



THE LORD'S SERVICE

May 10, 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***

Deuteronomy 32.3-4 (ESV)

*Let us proclaim the name of the Lord;
ascribe greatness to our God!*

**The Rock, his work is perfect,
for all his ways are justice.**

***[ALL] A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
just and upright is he.***

***Songs of Praise**
“Be Thou My Vision”

Dallan Forgaill (ca. 6th century)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Romans 5.6-11 (ESV)

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

“Your Cross, O Lord”

Brewster, Brewster (2021)

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*

Almighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done.
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent;
According to your promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful Father;
For his sake that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life;
To the glory of your holy name.

****Declaration of Forgiveness***

Psalm 116.5-7 (ESV)

*Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
The Lord preserves the simple;*

**When I was brought low, he saved me.
Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

****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 5.1-15

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

“Freedom means Freedom.”



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.

“Before The Throne Of God Above”

Charitie Lees Smith (1863)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
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When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

***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.**

*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**

“Let Us Love And Sing Wonder”

John Newton (1774)

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

** all who are able, please stand*

† all who are able, please kneel

Just as oxen that work hard under the yoke receive nothing
but forage or pasture
and are sent to slaughter when they can no longer pull,
so those who seek righteousness by the law
are captives and are oppressed with the yoke of slavery.

Martin Luther

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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- 5/17, Sharing the Gospel & Your Testimony, Kike Astorga

FRI, MAY 15, 7PM | LADIES' HANGOUT: Ladies, this Summer we have monthly opportunities to gather for fellowship! This month we are gathering at Jessica Crosmun's home- 130 Kiser Circle, Jonesborough @ 7pm. Bring a snack or sweet to share if desired!



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.

SUN, MAY 17, 2PM | BABY SHOWER FOR ANNA LITTLE: Ladies, please join us here at the church for a baby shower to celebrate the coming arrival of Baby Little! Please RSVP to Charlotte at 423-972-5984 & use the QR code to see the registry.



FRI MAY 29, 6PM | MEN'S HANGOUT: Come at 6pm to the Pavilion at Southside Elementary, and we'll eat around 6:30. We'll grill some burgers and hot dogs- bring a side or dessert to go with that!

SUN, MAY 31, 2PM | BABY SHOWER FOR CASSIE FERGUSON: Ladies, please join us here at the church for a baby shower to celebrate the coming arrival of Baby Ferguson! Please RSVP to Charlotte (423-972-5984). Use the QR to see the registry.



WEDNESDAYS 6-8PM, JUNE 3-JULY 1 | REFORMED THEOLOGY 101: Join us at the church building for a special summer seminar! What is 'reformed theology'? What does it mean to be 'reformed'? We'll enjoy a meal together each Wednesday before Pastor AJ teaches and leads discussion. Childcare will be provided for young children, and older kids (~10+ are invited to join in the class & discussion).

FRI, JUNE 5, 6PM | CHURCH PICNIC @ ROTARY PARK: Join us for this sweet time of fellowship @ the Harris Pavilion at Rotary Park! Hot dogs and waters provided, and please bring a side to share! RSVP and specify side with QR code so we can plan ahead.



JUNE 7-JULY 26, 10:15-10:45, 3RD FLOOR YOUTH ROOM | BASIC BIBLICAL GREEK: If you are interested in learning some basic Greek, join Matt Russell as he leads this class for the summer! Contact mattr29@hotmail.com to RSVP, get textbook information, and with any questions.



JUNE 15-19 | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Join us for a week of VBS! Registration will go live on May 11th. VBS is for children age 4 through 5th grade.

SAT, JUNE 20, 10:30AM | BABY SHOWER FOR JOANNA BARTAL: Ladies, please join us for a baby shower to celebrate the coming arrival of Baby Bartal! Hosted at Jeanette Ransom's home (800 N Mohawk Dr, Erwin, TN). Please text Jeanette to RSVP (321-480-2287). Use the QR 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



May 24th | Last Day of Children & Youth Classes Between Services

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

TUESDAYS, STARTING 6/2 | WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: Studying Colossians, details coming!

MISSIONS PARTNER: KIKE AND BRITTANY ASTORGA. The Astorga family is here for the summer as they raise support so they can continue their work with Campus Outreach in Guadalajara, Mexico. If you would like to support their ministry please scan the QR & consider connecting them with other Christians in your circles! Kike's email is elifelet.astorga@campusoutreach.org.



Galatians 5.1-15

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³ I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

⁷ You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This persuasion is not from him who calls you. ⁹ A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰ I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. ¹¹ But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. ¹² I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Freedom means Freedom.

In(to) THE freedom, STAND FIRM.

In THE freedom, do NOT submit AGAIN to any form* of slavery.
*Legalism (Law) or Licentiousness (lust).

[Interlude: 5.7-12- the scope of the problem]

Legalism's nature.

Legalism's result.

Legalism's cascade.

Legalism's deception.

Standing FIRM in THE freedom of Christ looks like:

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