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Donald Cooper (May 2026)

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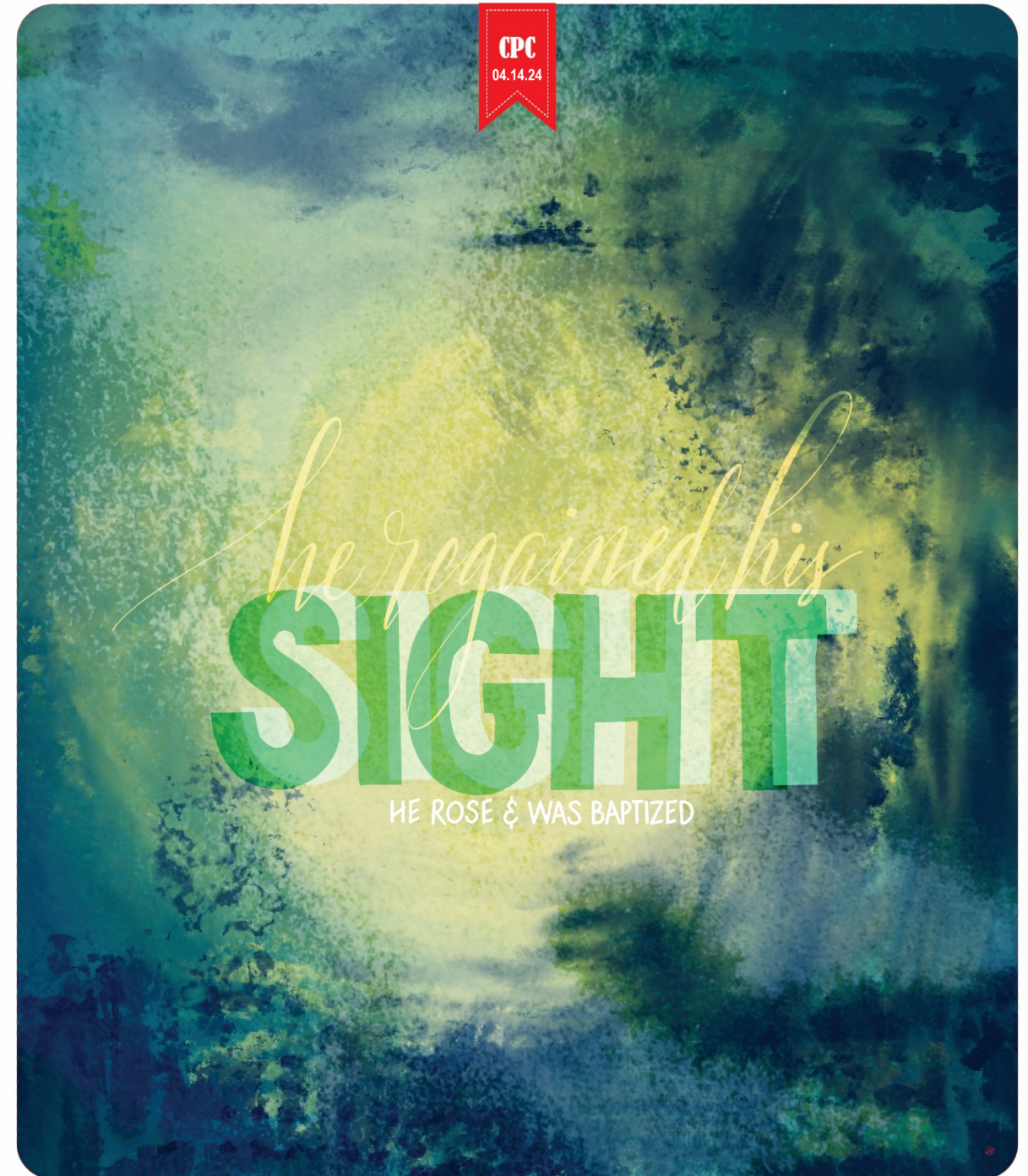
Ministry

Accompanist: Mary Trawick
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March Monthly Income & Expenses: General Fund

Income to General Fund: \$39,745.80
Expenses from General Fund: \$55,873.27
Total Difference: -\$16,127.47



Come, Thou Almighty King

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May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

