



THE LORD'S SERVICE

April 12, 2026

Gathering & Hospitality
Welcome & Announcements

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THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE

**Call to Worship*

Psalms 100 (ESV)

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!*

**Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

**For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

***Songs of Praise**
“Jesus, You Are The Christ!”

Troy Cash (2024)

Who am I?

You are the Word from beginning, the Light never dimming,
The Truth and the Way of Life
Lord, Adonai: Whom through all things were created,
Your image you made in and you spoke it to multiply.

*You are the Son of the Father, the Spirit you send,
You're the Lord of Creation, the one great I AM.
You were promised before and you've promised to come once again;
Jesus, you are the Christ!*

Who am I?

You are the Suffering Servant and though you were perfect,
You bled and you died for sin.
The Sacrifice: Once for all, for all your people, there can be no equal.
Atonement alone in Him!

Chorus

Every knee will bow down, every tongue confess,
When you open the heavens and from descend,
You will ransom your bride and your kingdom will know no end.

Chorus x 2

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Romans 10.5-13 (ESV)

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

“There Is One Gospel”

CityAlight (2022)

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

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THE LORD CLEANSES US

† *Confession of Sin*

O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger,
Nor discipline me in your wrath.
For my iniquities have gone over my head;
Like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.
Do not forsake me, O Lord!
O my God, be not far from me!
Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation. (Ps. 38:1,4,21,22)

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.
Deliver me from all my transgressions
for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ. (Ps. 39:7,8)

****Declaration of Forgiveness***

Galatians 4:4-6 (ESV)

Leader: God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that you might receive adoption as sons.

Congregation: And because we are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!"

Mission Spotlight

Keith Logan
Trinity Hope in Haiti

****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 3.15-29

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

“The reality of PROMISE. (Or, "The Deeper Magic.")”



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.

“All I Have Is Christ”

Jordan Kaufflin (2008)

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own, a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life (x2)

***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.**

"Gloria Patri"

Ancient Text (ca. 2-4 cent.)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

***Hymn of Response**
“By Faith”

Townend, Getty, Getty (2009)

By faith, we see the hand of God
In the light of creation’s grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand –
A place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith, the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth.

Chorus

By faith, this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

** all who are able, please stand*

† all who are able, please kneel

"Though the Witch knew the Deep Magic,
there is a magic deeper still that she did not know.
Her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of Time.
But if she could have looked a little further back, into the stillness and
darkness before Time began, she would have read there a different
incantation. She would have known that when a willing victim who had
committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead,
the Table would crack and death itself would work backwards."

Aslan in *The Chronicles of Narnia*, C. S. Lewis

"It is a good thing to be encouraged to go beyond the superficial,
exploring not only the Deeper Magic, but also the other below-the-
surface forces that drive our lives, even when we do not acknowledge
their existence: our Deeper Hopes and our Deeper Fears- those Deeper
Yearnings that we ignore only at the expense of our humanness."

Richard Mouw

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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- TODAY, Keith Logan will update about our missions partnership with Trinity Hope in Haiti.
- 4/19, Leuzingers & Babels share about their recent mission trip to Guadalajara, Mexico.

TODAY, AFTER 2ND SERVICE | LUNCH FOR YOUNG ADULTS: 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).

FRI, APR 24, 2-3PM | ETSU PRAYER: Join us as at ETSU as we pray for God's work among students, faculty, and staff. Contact Pastor AJ (423-612-0123) or Chris Gabler.



MATTHEW SMITH & INDELIBLE GRACE
Wed. April 29th 7 p.m.
Register with QR. Ticket cost: \$15
Childcare provided at no extra cost.



APR 30, 6PM | RUF DINNER: Come feast on BBQ, hear encouraging stories of God's work on ETSU's campus, and learn about how you can partner with us! Meeting at the church. Please use QR to RSVP.



SAT, MAY 16, 10AM | BABY SHOWER FOR KELLY RUSSELL: Ladies, please join us here at the church for a baby shower to celebrate the coming arrival of Baby Russell! Please RSVP to 423-276-4741 & use the QR code to see the registry.

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.

MEN

WEDNESDAYS @ 8AM | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Scriptural study for the upcoming sermon on the CCC 2nd floor. Bring your Bible and coffee, and contact Paul Gorman (423-483-8782) if planning to attend for the first time, as the location can change.

WOMEN

SUNDAYS @ 6:30PM & WEDNESDAYS @ 9:30AM | WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: *A Woman's Wisdom: How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everything* by Lydia Brownback. Join us for this 10-week study. We will explore the "timeless counsel in the book of Proverbs" while endeavoring "to know the very Author of wisdom and to apply his relevant, how-to riches." Meeting at the church.

¹⁵ To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. ¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰ Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹ Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

The reality of PROMISE. (3.15-18)

The NATURE of it.

The PARTS of it.

The PARTICIPANTS in it.

The PRECEDENCE of it.

The role of LAW. (3.19-29)

ADDED (to promise) by God.

NEEDED (as a tutor/guardian) by Us.