

THEHAVEN



A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

**Temporarily Meeting at:
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Bohemia
906 Church St., Bohemia, NY 11716**

Worship Service Live Streamed At: <https://www.facebook.com/thehavenli/>

*Then they were glad that the waters were quiet
and He brought them to their desired haven.
Psalm 107:30*

**The Lord's Day
February 14, 2021
A Service of Covenant Renewal
1:00 p.m.**

Welcome

✦ **A warm welcome to all:** We are so thankful that the session and Board of Deacons of the OPC in Bohemia, are letting us use their facility so that we can gather for worship, instruction, and fellowship. Until we are able to gather again in a facility in Deer Park, we will be meeting at the Bohemia facility on the Lord's Days at 1:00 p.m.. We are made to gather together as God's people and we rejoice that, despite the lockdown of so many establishments, we are blessed to enjoy this aspect of our corporate life as the people of God. Praise the Lord!

✦ **Today's Sunday Schedule:**

1:00 p.m. **Worship/Outreach**

2:30 p.m. **Haven Updated Time & Evangelism 101**

3:00 p.m. **Haven Food and Fellowship:** We invite all of you to join with us today our Lord's Day feast, (Havenites: Speak with Mary Vaeth to let her know the Sundays you can be host/hostess for our weekly food and fellowship time.)

✦ **Outreach Update:** For various reasons related to people's fears during the pandemic, limitations on gatherings, and physical distancing, your officers and the OPC Bohemia session. agreed it would not be wise to do door to door outreach in Bohemia at this time. We urge you to be doing personal outreach to friends, family, and neighbors taking these fears into account and making use of evangelistic literature as an extension of your personal witness to others.

✦ **Social Distancing, Personal Hygiene, and Sanitation:** Be sure to honor social distancing guidelines and always use reasonable precautions to protect those around you from unnecessary exposure to COVID-19 or any other infectious disease. It's important to honor these not only in the sanctuary during our worship, but also downstairs for our food and fellowship times.

✦ **Announcement Page:** You'll find this purposely placed after the liturgy pages of our weekly bulletin. This page include things for you to do to serve Christ as you "*Go forth in peace to love and serve those around you - in Jesus' Name.*" It's not enough to gather for worship. We are meant to go forth demonstrating our faith by our works!

✦ The concept of "**covenant renewal**" is beautifully introduced in our Directory for Public Worship: "*The triune God assembles his covenant people for public worship in order to manifest and renew their covenant bond with him and one another. The Holy Spirit engages them and draws them into the Father's presence as a living sacrifice in Christ. God himself has fellowship with them, strengthening and guiding them for life in his presence and service in his kingdom.*"

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Worship/Outreach
The Lord's Day — Sunday, February 14, 2021
Worship 1:00 PM
Preparation for Worship: Psalm 84:1-12

THE LORD OUR GOD CALLS US

Salutation:

Pastor: Congregation of the People of God: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Amen!

†Call to Worship: Revelation 4:2-6, 10-12

Pastor: I was in the Spirit, and behold a throne seated in heaven, and one seated on the throne.

People: And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.

Pastor: Around the throne were twenty-four thrones.

People: And seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.

Pastor: The twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and lives forever and ever!

People: They cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

All: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

† **Opening hymn:** "Behold, Our God"

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Behold Our God

Stanza 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus:

*Behold our God seated on His throne!
Come let us adore Him!
Behold our King! Nothing can compare!
Come let us adore Him!*

Stanza 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus

Stanza 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hand -
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave;
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Chorus (2X)

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†Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth!

†Opening Prayer

People: Amen!

THE LORD OUR GOD CLEANSSES US

Meditation: The Fourth Commandment of the Law of God

“Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy...”

