



THE LORD'S SERVICE

January 4, 2026

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***

Psalm 90.1-3, 12-14 (ESV)

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.*

*Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

*You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"*

**So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

Return, O Lord! How long?

Have pity on your servants!

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

****Songs of Praise***

“O God our Help in Ages Past”

Written & Arr by: Watts

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last and our eternal home.

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Acts 14.1-15 (ESV)

Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. ² But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³ So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. ⁴ But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. ⁵ When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, ⁶ they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, ⁷ and there they continued to preach the gospel.

⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!” ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.

Your cross, O Lord, taught me to see that though I fail you every day
Your steadfast love will not fail me but gladly bears my sin away.
And there I see your holy fire consuming sin in mercy's blood:
What righteousness and love require to ransom sinners to their God.

Your cross, O Lord, taught me to weep for there my sin led you away
And e'en the sun did bow in grief as darkness crowned our darkest day.
And oh, to think that I once stood indifferent to your suffering!
And oh, to see your sweat like blood: such depths of sorrow borne for me!

Your cross, O Lord, taught me to love for there I've tasted love divine,
It fills my heart with power enough to make your costly service mine.
No sin too great to meet with grace, no enemy too foul to bless.
Your love in wounds of sacrifice; teach me, O Lord, to love like this.

Your cross, O Lord, taught me to sing for now my captive soul is free!
No guilt, no fear, no suffering can tear away your love from me!
No song can reach such heights of joy! No tongue can tell such depths of peace!
No power, no time, can e'er destroy the eternal praise for Calvary!



THE LORD CLEANSES US

† Confession of Sin

O Lord, the great and awesome God,
who keeps covenant and steadfast love
with those who love him and keep his commandments;
Lord, we have done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled,
turning aside from your commandments and rules.
You are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame
because we have sinned against you.
We your people have transgressed your law and turned away,
refusing to obey you.
O Lord, listen!
O Lord, forgive!
O Lord, hear and act!
We do not make requests of you because we are righteous,
but because of your great mercy.
For your sake, O God, do not delay,
because we your people bear your Name.
In your mercy, keep covenant with us, and turn our hearts back to you
so that we will love you and keep your commandments.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 40.1-2a; 61.10a (ESV)

*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her:
your warfare is ended,
your iniquity is pardoned.*

**I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness!**

***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*

Galatians 1.1-9

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

“No other Gospel.”



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.

“There Is One Gospel”

Written & Arr by: Robinson/Thompson

There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity
It is my story, my Father's plan, the Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel, oh what a peace, my highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever, He is my light, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling, all else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found, the empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Saviour down, He lives and I am free,
Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes, my life is His and His hope is mine
For He has promised I too will rise, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one, we do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on to lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Christian, what do you believe?

God, the Father, has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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”

Louis Bourgeois

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Hymn of Response**

"All Glory Be to Christ"

Should nothing of our efforts stand; no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house; in vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain; tell me, what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king!

All glory be to Christ!

His rule and reign we'll ever sing,

All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come; on earth as is above
Come eat of him our living bread; praise Him, the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy; the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet; all glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king!

All glory be to Christ!

His rule and reign we'll ever sing,

All glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I Am; the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain; is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us; and be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be; all glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king!

All glory be to Christ!

His rule and reign we'll ever sing,

All glory be to Christ! (x2)



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

** all who are able, please stand*

† all who are able, please kneel

“Galatians is a passionate letter, the outpouring of the soul of a preacher on fire for his Lord and deeply committed to bringing his hearers to an understanding of what saving faith is... it grieved him beyond measure when some of those churches departed or were in the process of departing from the essentials of the gospel.”

-Leon Morris, *Galatians: Paul's Charter of Christian Freedom*

There is no middle ground between the righteousness of the law and Christian righteousness. Anyone who strays from Christian righteousness must fall into the righteousness of the law; in other words, when people lose Christ, they slip back into reliance on their own works... [And then] when we are afflicted, and our conscience suffers conflict, the devil makes us afraid by the law and accuses us with the guilt of sin, our wicked past life, God's wrath and judgment, hell, and eternal death.

Martin Luther, *Galatians (Preface)*

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

- Class resuming 1/18

MON, JAN 5, 5:30PM | WOVEN TOGETHER: All interested in Knitting (whether beginning or advanced) are welcome to join! Meetings will continue throughout the year, twice a month (1st Monday and 3rd Saturday). This first meeting will be tomorrow, Jan 5, 5:30pm @ the church. All those interested should contact Eeva Clark (423.915.6585) to RSVP and for more details on what to bring.

SUN, JAN 11, 10:15am | CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: We'll meet between services in the sanctuary to share the 2026 budget, which has already been approved by our Elders and Deacons. We will also elect our annual corporate officers.

JAN 16-17 | MISSIONS MONTH INTENSIVE: Dale Hollenbeck, with MTW, will lead a Friday and Saturday missions seminar on how families can actively participate in the Great Commission.

SAT, JAN 24, 9:30-11AM | LADIES' MIX & MINGLE BRUNCH: Ladies, you are all invited to a brunch on January 24 from 9:30-11 at the church. We would like to get to know each other better and have some good eats too! Please bring something brunchy to share. We hope we can set a place for you! RSVP via QR code or Contact Patricia Jansen at 423.505.3181.



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

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: No Class- Class resumes 1/11
2nd-3rd: No Class- Class resumes 1/11
4th-5th: No Class- Class resumes 1/11

Youth Classes

Middle School (6th-8th): No Class- Class resumes 1/11
High School (9th-12th): No Class- Class resumes 1/11



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.

MEN

WEDNESDAYS @ 8AM | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The Men's Wednesday Bible study at the church on the 2nd floor resumes on 1/7/26 at 0800. Bring your bible & coffee, and Contact Paul Gorman (423-483-8782).

WOMEN

SUNDAYS @ 6PM & WEDNESDAYS @ 9:30AM | WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: This study is on a break. It will resume after the holiday season!

Galatians 1.1-9

Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— ² and all the brothers who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

CHRIST IN ME:

Living in the freedom and righteousness of Jesus

The CONVICTION. (1.1-5)

The CRISIS. (1.6-9)

The CONNECTION.