the sanctuary. Childcare rooms are also available when additional training or discipline is necessary. For more information, feel free to contact Nadine Michalak or Pastor Nate.

What is a Bulletin?

The bulletin contains our order of worship and includes all the information you need to worship with us on Sundays. The bulletin is not something we simply "work through" but a guide that helps us in our worship of God. Our worship services are approximately 90 minutes.

Announcements

Announcements about the ministry are given before the worship service begins. In the summer, we include a time of musical instruction as part of the announcements.

Prelude

The prelude is a musical selection that is played at the beginning of the worship service. During that time, worshipers are encouraged to pray and prepare their hearts and minds for worship. The prelude ends with the "ringing of the hour," which includes the Westminster Chime, followed by a Trinitarian bell.

Congregational Responses

Worship at Beverly Heights is "dialogical," meaning it is a dialogue between God and His people. The Pastor calls and the congregation responds throughout the service. All responsive readings for the congregation are in **bold**. The congregation also responds by kneeling for confession, standing for the reading of God's word before the sermon, and declaring "Amen" after prayer and song.

Confessions of Sin and Faith

Each Sunday, the congregation is invited to confess their sins. We first confess corporately, followed by a time of silent and private confession. Everyone is invited to bow their heads and, for those who are able, to kneel for confession. Following the confession of sin, the pastor offers assurance of your forgiveness. The congregation then joins in a unison confession of faith through one of the ecumenical creeds (Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Definition of Chalcedon).

Music

Our worship service includes weekly special music. Normally, the choir (which is the "first-fruit" of the voice) sings an anthem on behalf of the congregation. When the choir is in recess, special music is offered by soloists or ensembles. We refrain from clapping for these musical offerings but respond as a congregation by lifting up our hands and singing the Doxology *a cappella*. All congregational music for the service can be found in the bulletin, the Trinity Hymnbook, or the Summer Psalter. Our Director of Music cantors to assist the congregation in singing.

Scripture Readings

There are two scripture lessons during the worship service, normally one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. We always stand for the reading before the sermon in keeping with the model found in Nehemiah 8:5.

Sermon

The preaching of the word is understood as a direct address by God through the preacher to the congregation. Our sermons are predominantly exegetical (derived from the text) but sometimes topical. Most sermons will include an introduction, an explanation of the text, an application, and a takeaway (call to action).

Offering

Every Lord's Day includes the opportunity to present an offering to the Lord in the form of gifts, tithes, offerings, and prayers. (A "tithes" is defined by the scriptures as a tenth of our income.)

Pastoral Prayer

Following the offering, a pastoral prayer is made on behalf of the congregation. The subject of the prayer varies weekly, and worshipers are encouraged to join in the prayer by faith.

Communion

We practice weekly communion in worship. All baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper (See additional note in bulletin). Worshipers come to the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and wine, but all partake of the elements together in the pews. As you receive the elements, the congregation is invited to sing. After communion, there is a "Eucharistic" (thanksgiving) prayer, followed by the singing of the threefold "Amen."

Closing

After communion, the congregation sings a closing hymn or Psalm, followed by the benediction. The benediction is a blessing given by God to the congregation by the pastor. All worshipers are encouraged to stretch out their hands as a gesture of receptivity as they receive the benediction.

Postlude

The service ends with the playing of a postlude.

Beverly Heights Church

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

<i>THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP</i>

Prelude

Praise the King

Schram

Jinna Park, *Accompanist and Organist*

*The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum. **Please refrain from clapping unless led to do so.***

Call to Worship

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me!

People: Let us exult His name together!

Choral Introit

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 297**

vv. 1 - 4

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Responsive Reading

from Psalm 119

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

Leader: Remember Your word to Your servant, in which You have made me hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your promise gives me life.

People: The insolent utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from Your law. When I think of Your rules from of old, I take comfort, O LORD.

Leader: Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, who forsake Your law. Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojourning.

People: I remember Your name in the night, O LORD, and keep Your law. This blessing has fallen to me, that I have kept Your precepts.

Responsive Hymn **No. 297**

vv. 5, 6

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.
Phil. 2:9

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall,
2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call,
3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,
who from his al - tar call; ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod,
ye ran - somed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,
the worm - wood and the gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet,

REFRAIN

and crown him, crown him,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown

crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all!
..... him. and crown him

5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
(Refrain)

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall,
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
(Refrain)

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Confession, Followed by Silent Confession of Sin

Please bow your head. For those who are able, you are invited to kneel during the confession of sin.