Confession of Sin: Begin with your personal confession before God

Corporate Confession: *O God, who has ordained both work and rest, thank you that you have given us a day to rest from our labors. On our days of work we find ourselves too trusting of our own ideas, and too little trusting in Christ as our Prophet. We look to our own works rather than to the work of Christ our Priest. And we think we are captains of our own souls and masters of our own lives rather than looking to Christ our King. Forgive us for all the ways we look to ourselves for counterfeit blessedness rather than look to Christ for what is true blessedness. And we praise you and thank you that you are the God who is rich in mercy, forgiving all forms of sin and transgressions in and by the blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. We ask all of these things in his gracious Name. Amen!*

†Assurance of Pardon: Titus 3:3-7

People: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

†Our response of praise: *“In Christ Alone”*

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In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Maestoso (♩ = 80)



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner
lone! - Who took on flesh; Full - ness of God in help - less babe! This gift of
ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing
life, no fear in death - This is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first



stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
love and right eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to save: 'Til on that
forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for - ter, my all in
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; For ev' - ry sin on Him was
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost it's grip on me; For I am His and He is
hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
mine - bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

2. In Christ a -
3. There in the
4. No guilt in



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THE LORD OUR GOD CONSECRATES US

Old Covenant Reading: Proverbs 5:15-23

15 Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well.

16 Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets?

17 Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you.

18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth,

19 a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight;
be intoxicated always in her love.

20 Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman
and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?

21 For a man's ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his
paths.

22 The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of
his sin.

23 He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray.

New Covenant Reading: Colossians 1:21-29

21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you
holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the
faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard,
which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul,
became a minister.

24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up
what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,
25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was
given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery hidden
for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to
make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this
mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 Him we proclaim, warning
everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone
mature in Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully
works within me.

*Pastor: The grass withers, and the flowers fade away; but the word of our
God will stand forever!*

People: Thanks be to God!

†Confession of Faith:

The Heidelberg Catechism - Third Section

Gratitude

Lord's Day 52 (part 2)

Q What does your conclusion to (the Lord's Prayer) mean?

**A. "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever",
means: We have made all these requests of you because, as our
all-powerful king, you not only want to, but you are able to
give us all that is good; and because your holy name, and not
we ourselves, should receive all the praise forever.**

Q What does that little word "Amen" mean?

**A. "Amen" means: This is sure to be! It is even more sure that God
listens to my prayer even that I really desire what I pray for.**

Amen! Hallelujah!

†We Prepare Our Hearts for the Word of God Preached:

Hymn: "For Your Gift of God the Spirit"

Learn the tune we'll use: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KflYyilB7TM>
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For Your Gift of God the Spirit

Verse 1

For your gift of God the Spirit,
Power to make our lives anew.
Pledge of life and hope of glory,
Savior we would worship You.
Crowning gift of resurrection,
Sent from your ascended throne.
Fullness of the very Godhead,
Come to make Your life our own.

Verse 2

He who in creation's dawning
Brooded on the lifeless deep.
Still across our nature's darkness
Moves to wake our souls from sleep.
Moves to stir, to draw, to quicken.
Thrusts us through with sense of sin.
Brings to birth and seals and fills us,
Saving advocate within.

Verse 3

He Himself, the living Author,
Wakes to life the sacred Word.
Reads with us its holy pages,
And reveals our risen Lord.
He it is who works within us,
Teaching rebel hearts to pray.
He whose holy intercessions
Rise for us both night and day.

Verse 4

He the mighty God indwells us,
His to strengthen, help, empower.
His to overcome the tempter,
Ours to call in danger's hour.
In His strength we dare to battle
All the raging hosts of sin.
And by him alone we conquer
Foes without and foes within.

Verse 5

Father grant your Holy Spirit
In our hearts may rule today.
Grieved not, quenched not,
But unhindered,
Work in us your sovereign way.
Fill us with your holy fullness,
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
In us, through us, then forever
Shall your perfect work be done.

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Prayer for Understanding and for Transformation
People: Amen!

Sermon: *“Elements of Maturity”* (Elder Jimmy Brewer)

Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God Preached
People: Amen!