25. Ex 38, Jn 17, Prv 14, Phil 1	5. Nm 15, Ps 51, Is 5, Heb 12
26. Ex 39, Jn 18, Prv 15, Phil 2	6. Nm 16, Ps 52-54, Is 6, Heb 13
27. Ex 40, Jn 19, Prv 16, Phil 3	7. Nm 17-18, Ps 55, Is 7, Jas 1
28. Lv 1, Jn 20, Prv 17, Phil 4	8. Nm 19, Ps 56-57, Is 8:1-9:7, Jas 2
29. Lv 2-3, Jn 21, Prv 18, Col 1	9. Nm 20, Ps 58-59, Is 9:8-10:4, Jas 3
30. Lv 4, Ps 1-2, Prv 19, Col 2	10. Nm 21, Ps 60-61, Is 10:5-34, Jas 4
31. Lv 5, Ps 3-4, Prv 20, Col 3	11. Nm 22, Ps 62-63, Is 11-12, Jas 5
April	
1. Lv 6, Ps 5-6, Prv 21, Col 4	12. Nm 23, Ps 64-65, Is 13, 1 Pt 1
2. Lv 7, Ps 7-8, Prv 22, 1 Thes 1	13. Nm 24, Ps 66-67, Is 14, 1 Pt 2
3. Lv 8, Ps 9, Prv 23, 1 Thes 2	14. Nm 25, Ps 68, Is 15, 1 Pt 3
4. Lv 9, Ps 10, Prv 24, 1 Thes 3	15. Nm 26, Ps 69, Is 16, 1 Pt 4
5. Lv 10, Ps 11-12, Prv 25, 1 Thes 4	16. Nm 27, Ps 70-71, Is 17-18, 1 Pt 5
6. Lv 11-12, Ps 13-14, Prv 26, 1 Thes 5	17. Nm 28, Ps 72, Is 19-20, 2 Pt 1
7. Lv 13, Ps 15-16, Prv 27, 2 Thes 1	18. Nm 29, Ps 73, Is 21, 2 Pt 2
8. Lv 14, Ps 17, Prv 28, 2 Thes 2	19. Nm 30, Ps 74, Is 22, 2 Pt 3
9. Lv 15, Ps 18, Prv 29, 2 Thes 3	20. Nm 31, Ps 75-76, Is 23, 1 Jn 1
10. Lv 16, Ps 19, Prv 30, 1 Tm 1	21. Nm 32, Ps 77, Is 24, 1 Jn 2
11. Lv 17, Ps 20-21, Prv 31, 1 Tm 2	22. Nm 33, Ps 78:1-37, Is 25, 1 Jn 3
12. Lv 18, Ps 22, Eccl 1, 1 Tm 3	23. Nm 34, Ps 78:38-72, Is 26, 1 Jn 4
13. Lv 19, Ps 23-24, Eccl 2, 1 Tm 4	24. Nm 35, Ps 79, Is 27, 1 Jn 5
14. Lv 20, Ps 25, Eccl 3, 1 Tm 5	25. Nm 36, Ps 80, Is 28, 2 Jn 1
15. Lv 21, Ps 26-27, Eccl 4, 1 Tm 6	26. Dt 1, Ps 81-82, Is 29, 3 Jn 1
16. Lv 22, Ps 28-29, Eccl 5, 2 Tm 1	27. Dt 2, Ps 83-84, Is 30, Jude 1
17. Lv 23, Ps 30, Eccl 6, 2 Tm 2	28. Dt 3, Ps 85, Is 31, Rv 1
18. Lv 24, Ps 31, Eccl 7, 2 Tm 3	29. Dt 4, Ps 86-87, Is 32, Rv 2
19. Lv 25, Ps 32, Eccl 8, 2 Tm 4	30. Dt 5, Ps 88, Is 33, Rv 3
20. Lv 26, Ps 33, Eccl 9, Ti 1	31. Dt 6, Ps 89, Is 34, Rv 4
June	
21. Lv 27, Ps 34, Eccl 10, Ti 2	1. Dt 7, Ps 90, Is 35, Rv 5
22. Nm 1, Ps 35, Eccl 11, Ti 3	2. Dt 8, Ps 91, Is 36, Rv 6
23. Nm 2, Ps 36, Eccl 12, Phlm 1	3. Dt 9, Ps 92-93, Is 37, Rv 7
24. Nm 3, Ps 37, Sg 1, Heb 1	4. Dt 10, Ps 94, Is 38, Rv 8
25. Nm 4, Ps 38, Sg 2, Heb 2	5. Dt 11, Ps 95-96, Is 39, Rv 9
26. Nm 5, Ps 39, Sg 3, Heb 3	6. Dt 12, Ps 97-98, Is 40, Rv 10
27. Nm 6, Ps 40-41, Sg 4, Heb 4	7. Dt 13-14, Ps 99-101, Is 41, Rv 11
28. Nm 7, Ps 42-43, Sg 5, Heb 5	8. Dt 15, Ps 102, Is 42, Rv 12
29. Nm 8, Ps 44, Sg 6, Heb 6	9. Dt 16, Ps 103, Is 43, Rv 13
30. Nm 9, Ps 45, Sg 7, Heb 7	10. Dt 17, Ps 104, Is 44, Rv 14
May	
1. Nm 10, Ps 46-47, Sg 8, Heb 8	11. Dt 18, Ps 105, Is 45, Rv 15
2. Nm 11, Ps 48, Is 1, Heb 9	12. Dt 19, Ps 106, Is 46, Rv 16
3. Nm 12-13, Ps 49, Is 2, Heb 10	13. Dt 20, Ps 107, Is 47, Rv 17
4. Nm 14, Ps 50, Is 3-4, Heb 11	14. Dt 21, Ps 108-109, Is 48, Rv 18
	15. Dt 22, Ps 110-111, Is 49, Rv 19