Have mercy on me, O God, in Your faithful love, in Your great tenderness, wipe away my offenses; wash me thoroughly from my guilt, purify me from my sin. Help me to be aware of my offenses and bring my sins to mind. Against You, You alone, I have sinned, I have done what is wrong. You delight in sincerity of heart, and in secret You teach me wisdom. Create in me a clean heart, renew within me a resolute spirit. Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will speak out Your praise. Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken, contrite heart You never scorn.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will He keep His anger forever.

Unison Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker 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 His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;
who, for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

119N Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path

1. ¹⁰⁵Your word sheds light up - on my path; a shin - ing
 2. ¹⁰⁷Se - vere af - flic - tion, LORD, is mine; send help ac -
 3. ¹⁰⁹In con - stant dan - ger is my life, your righ - teous
 4. ¹¹¹Your pre - cepts are my her - i - tage; they dai - ly

lamp, it guides my feet; ¹⁰⁶your righ - teous judg - ments
 cord - ing to your word. ¹⁰⁸Ac - cept my sac - ri -
 law I'll not for - get. ¹¹⁰I have not from your
 make my heart re - joice. ¹¹²To keep your stat - utes

to ob - serve, my sol - emn vow I now re - peat.
 fice of praise and make me know your judg - ments, LORD.
 pre - cepts strayed, de - spite the snares the wick - ed set.
 faith - ful - ly shall ev - er be my will - ing choice.

Choral Anthem

The Apostles' Creed

arr. Reagan

Men's Chorale

Congregational Response No. 731

Doxology

Chord symbols for the first system: G, G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G.

Chord symbols for the second system: D, Em, C, G, D, Em, D, G, D, G, C, D, G.

Chord symbols for the third system: G, D, G, Em, D, Am, G, D, G, C, G.

Lyrics:
 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
 praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Children ages 18 months to kindergarten are dismissed to the Walkabouts Room and Runabouts Room. The Nursery is open but not staffed. All other children remain in worship with their families.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 57:14-21

Sermon

The Increase of His Kingdom
Comfort Through Contrition

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Peace Day by Day

Schram

Prayers for the People

Prayers of Comfort and Peace

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

Congregational Response No. 734

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first line of lyrics. The second system contains the second line of lyrics. The third system contains the third line of lyrics. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady bass line and a melody in the treble clef.

THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (*See bottom of next page)

Invitation and Coming to the Table

Please note: we will eat together in the pew.

Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pew.

The Elders are serving bread and wine.

To better serve those with restrictions, please see Pastor Devlin for gluten-free bread and/or grape juice.

Communion Psalm

See Screen

Everlasting Arms

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen **No. 740**

Trinity Hymnal

<p><i>THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM</i></p>
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Closing Hymn **No. 197**

vv. 1, 4

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Benediction

Postlude

Christ, the King of Glory

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****May I Come to the Lord's Table?***

All baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, are a part of the true Church and are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper. As we come to the table we rejoice as we remember our need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord, to repent of sin, and to covenant once more to live as followers of Jesus. Those who are ignorant in their knowledge of Christ or who are living ungodly and unrepentant lives should refrain from the table. Baptized children may be admitted to the Lord's Supper provided their parents have appeared before the Pastor or Session to share their child's profession of faith, in a manner acceptable to the Session.

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Is. 40:1, 2

1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;
 3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;

com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.
 all that well de - served his an - ger he no more will see or heed.
 bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them; tell her
 She hath suf - fered man - y a day, now her griefs have passed a - way; God will
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way; let the
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad; and all

that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
 flesh shall see the to - ken, that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Sermon Notes

The Increase of His Kingdom

The Kingdom to Come

September 21	Isaiah 57:14-21
September 28	Isaiah 58:1-14
October 5	Isaiah 59:1-21
October 12	Isaiah 60:1-22
October 19	Isaiah 61:1-11
October 26	Isaiah 62:1-12
November 2	Isaiah 63:1-14
November 9	Isaiah 63:15-64:12
November 16	Isaiah 65:1-25
November 23	Isaiah 66:1-24

THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
10:00 AM Worship Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

8:00 AM Men's Study Group
6:30 PM Fusion (MS & HS Students)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

1:00 PM Women's Bible Study
4:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting
7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
10:00 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Sabbath Supper
6:00 PM Annual Congregational Meeting

Call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation:

The Session of Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church hereby calls the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation to be held on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the church sanctuary.

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