



ridley park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order for Worship
10:00 AM, September 6, 2026

Opening Hymn #207

We Have Come to Join in Worship

- 1 We have come to join in worship and adore the Lord our God.
Let us come in prayer expecting God to speak His mighty Word.
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down
Christians pray and holy manna will be showered all around.
- 2 See them gather all around you, those He bought at such a cost
See the weary, see the hurting, see the lonely, see the lost.
Be His hand, and touch the needy, be His gospel let it sound
Be His body and sweet manna will be showered all around
- 3 Let us love our God supremely let us love each other too
Let us care for all His people till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven at His banquet we'll sit down
Christ Himself will rise and serve us living manna all around.

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out a visitors' card from the pew rack in front of you and place it into an offering plate near a sanctuary exit.
- **Nursery and Sunday School:** Nursery care is available for children 3 and under through the worship service. Sunday School for age 4 - 12th grade begins after children's time.
- **Sunday School Welcome Back Picnic:** Sept. 13: Everyone is welcome to join us outside on the lawn, weather permitting. We'll have hot dogs, snacks, drinks and a special dessert. Please bring extra desserts; brownies, cupcakes, or cookies if you're able.
- **Sunday Schedule:** Our two-service worship schedule returns on September 20.
- **Library:** Check out our church library in the parlor. Sign out a book today!
- **Alpha** returns on September 21 at 6:30 pm and will run through November 30. Alpha includes dinner, discussion and excellent video teachings. In the 11th century Anselm of Canterbury famously said, "For I do not understand in order that I may believe, but I believe in order to understand." His words still hold true today. Alpha encourages belief and builds understanding in a non-threatening and welcoming atmosphere.
- **GriefShare:** A new 13-week session of GriefShare will be held from 6 - 7:30 in the church parlor on Tuesday evenings beginning September 8. GriefShare is for anyone processing the loss of a loved one.
- **Women's Bible Study:** All women are invited to study The Names of God from Lifeway Publishing. This is a study on who God is and who He calls us to be. We will meet on Thursdays, September 24, 2026 - November 12, 2026 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Friendship Hall. Please sign up on our website. You can find the study guides on Amazon or Lifeway websites. Links are in the all-church email.
- **PCUSA World Communion Offering** helps fund programs for peacemaking, global ministry, and international and racial-ethnic students. Envelopes are in the pew racks.

Opening Prayer

Song

Hallelujah Feeling

- 1 Some days I climb the mountains, some days I touch the clouds,
Some days my best friend has been the cold hard ground.
There's mercy new each morning, comfort through the night.
My eyes are fixed on Jesus, and I'm gonna be alright.

Chorus

*I got that hallelujah feeling down in my soul.
I got the hallelujah feeling and it won't let go.
I've been born again, yes and amen. No matter what comes I know
I got that hallelujah feeling down in my soul. Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

- 2 Oh, just because it's raining doesn't mean the sun won't shine.
There's a season for the struggle and a season for the prize.
But my hope is never fading 'cause it's anchored in the truth.
My Father goes before me and His joy will see me through.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge 2x

When everything is shaking, got that solid rock like pavement.
I might bend but I'm not breaking. I know who's on my side.

Repeat Chorus

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Song

Jericho

- 1 Oo, I been stacking up the years I spent trading punches with the enemy.
Oo, built myself a double thick stone tower of lies, higher than the eye can see.
Trapped in this flesh and bone, crying out to you, Lord, I'm desperate.
Love, come rattle this cage and set me free.

Chorus

*All of my fears like Jericho walls gotta come down, come down.
All of my fears like Jericho walls gotta come down, come down, Oh Lord.
My prison turns to ruin when Your love moves in.
All of my fears like Jericho walls gotta come, down, come down, come down.*

- 2 Oo, truth was crashing through the pride and the blame,
Cutting straight to the heart of me.
Oo, long before I ever called your name, you were fighting for my victory.
Carved in your flesh and bone, the wounds that have said my soul's forgiven.
Oh, how I can feel the darkness trembling.

Bridge: Rebuild me from the ground up. All I wanna see is You terrify the lies with truth.

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Children's Time

Karyn Knox

Unison Prayer of Confession

Glorious God, we confess that we allow doubt and fear to override grace and hope. We look to the world to deliver what it cannot give. We ignore the truth, goodness, and beauty of your good news. Forgive, restore, and renew us, O Lord. Help us to remember your promise of new life here and now as we look forward to future resurrection. By your Holy Spirit, transform and

change us that we may overcome the power of sin and death in our lives. Thank you for your generous grace. (*Silent Prayers of Confession*)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Hymn #45

Crown Him with Many Crowns

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side.
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave;
who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of heaven! One with the Father known,
one with the Spirit through Him given from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died.
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified!

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, he is now seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn #813

Glory Be to the Father

*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.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *for the director of music. Of David. A psalm.*

Psalms 40

- ¹I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. ²He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.
- ⁴Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. ⁵Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.
- Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—but my ears you have opened—burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.
- ⁷Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll. ⁸I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart." ⁹I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I

do not seal my lips, Lord, as you know. ¹⁰ I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.

¹¹ Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

¹² For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me. ¹³ Be pleased to save me, Lord; come quickly, Lord, to help me.

Sermon: Waiting

Pastor Thomas

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

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.

Song

Lord, I Need You

- 1 Lord I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness. O God, how I need You.*

- 2 Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Bridge

So, teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Repeat Chorus twice

Ending

My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.

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Benediction

Closing Chorus

Lord, I Need You (see above)