

**Lord's Day Worship  
July 23, 2023**

\*(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome, Announcements

Stacey Larreau

Silent Prayer

PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Based on Psalm124:8

Pastor Douglas: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

**Congregation: What did God do to help us?**

Pastor Douglas: God *chose* the people of Israel to make a new beginning.

**Congregation: They received God's covenant and prepared the way for Jesus to come as our Savior.**

Pastor Douglas: Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and earth.

\*Song

*The Church's One Foundation*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, and our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Ro 5:8, Col 1:13-14, Ro 5:1

Pastor Douglas: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Congregation: For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

\*Affirmation of Faith

New City Catechism #16

Q: What is sin?

**Congregation: Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.**

Minute for Mission

Mike McLain

RENEWAL

Pastoral Prayer and 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 evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Offering

*Doxology*

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 25:19-28

Sermon Text

Romans 9:1-13

Sermon

"God's Election of His People"

\*Song

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

\* Benediction

\*Dismissal:

Church, where are you going?

**We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

Glory to God!

SERMON NOTES

'God's Election of His People'

Romans 9:1-13

**1) Opening - Our Bondage to Sin (Recap of Romans 1-8)**

**2) The Text - God's Faithfulness to Israel**

A) Romans 9:1-5 - God's Promises to Israel

B) Romans 9:6-13 - Jacob and Esau

**3) The Problem?** Works versus God's call

**3) Application - Objections and Answers**

A) Objection - If God is sovereign over election, doesn't that make God harsh or arbitrary in his will?

Answer - God's freedom is good news for sinners.

B) Objection - Does God's sovereignty over election make The Great Commission/evangelism irrelevant?

Answer - No. It should empower the church for her mission. God is sovereign and is reclaiming his creation one Christian at a time!

**4) Closing** - True Christian humility. God's wisdom is not our wisdom (1 Cor. 3:19)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AUGUST CPW:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Once again we will benefit from career wisdom from within our church family. Millie Tikker and Claudia Kappel, both retired Social Workers, will share some of their experiences that will be useful to each of us. Watch church bulletins and August Newsletter for details.

### LOCATIONS of UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

*July 23 Kleiner Center*

*July 30 Kleiner Center*

*Month of August Kleiner Center*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### **HEALING AND COMFORT:**

**EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST:** Pray this week for Sequim Community Church, in Sequim Washington, and their pastor Dr. Scott Koenigsaecker.

**MISSIONS:** Please pray for the mission and work of EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest.

*If you are visiting with us this week, please feel free to have your children, join our children's program, and visit with Pastor Douglas or email/call the church office if you have any questions.*



# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything.” Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

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“God’s Election of His People”  
Romans 9:1-13

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