READ THE BIBLE WITH CHRIST PRES. IN 2024

January	11. Gn 46, Mk 16, Jb 12, Rom 16
1. Gn 1, Mt 1, Ezr 1, Acts 1	12. Gn 47, Lk 1:1–38, Jb 13, 1 Cor 1
2. Gn 2, Mt 2, Ezr 2, Acts 2	13. Gn 48, Lk 1:39–80, Jb 14, 1 Cor 2
3. Gn 3, Mt 3, Ezr 3, Acts 3	14. Gn 49, Lk 2, Jb 15, 1 Cor 3
4. Gn 4, Mt 4, Ezr 4, Acts 4	15. Gn 50, Lk 3, Jb 16–17, 1 Cor 4
5. Gn 5, Mt 5, Ezr 5, Acts 5	16. Ex 1, Lk 4, Jb 18, 1 Cor 5
6. Gn 6, Mt 6, Ezr 6, Acts 6	17. Ex 2, Lk 5, Jb 19, 1 Cor 6
7. Gn 7, Mt 7, Ezr 7, Acts 7	18. Ex 3, Lk 6, Jb 20, 1 Cor 7
8. Gn 8, Mt 8, Ezr 8, Acts 8	19. Ex 4, Lk 7, Jb 21, 1 Cor 8
9. Gn 9–10, Mt 9, Ezr 9, Acts 9	20. Ex 5, Lk 8, Jb 22, 1 Cor 9
10. Gn 11, Mt 10, Ezr 10, Acts 10	21. Ex 6, Lk 9, Jb 23, 1 Cor 10
11. Gn 12, Mt 11, Neh 1, Acts 11	22. Ex 7, Lk 10, Jb 24, 1 Cor 11
12. Gn 13, Mt 12, Neh 2, Acts 12	23. Ex 8, Lk 11, Jb 25–26, 1 Cor 12
13. Gn 14, Mt 13, Neh 3, Acts 13	24. Ex 9, Lk 12, Jb 27, 1 Cor 13
14. Gn 15, Mt 14, Neh 4, Acts 14	25. Ex 10, Lk 13, Jb 28, 1 Cor 14
15. Gn 16, Mt 15, Neh 5, Acts 15	26. Ex 11:1–12:21, Lk 14, Jb 29, 1 Cor 15
16. Gn 17, Mt 16, Neh 6, Acts 16	27. Ex 12:22–51, Lk 15, Jb 30, 1 Cor 16
17. Gn 18, Mt 17, Neh 7, Acts 17	28. Ex 13, Lk 16, Jb 31, 2 Cor 1
18. Gn 19, Mt 18, Neh 8, Acts 18	March
19. Gn 20, Mt 19, Neh 9, Acts 19	1. Ex 14, Lk 17, Jb 32, 2 Cor 2
20. Gn 21, Mt 20, Neh 10, Acts 20	2. Ex 15, Lk 18, Jb 33, 2 Cor 3
21. Gn 22, Mt 21, Neh 11, Acts 21	3. Ex 16, Lk 19, Jb 34, 2 Cor 4
22. Gn 23, Mt 22, Neh 12, Acts 22	4. Ex 17, Lk 20, Jb 35, 2 Cor 5
23. Gn 24, Mt 23, Neh 13, Acts 23	5. Ex 18, Lk 21, Jb 36, 2 Cor 6
24. Gn 25, Mt 24, Est 1, Acts 24	6. Ex 19, Lk 22, Jb 37, 2 Cor 7
25. Gn 26, Mt 25, Est 2, Acts 25	7. Ex 20, Lk 23, Jb 38, 2 Cor 8
26. Gn 27, Mt 26, Est 3, Acts 26	8. Ex 21, Lk 24, Jb 39, 2 Cor 9
27. Gn 28, Mt 27, Est 4, Acts 27	9. Ex 22, Jn 1, Jb 40, 2 Cor 10
28. Gn 29, Mt 28, Est 5, Acts 28	10. Ex 23, Jn 2, Jb 41, 2 Cor 11
29. Gn 30, Mk 1, Est 6, Rom 1	11. Ex 24, Jn 3, Jb 42, 2 Cor 12
30. Gn 31, Mk 2, Est 7, Rom 2	12. Ex 25, Jn 4, Prv 1, 2 Cor 13
31. Gn 32, Mk 3, Est 8, Rom 3	13. Ex 26, Jn 5, Prv 2, Gal 1
February	14. Ex 27, Jn 6, Prv 3, Gal 2
1. Gn 33, Mk 4, Est 9–10, Rom 4	15. Ex 28, Jn 7, Prv 4, Gal 3
2. Gn 34, Mk 5, Jb 1, Rom 5	16. Ex 29, Jn 8, Prv 5, Gal 4
3. Gn 35–36, Mk 6, Jb 2, Rom 6	17. Ex 30, Jn 9, Prv 6, Gal 5
4. Gn 37, Mk 7, Jb 3, Rom 7	18. Ex 31, Jn 10, Prv 7, Gal 6
5. Gn 38, Mk 8, Jb 4, Rom 8	19. Ex 32, Jn 11, Prv 8, Eph 1
6. Gn 39, Mk 9, Jb 5, Rom 9	20. Ex 33, Jn 12, Prv 9, Eph 2
7. Gn 40, Mk 10, Jb 6, Rom 10	21. Ex 34, Jn 13, Prv 10, Eph 3
8. Gn 41, Mk 11, Jb 7, Rom 11	22. Ex 35, Jn 14, Prv 11, Eph 4
9. Gn 42, Mk 12, Jb 8, Rom 12	23. Ex 36, Jn 15, Prv 12, Eph 5
10. Gn 43, Mk 13, Jb 9, Rom 13	24. Ex 37, Jn 16, Prv 13, Eph 6

