



THE LORD'S SERVICE

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Gathering & Hospitality
Welcome & Announcements

Welcome! If you would like to receive our E-announcements, leave your contact info (including email) at the welcome stand. Please reference the insert for upcoming events and announcements.



THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE

****Call to Worship***

Lamentations 3.21-24 (ESV)

Call this to mind and have hope.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

The Lord is my portion,

therefore, I will hope in him!

***Songs of Praise**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Written & Arr by: Chisholm/Runyan

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Prayer

³ 'Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes? ⁴ Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the Lord. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the Lord. Work, for I am with you, declares the Lord of hosts, ⁵ according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not. ⁶ For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. ⁷ And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts. ⁹ The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.'"

"Rock Of Ages"

Written & Arr by: Toplady/Ward

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.



THE LORD CLEANSSES US

† *Confession of Sin*

O Lord, when you would guide me, I control myself.
When you would be sovereign, I rule myself.
When you would take care of me, I suffice myself.
When I should study, love, honor, trust you, I serve myself;
I fault and adjust your laws to suit myself.
Instead of you I look to others for approval and am by nature an idolater.
Lord, it is my chief desire to bring my heart back to you.
Convince me that I cannot be my own god to make myself happy,
Nor my own Christ to restore my joy,
Nor my own Spirit to teach, guide, rule me.
Take away my roving eye, curious ear, greedy appetite, lustful heart;
Then take me to the cross and leave me there.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Peter 2.24-25 (ESV)

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."

"For we were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls."

***Prayer of Petition**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: And now let us offer the prayer that our Lord has taught us:

All: Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Children's Homily

Dismissal to Little Sprouts. (Available for kids 3-PreK, to be picked up at the beginning of the Lord's Supper. Drop-off and pick-up are as you exit the sanctuary.)



THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

**Scripture Reading*

Hebrews 12.18-29

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

“Unshakable Kingdom.”



THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Jesus Christ himself invites all true believers to his table. If you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognizing its belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers, please know how welcome you are to eat this gracious meal with us. By taking the bread and the wine, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in God's sovereign mercy, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any questions about your participation in the Lord's Supper, please speak to one of our elders.

“I Set My Hope On Jesus”

Written & Arr by: Boswell/Papa

When this life of trials tests my faith, I set my hope on Jesus
When the questions come and doubts remain, I set my hope on Jesus
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal there's a joy that runs still deeper
There's a truth that's more than all I feel, I set my hope on Jesus

*I set my hope on Jesus
My rock, my only trust
Who set His heart upon me first
I set my hope on Jesus*

Though I falter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Jesus
When I fail the fight and sink within, I set my hope on Jesus
Though the shame would drown me in its sea and I dread the waves of justice
I will cast my life on Calvary, I set my hope on Jesus

Chorus

Though the world call me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Jesus
Though it offer all its vain rewards, I set my hope on Jesus
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray, give me grace enough to finish.
'Till I worship on that final day, I set my hope on Jesus

Chorus

***We Confess Our Faith**

from Romans 8:31-39, except v. 36

Leader: What then shall we say to any and every enemy of our salvation?

All: If God be for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Leader: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?

All: It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword.

All: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our LORD.

Collection of Offerings

Leader: What gifts do you offer to your Lord in response to His grace?

**People: We offer ourselves through praise and thanksgiving,
We offer our prayers and offerings for the sake of the world.**

"Doxology"

Romans 11

Music by: Andrew Peterson (2014)

Oh, the depth of the riches; of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments; how untraceable His paths
Who knows the mind of our God? Who can bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God; that God should repay?
For, from Him, through Him; to Him is everything

*To God be the glory forever and ever
To God be the glory forever, amen*

***Hymn of Response**

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Words & Arr by: Johnston/Towner

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured—
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide;
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe,
All who are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

** all who are able, please stand
† all who are able, please kneel*

“The mountains are calling, and I must go.”

John Muir

“The author of Hebrews, this wonderful pastor, has not left us without knowledge of the climb ahead of us ... God’s promise in that beautiful pericope has carried me along, day by day, in a rhythmic ebb and flow of my life after losing my son.”

Donnie Griffin, CCC member, on Hebrews 12.22-24

“The Christian world is ministered to by tired people . . . Show me a great church and I’ll show you some tired people, both up front and behind the scenes, because greatness depends on a core of people who are willing to put out as the situation demands. . . . we have to understand that we will never do great things for God without the willingness to extend ourselves for the sake of the gospel even when bone-tired.”

