



THE LORD'S SERVICE

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Gathering & Hospitality
Welcome & Announcements

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THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE

****Call to Worship***

Philippians 4.4; Psalm 98.2-4 (ESV)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

**The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

*He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to his people.*

*All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.*

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

***Songs of Praise**
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Henry Van Dyke (1904)

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life

Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1.18-31 (ESV)

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

“When I Survey”

Isaac Watts (1707)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.



THE LORD CLEANSSES US

† Confession of Sin

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Cleanse me, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

(Selections from Psalm 51).

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Psalms 32: 1-2 (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*

Ecclesiastes 8.1-17

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

"The Unresolved... the Dissonant"



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.

"Jesus Paid It All"

Hall/Grape (1865)

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

Chorus

For nothing good have I where-by Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Chorus

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

Chorus

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.

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**
"O Church Arise"

Getty/Townend (2005)

O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

** all who are able, please stand*

† all who are able, please kneel

*I want to change the world, instead I sleep; All that I know is I'm breathing
All I can do is keep breathing; All we can do is keep breathing now...*

Ingrid Michaelson (Keep Breathing, 2007)

*There is no golden mean between these two extremes; either this earthly life
must become low in our estimation, or it will have our inordinate love.*

John Calvin

*God knows we tend to love this world too much;
so we ought to learn the vanity of this world and raise our eyes to heaven.*

Jerry Bridges

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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY PRAYER | 9:30-10AM, 11-11:30AM (PASTOR JIM'S OFFICE): Join one another in weekly times of strategic, intentional prayer during each worship service- praying for the work of God's church, for the effectiveness of his Word, for trials and needs among us, and for the mission of God in our assigned sphere of influence. A "prayer guide" will be provided. This will be lay-led. Please reach out to Pastor Jim if interested in facilitating.

TODAY, 1PM | YOUNG ADULT AND COLLEGE LUNCH: Come enjoy community with other young adults! Lunch will be at the Powell's home @ 205 Joe Hale Drive.
Text JT @ 443-902-4322 for any additional details.

GOSPEL HOPE WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE | DINNER & DISCUSSION ON SUFFERING:



Beginning TUESDAY, Hal and Kristal Bohlman are hosting a (mostly) biweekly small group at their home. This group is for anyone whose life has been invaded by the unwanted stranger called suffering, in whatever way you have suffered. Our hope is to help one another look to the One who is there for us in our pain and suffering. **3 spots left - register now!**

Fall Gathering 2026

Oct 16-17 *Resting Together*
w/ guest speaker Paula Miles



Ladies, please join us as we consider how Christ's invitation to come to him for rest might transform our lives.

Use the QR code to register and find more details!

SCHEDULE

EACH LORD'S DAY

8:30-9:50, 1st Worship Service
10-10:50, Classes & Fellowship
11-12:15, 2nd Worship Service

Adult Classes

Fullbright Community Group: 2nd Floor, 10-10:50

Children's Classes, 10-10:50

K-1st: Elaine DeVusser 2nd Floor

2nd-3rd: Arika Smith & Peter Gaultney, 2nd Floor

4th-5th: Josh Beatty & Caleb Osborne, 2nd Floor

Youth Classes, 10-10:50

Middle School (6th-8th): Bill & Susan Kowalski, 3rd Floor, Youth Room

High School (9th-12th): JT & Mackenzie Reagar, Rex & Lina Hardy, 3rd Floor, Pastor Bill's Office



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

WEDNESDAYS, 9:30-11:30AM | PSALMS: REAL PRAYERS FOR REAL LIFE: Led by Leslie Owens (601.540.7213). Meeting at the Church. Childcare Provided.

FRIDAYS, 9-10:30AM | SIDE BY SIDE: WALKING WITH OTHERS IN WISDOM & LOVE: Facilitated by Shannon Thomsen (423.557.4669) & Lori Wilkerson (423.963.9431). Meeting at Shannon's house (2406 Larkspur Drive, JC).

SUNDAYS, 6-7:30PM | PSALMS: REAL PRAYERS FOR REAL LIFE: Led by Leslie Owens (601.540.7213). Meeting at the Church. Childcare Provided (combined with Sunday evening community group children).

Who is like the wise?

And who knows the interpretation of a thing?

A man's wisdom makes his face shine,
and the hardness of his face is changed.

² I say: Keep the king's command, because of God's oath to him. ³ Be not hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand in an evil cause, for he does whatever he pleases. ⁴ For the word of the king is supreme, and who may say to him, "What are you doing?" ⁵ Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing, and the wise heart will know the proper time and the just way. ⁶ For there is a time and a way for everything, although man's trouble lies heavy on him. ⁷ For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be? ⁸ No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. There is no discharge from war, nor will wickedness deliver those who are given to it. ⁹ All this I observed while applying my heart to all that is done under the sun, when man had power over man to his hurt.

¹⁰ Then I saw the wicked buried. They used to go in and out of the holy place and were praised in the city where they had done such things. This also is vanity.

¹¹ Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil. ¹² Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him. ¹³ But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

¹⁴ There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity. ¹⁵ And I commend joy, for man has nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful, for this will go with him in his toil through the days of his life that God has given him under the sun.

¹⁶ When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on earth, how neither day nor night do one's eyes see sleep, ¹⁷ then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man may toil in seeking, he will not find it out. Even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out. (ESV)

Who knows? | Wisdom and fear in the kingdoms of man (8.1-9)

This I know. | Fear before God the King. (8.10-13)

This I commend. | Joy through the days of life. (8.14-15)

Who knows? | Humility and the work of God (8.16-17)