MORNING WORSHIP

04.14.2024

10:15 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

† Song of Ascents

Come, Thou Almighty King (TH 101)

[Why worship on Sundays?](#)

In the Old Testament worship was on Saturday celebrating God's finished creation. But His work of redemption was finished at Jesus' resurrection on the first day of the week. On multiple Sundays the resurrected Lord visited the assembled Church establishing a new day for corporate worship (Luke 24:1-3, John 20:1,26, Acts 20:7-9, 1 Cor 16:1-2, & Rev 1:10).

[The Song of Ascents](#)

Take a look at Psalms 120-134. God has given us a gift: we are not naturally inclined to worship him. He has given us the songs of ascents to stir up our hearts to worship Him. It's a call to all present in the building to come and join in corporate worship.

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EVERY SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

9:00 a.m. Children and Adult Sunday School Classes & Nursery
10:15 a.m. Morning Worship w/ Nursery and Cry Room: The Book of Acts
10:15: a.m. Mobile Chinese Christian Fellowship Downstairs in Fellowship Hall
10:15 a.m. First Sundays of the Month: the Lord's Supper (please prepare your hearts)
12:00 p.m. First Sundays of the Month: Lord's Day Meal (please prepare a dish to share)
5:00 p.m. Evening Service: "The Third Person of the Trinity"

Monday Evenings:

- Every other week – 6:30 p.m.: Campus Christian Fellowship @ South Alabama
- (see Mr. Devin Brown).

Tuesdays:

- 9:30 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study through 1 Peter
- 2nd Tuesday: Diaconate Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m.: Campus Christian Fellowship @ South Alabama (see Mr. Devin Brown).