R. Kent Hughes

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SUNDAYS, 10:10-10:50 | THEOLOGICAL AND TOPICAL TEACHING:

- TODAY - Heresies and Heretics: Discerning Truth from Error

SUN, OCT 26, 10:10-10:50 | CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: We will meet between the services in the sanctuary & vote on whether to proceed with the building project & capital campaign. (We'll provide you with the exact language of the ballot in advance.) Note that there will not be any discussion or Q+A at this meeting—only a vote.

SUN, OCT 26, 5PM | THE HUDDLE: Twice-a-month gathering for post-high school young adults. Join us over a meal for friendship and real talk about faith. Reach out to Stan Bauer (407-739-8582) or LeeAnna Hungerford (901-201-0969) to RSVP.

FIRST SUNDAYS, 6PM | EVENING OF PRAYER: Put it on your calendar!!! Beginning Sunday, NOVEMBER 2, on the first Sunday of each month, for all who desire we will gather at 6pm at the church for an hour of prayer and Scripture- for the glory of God, the good of the church, and for any and all petitions we need to bring before God- for our hearts, families, community, nation and world.

MON, NOV 3, 6PM | AROUND THE TABLE: Join Lisa Smalling & Betsy Bridgforth for dinner & a study of *Begat: Women in the Genealogy of Jesus!* Info and RSVP via QR code.



TUES, NOV 4, 11AM | LADIES' READ THROUGH THE BIBLE GROUP: Meeting monthly at the church. Join no matter where you are in the reading plan! Contact Sherrie Farmer 423.426.3130

SAVE THE DATE: Year-end Banquet

Please save the evening of Thursday, December 4th to attend our Year-end Banquet.
More details to come.

MERCY MINISTRY WORK DAYS: If you have a need or know a need that our Deacons could facilitate a work day for, call Ethan Gouge at 423.782.8121. Can be completed with privacy & discretion.

MEALS FOR YOUTH: We need your help! Volunteer to be a meal provider for one of our weekly youth gatherings. Use QR to see details & sign up.



8:45-10:00, 1st Worship Service
10:10-10:50, Classes & Fellowship
11-12:15, 2nd Worship Service

Adult Classes

Fullbright Community Group: 2nd Floor, 10:10-10:50
Theological & Topical Teaching: Sanctuary, 10:10-10:50

Children's Classes, 10:10-10:50

K-1st: Elaine DeVusser 2nd Floor
2nd-3rd: Arika Smith & Mackenzie Reagor, 2nd Floor
4th-5th: Josh Beatty & Caleb Osborne, 2nd Floor

Youth Classes

Middle School (6th-8th): Troy Cash, 3rd Floor, 10:10-10:50
High School (9th-12th): Troy Cash, 3rd Floor, 6-8PM



FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

We are thankful to be an intergenerational congregation that prioritizes family worship. We love little ones in our gathered worship learning the rhythm of corporate worship.

FRONT ROOM & 2ND FLOOR LARGE CLASSROOM: A live stream of the service is available in the front room & on the second floor in the large classroom.

NURSERY: On 2nd floor for children under 3, for the duration of the worship services.

LITTLE SPROUTS (3-PREK): On 2nd floor, during the sermon with age-appropriate teaching. Check your child in/out of class in the front room (after children's homily & before Communion).

COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP: If you or your child is ready to profess faith in Christ and partake of the Lord's Supper, please contact Pastor AJ (or any elder), so we can arrange a time to talk.



Use this QR code to see building renderings & information regarding the building expansion.

MEN

WEDNESDAYS @ 8AM | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Weekly bible study and prayer at the church. Bring your bible & coffee, and Contact Paul Gorman (423-483-8782) if you plan to attend as location is subject to change.

WOMEN

SUNDAYS @ 6PM & WEDNESDAYS @ 9:30AM | WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Studying Colossians using Lydia Brownback's book. Meeting at the church. Childcare provided for WED AM study.

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire. (*ESV*)

THE MOUNTAIN (and the glory).
For you HAVE NOT come...
But you HAVE come...

THE VOICE (and the shaking).
You DID NOT hear..
But now you ARE HEARING...

THE KINGDOM (and the worship).