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Beverly Heights  
Presbyterian  
Church

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

# Beverly Heights Church

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Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

<p><b><i>THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP</i></b></p>
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Prelude

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*  
Jinna Park, *Accompanist and Organist*

Gaspard

*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

*'Tis by Thy Strength*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 77**

vv. 1-3

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Responsive Reading

from Psalm 69

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

Leader: I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving. This will please the LORD more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs.

**People: When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive. For the LORD hears the needy and does not despise His own people who are prisoners.**

Leader: Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

**People: For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah, and people shall dwell there and possess it; the offspring of His servants shall inherit it, and those who love His name shall dwell in it.**

Responsive Hymn **No. 77**

vv. 4, 5

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

## Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD,  
O my soul. Ps. 103:22

*Unison* D A<sup>7</sup> Bm D<sup>7</sup> G D Bm

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav-en, to his feet your  
2. Praise him for his grace and fa-vor to our fa-thers  
3. Fa-ther-like, he tends and spares us; well our fee-ble  
4. Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour-ish, blows the wind and  
5. An-gels, help us to a-dore him; you be-hold him

F#m C#<sup>7</sup> F#m<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup> Bm D G D

trib-ute bring; ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en,  
in dis-tress; praise him, still the same for-ev-er,  
• frame he knows; in his hands he gent-ly bears us,  
it is gone; but while mor-tals rise and per-ish,  
face to face; sun and moon, bow down be-fore him,

A Bdim<sup>7</sup> A E<sup>7</sup> A Em<sup>7</sup> F#m

who, like me, his praise should sing? Al-le-lu-ia!  
slow to chide and swift to bless. Al-le-lu-ia!  
• res-cues us from all our foes. Al-le-lu-ia!  
God en-dures un-chang-ing on. Al-le-lu-ia!  
dwell-ers all in time and space. Al-le-lu-ia!

Em<sup>7</sup> D D<sup>7</sup> G D Bm Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D

Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the ev-er-last-ing King.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Glo-rious in his faith-ful-ness.  
• Al-le-lu-ia! Wide-ly as his mer-cy goes.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the High E-ter-nal One.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

**THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN**

Unison Prayer of Contrition, 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.*

**Heavenly Father: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Forgive us, we pray, Amen.**

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**

## Choral Anthem

## God and God Alone

Raney

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, and sing to God a joyful new song.*

*We are God's own children, born to serve and praise. With willing hands and thankful hearts this hymn of joy we raise.*

*For mercy, grace and truth, for love so freely shown, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, praise to God, and God alone.*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;*

*Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;*

*Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, and sing to God a joyful new song.*

*We are God's own people, one with Jesus Christ, transformed by God's redeeming power, through love and sacrifice.*

*For mercy, grace and truth, for love so freely shown, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, praise to God, and God alone.*

## Congregational Response No. 731

## Doxology

G D Em Bm Em D G 7  
 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

D Em C G D Em D G D G C D G  
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

G D G Em D Am G D G 7 C G  
 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.*

## Holy, Holy, Holy!

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8

Chords: D Bm A D G D 7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Chords: A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Chords: D Bm A D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

Chords: Bm D G D G A7 D 7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:1-14

Sermon

**The Increase of His Kingdom**  
Level Set

Pastor Devlin

**THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS**

Call for the Offering and Offertory

*How Great Thou Art*

Hamlin

Prayers for the People

Prayers of Reformation and Revival

Mr. Peter A. Chace

Congregational Response **No. 734**

*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.**

**THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (\*See below)

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

*Come, Bless the Lord*

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

*Trinity Hymnal*

**THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM**

Closing Hymn **No. 342**

vv. 1, 3

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Benediction

Postlude

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Gaspar

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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.*

## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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*The Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation." Is. 28:16*

1. Christ is made the sure foun- da - tion, Christ the head and cor- ner- stone,  
 2. All that ded - i - cat - ed cit - y, dear - ly loved of God on high,  
 3. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to - day:  
 4. Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask of thee to gain,  
 5. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or to the Son,

cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious, bind - ing all the church in one;  
 in ex - ul - tant ju - bi - la - tion pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy;  
 • with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness hear thy peo - ple as they pray;  
 what they gain from thee for - ev - er with the bless - ed to re - tain,  
 laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er Three and ev - er One,

ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 God the One in Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 • and thy full - est ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 and here - af - ter in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.  
 One in might, and One in glo - ry, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

# Sermon Notes

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# 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.

# 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 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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

*Church Offices Closed*

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00 AM Men's Study Group  
10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
6:30 PM Fusion (MS & HS Students)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

4:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting  
7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

### 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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