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

†Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord’s Prayer with hands raised)
All: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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 the Evil One. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!

The Lord Our God Communes With Us

Meditation.

Lord’s Supper Celebration

Heads of households, come forward to receive the elements for your household. Enjoy communion with one another while the elements are being distributed.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

People: Amen!

Monthly Deacon’s Offering (for The Haven’s Ministry of Mercy)

Closing Hymn: *“O Church, Arise!”*

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The Lord Our God Commissions Us

†[Hands Raised] Benediction

People: Amen!

Go forth in peace to love and serve those around you - in Jesus’ Name!

O Church Arise

Verse 1

O church arise and put your armor on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Verse 2

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Verse 3

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

Verse 4

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

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The Haven Heart to Heart

Pastor Bill answers your questions about The Haven, OPC
and its ministry

Question: I struggle with assurance of my salvation. Can you help me?

Pastor Bill responds (pt. 2):

It's important to keep in mind that some people struggle with assurance of salvation more than others do. One of the reasons is that, because some have come to faith in Christ from backgrounds of particularly sin-dominated lives, that baggage from the past will sometimes come back, influencing them to give in to remaining, indwelling sin, and then making them fearful that they are not in a state of grace, i.e. saved people. Satan is very active in these cases, too. He is not only a tempter, but an accuser, a slanderer, a liar, and a destroyer. That's why we must resist him, always going back to the forgiveness and acceptance we have in Jesus Christ, and reminding ourselves that he is true and a life-giver. Keep coming to him as one who "did not come to call the righteous (that is, people who think they are righteous in themselves), but sinners to repentance" (Mark 2:17, Luke 5:32). Keep repenting and believing, reminding yourself constantly that those who come to him he will never cast out' (John 6:37). We all need to keep reminding ourselves of the free offer of the Gospel!

Other people have unusually sensitive consciences. That's a good thing, but it can make the person (and, here again, Satan is very active in the ways I mentioned in the previous paragraph) dwell too much on his or her failings. And not infrequently those with unusually sensitive consciences can become anxious over false guilt - that is, feeling guilty over things that are not wrong in themselves. The antidote for these things is making sure that our thoughts (including our thoughts about our own remaining, indwelling sin) are governed by the Word of God, and not by our feelings. It's also important for those with particularly sensitive consciences to work on thinking more about Christ and his amazing grace than on their own failings. Humility, as many have observed, is not so much about "thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves less." For every look at yourself, take at least ten looks at Christ!

Yet others are more constitutionally "melancholy". Their lives are sung more in minor keys than in major ones. These are usually very thoughtful, pensive people. And when thoughtful, pensive people put the microscope of their thoughts on their own remaining fallenness and the fallenness of our world - well, that will certainly make anyone glum (Think of the character "Puddleglum" in C. S. Lewis' *The Silver Chair*). Asaph - who wrote Psalms 73 - 83 was that kind of person. Read those Psalms, and let your heart rest as Asaph's did - on the faithfulness and goodness of God.

**MY NOTES ON TODAY'S
SERMON**

"Marks of Maturity"
(Colossians 1:21-29)

Revival

Prayer



Weekend

With Dr. Henry Krabbendam
and OPC evangelist Chris Byrd

When: February 26-28, 2021

Where: The Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Franklin Square
(971 Sobo Ave. Franklin Square NY 11010)

Purpose: To learn to pray as Jesus taught us to pray (Mt. 6:9-13)

Schedule:

- **Friday:** Seminar – *Prayer: A Ritual or a Reality* (7 – 8:30 pm)
- **Saturday:** Teaching on the Twelve Sparkplugs of Prayer with four sessions of small group prayer (9 am – 4:30 pm)
(A snack will be provided at lunchtime on Saturday between 12:30 and 1 pm)
- **Sunday:** Dr. Krabbendam will be preaching in our morning worship service (Service is at 10 am)

“If we want to see a spiritual awakening in our churches and in our nation, it must begin with prayer!”