

Welcome

Greetings to all! We extend a warm welcome to those joining us in-person or by live stream worship services. If you are a guest, please fill out a connection card located on the carousel in the welcome center/foyer. We also invite you to take a visitor bag as a gift from us to you. If you need assistance please ask the person behind the carousel. Children are welcome to sit with their families during worship. There are activity bags for children also located in the welcome center/foyer.

Did you know we have two worship services?

Traditional Music Service at 8:30 a.m.

Enjoy inspiring music with organ, piano, chancel choir, hand bells and other Instruments. The choir sings a variety of music from modern to traditional and classical pieces.

Contemporary Music Service at 10:30 a.m.

A casual worship service with a Praise Band and vocalists, blending contemporary Christian music and modernized familiar hymns.

Our Mission

- Reaching up ...to God in worship, prayer and adoration ...
- Nurturing Faith ...by building a deeper relationship with God and others ...
- Loving Neighbors ...by being the hands and feet of Christ in the community...

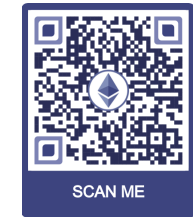
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Last Week’s Attendance:  
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8:30 249 10:30 210

... reaching up, nurturing faith, loving neighbors



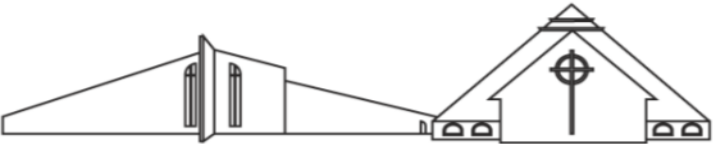
BURNT STORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Traditional Worship Service

8:30 a.m.



April 14, 2024



If you would like to know more, please contact us

Monday – Thursday 9:00—4:00 Friday-9:00-12:00  
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**Greeting of Peace & Prayer of Approach** (Psalm 40:1-5)  
I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog; he set my feet upon a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He 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. Many, O 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.

**Chiming of the Trinity & Prelude** Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain arr. R. A. Williamson

**Call to Worship**  
People of God, come; draw near and call out to God, for he will turn toward us, he will incline his ear to us and lift us from the pit of destruction. He will save us from the miry bogs that so easily entrap us.

**We will sing a new song!**  
**Our mouths are filled God’s praise.**  
**For we have made the Lord our trust;**  
**And he has set our feet upon the rock.**

Then let us sing of God’s countless wonders, too many to declare them all. That all people might hear the proclamation of God’s praise, and join in that eternal song.

**Hymn** Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (Gory to God #234)

**First Reading** *Isaiah 6:1-9a*  
In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.” Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” [And] He said, “Go, and tell the people...”

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Grace**  
Most gracious and loving God; we stand with the prophet in your presence, overwhelmed by the wonder proclaimed in the angels’ song – and so we join our voices to theirs... “Holy, holy, holy are you; the whole earth is filled with your glory.” The mere thought of your holiness, your splendour, and your glory, brings us to our knees in reverent and humble confession. For we are a people of unclean lips neglecting your charge for us to speak of your wonders, to declare your goodness, to proclaim your glory – we too easily say with the prophet “here we are, send us” – and we fail to be your witnesses.

**Too often we are hesitant in our proclamation;**  
**seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith.**  
**Too often we are half-hearted in our service;**  
**reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism.**  
**Too often we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources;**  
**relying on our perceived skills and modest insights.**

Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith, and open wide our hearts and minds to your immanent presence. Stirring our hearts with your glory, so that we might be empowered to be your faithful witnesses in the world.  
*A moment for silent confession is given...*

**Passing of the Peace**

**Anthem** We Are The Hands of Christ Joel Raney

**Gospel Reading** *Luke 24:36-48*  
While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

**Sermon** *“We are witnesses...”*

**Prayer of the Day**  
Risen Lord Jesus, help us to embrace humbly the wonder of your resurrection, give us grace to live as your resurrection people; for then we will be your witnesses to a world desperate for the life that you alone can give. Amen.

**Hymn** In Christ Called to Baptize (Stanzas 1,3 & 4) (Glory to God #297)

**Offering, Doxology & Prayer of Dedication** Prelude on "The Third Tune" Thomas Tallis/arr. J. G. Barr

**Life & Work of the Church**

**Pastoral Prayer** (concluded with 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 evil.**  
**For Thine is the Kingdom,**  
**The power and the glory,**  
**For ever and ever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less (Glory to God #353)

**Benediction**

**Postlude** An Exultant Alleluia! Lani Smith