



THE LORD'S SERVICE

March 29, 2026

Gathering & Hospitality
Welcome & Announcements

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THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE

****Call to Worship***

Adapted from Luke 19:37-38 (ESV)

[The whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen...]

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

***Songs of Praise**
“All Glory, Laud, And Honor”

Theodulf of Orleans (ca. 800)

All glory laud and honor to Thee Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son
Who in the Lord's name comest the King and Blessed One

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present
To Thee before Thy passion they sang their hymns of praise
To Thee now high exalted our melody we raise

Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring
Who in all good delightest Thou good and gracious King
The company of angels are praising Thee on high
And mortal men and all things created make reply

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 19.28-48 (ESV)

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

⁴⁵ And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, ⁴⁶ saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

⁴⁷ And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, ⁴⁸ but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

“Our Great God”

Ortega/Powell (2002)

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone

Hallelujah, glory be to our great God
Hallelujah, glory be to our great God

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels, fold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, His pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God

Hallelujah, glory be to our great God
Hallelujah, glory be to our great God

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the Earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His word

Hallelujah, glory be to our great God
Hallelujah, glory be to our great God (x2)



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***

from Psalm 32 (ESV)

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

****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*

Acts 17.16-34

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

“Rooted in our Community”



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.

“Your Will Be Done”

CityAight (2020)

Your will be done my God and Father as in heaven so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting, help me seek Your kingdom first
As Jesus walked, so I shall walk held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul, O lift your voice and pray,
Father not my will but Yours be done

How in that garden He persisted, I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by Him alone
What wondrous faith to bear that cross to bear my sin, what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Saviour prayed,
Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost, when I am broken in the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father, yes to one great King I bow
As Jesus rose so I shall rise in ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all your saints I sing
Father not my will but Yours be done

As we go forth our God and Father lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory and Your Name be lifted high
And in this Name we overcome for You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

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***We Confess Our Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

2nd Century

The Book of Common Prayer, 1662-adapted with modern English

*catholic = universal

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his 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;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall 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.

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.**



*In addition to giving tithes and offerings,
we invite everyone to give your
Rooted Commitment Card for your 3-year
commitment above tithes & offerings.*

Oh the depth of the riches and the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments, how untraceable His paths
Who knows the mind of our God? Who could 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 a men*

***Hymn of Response**

“Hail To The Lord’s Anointed”

James Montgomery (1821)

*Hail to the Lord’s anointed, Great David’s greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression and rule in equity.

Chorus

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong.
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in His sight

Chorus

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, Joy and Hope, like flowers spring in his path to birth
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove
His name shall stand forever that name to us is Love

Chorus



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

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

In a world [in which people have] good and evil hearts (Matthew 12.34-35), there will be good and evil places, governments, corporations, schools, and other entities. There will be a sacred and a secular. And yet, whenever God strategically sends and assigns His servants to represent His kingdom within the kingdoms of this world, the very fact of our assignment evidences that there is not a total divide between the sacred and the secular. He has sent us. It is His world, under His feet, awaiting His return, culminating in His end! ... Your life is His. Your redemption is His. Your time is His. Your gifts are His. The world is His. The plunder is His. Boast in the Lord!

James Powell, *Boldly Bi-vocational* (2025, Christian Focus Publications)

The seed [of the Word about Christ and his Kingdom] grew up while men slept, and brought forth fruit, first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. Every Christian told his neighbor, the laborer to his fellow-laborer, the slave to his fellow-slave, the servant to his master and mistress... the story of his conversion, [just] as a mariner tells the story of the rescue from shipwreck.

Philip Schaff, *History of the Christian Church*

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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

-TODAY, No class.

- 4/5, Easter Sunday-fellowship & refreshments between services



TODAY, MAR 29, 2PM | BABY SHOWER FOR KATIE CARTER: Ladies, join us at the church for a baby shower celebrating the arrival of Baby Boy Carter! Please use the QR to see the registry. RSVP to Abby Haaland (423-367-8070).



The resurrection life. Eternally accomplished. Locally celebrated.

Join us on Friday and Easter Sunday for a worship experience of Word and Sacrament.

April 3, Good Friday
7 PM Tenebrae Service
(Service of Darkness)

Use QR code to
to sign up to bring
refreshments!



April 5, Easter Sunday
8:45 & 11 AM Services
Refreshments between
services

WED, APR 8, 6:30PM | BRIDAL SHOWER FOR PAIGE RAMSEY: Ladies, join us at the church for a bridal shower celebrating Paige Ramsey's union with Jericho McGowan. Scan QR for registry. RSVP to dixiegaultney@gmail.com.



SUN, APR 12 | KEITH LOGAN WITH TRINITY HOPE: Between services, Keith Logan will share an update about our missions partnership with trinity hope in Haiti.

SUN, APR 12, AFTER 2ND SERVICE | THE HUDDLE: Come to a gathering for post-high school, college, & post-grad young adults! Join us for a meal, friendship and real talk about faith. Meeting at Ken & Sherrie Farmer's home (2308 David Miller Rd, Johnson City, TN 37604).



WED, APR 29TH, 7 PM | MATTHEW SMITH & INDELLIBLE GRACE CONCERT: Tickets are \$15. Please use QR to register. Childcare provided.

SCHEDULE

EACH LORD'S DAY

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.

APRIL 17-APRIL 18

LADIES SPRING GATHERING

Broken Cisterns, with Sarah Ivill

Thirsting for the Creator Instead of the Created

Friday | 6-8pm & Saturday | 9am-2pm

Use QR for details & registration

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¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”— because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

Look and see. 17.16

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for

Go and tell. 17.17-31

Go where?

“In him we live and move and have our being’;
as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.’

Tell what?

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Tell how?

³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.