Wednesdays:

- Women's Discipleship Group (2nd week @ 7:00 p.m.) @ 624 Shenandoah Dr. W.
Studying: A.W. Pink's *The Attributes of God*
- Men's Groups (1st & 3rd weeks @ 7:00 p.m.) @ 624 Shenandoah Dr. W

Thursdays:

- 1st Thursday: Session Shepherding Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 2nd Thursday: Session Business Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Nights:

- 8:00 p.m. – Monthly Men's Get Togethers (notification sent through text and/or email)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mondays are Pastor Josh's day off to spend with his family

- We have begun a New Series in Adult Sunday School: The Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism. Please plan to attend.
- Sunday, May 12th – Called Congregation Meeting for Officer Elections
- Friday, May 24th – Spanish-Speaking Bible Study Starting (If you are interested or know someone who might be, please see Mr. Pablo Rose-Perez)
- Sunday, May 26th – New Officer Installations

Sunday Roster:

Officer of the Day: Bill Keith

Announcements: Lukasz Myc

Audio Tech: Seth Flowers

Nursery: David Hudson/Stephanie Inscho

Next Week:

Officer of the Day: Scott Owens

Announcements: Devin Brown

Audio Tech: Luke Flowers

Nursery: Matt Flowers/Victoria Howard

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EVENING SERMON NOTES

5:00 p.m.

04.14.2024

“The Third Person of the Trinity”



Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Ezek. 36:27

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would gra - cious be;
 2. Truth - ful Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would truth - ful be;
 3. Might - y Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would might - y be;
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would ho - ly be;

and with words that help and heal would thy life in mine re - veal;
 and with wis - dom kind and clear let thy life in mine ap - pear;
 might - y so as to pre - vail where un - aid - ed man must fail;
 sep - a - rate from sin, I would choose and cher - ish all things good,

and with ac - tions bold and meek would for Christ my Sav - ior speak.
 and with ac - tions broth - er - ly speak my Lord's sin - cer - i - ty.
 ev - er by a might - y hope press - ing on and bear - ing up.
 and what - ev - er I can be, give to him who gave me thee!

Thomas T. Lynch, 1855

REDHEAD 76 7.7.7.7.7.
Richard Redhead, 1853

✠ Please Stand

Welcome and Announcements

VISION OF GOD

✠ Call to Worship

Psalm 117

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

People: the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

✠ Invocation

Pastor: And all God's people said...

People: Amen!

✠ Song of Worship

I'll Extol My God and Savior (Psalm 145) (Sparkman)

✠ Declaration of the Law

Philippians 1:9-11

People: And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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God initiates worship:

Isaiah 6:1 starts: "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up..." God himself initiates worship by lifting the prophets' eyes beyond his circumstances toward God's attributes. Worship therefore ought to start with an exalted view of God. This is why we start with God calling us to worship from his prophetic word – the Scriptures. This also why we start with hymns focusing on his glory, and the law, since they exalt God's holy character.

Responsive calls to worship:

Isaiah 6:3 says, "And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts." This may sound strange to some. But notice the seraphim are inciting each other to consider God's attributes. Such responsive calls are appropriate in the call to worship and the call to repent.

Isaiah 6 as a template for worship:

As much as possible, worship at Christ Pres. strives to honor God by imitating the process of heavenly worship as revealed to us in Isaiah 6:1-13.

I'll Extol My God and Savior

Rev. Joshua David Sparkman

Psalm 145

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† Scripture Reading

Various Texts

Sermon

“The Third Person of the Trinity”

Rev. Joshua Sparkman

† Hymn of Response

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me (TH 335)

† Benediction

(1)I'll ex - tol my God and Sav - ior, bless your name for - e - ver -
 (6)Awe - some deeds of might we shall speak, I'll de - clare your great - ness
 (10)All your works shall give you thanks LORD. And your saints shall bless you
 (14)You up - hold all those who've fall - en; raise the head of those bow'd
 (19)He ful - fills the hearts which fear Him, hears their cries and saves their

more. (2)Eve - ry day I'll rise to praise you. (3)Great is the Lord, whom we a -
 too. (7)They show forth your 'bun - dant good - ness. I'll sing your righ - teous - ness a -
 too. (11)We shall share your glo - rious king - dom, (12)the sons of earth shall know of
 down. (15)All our eyes look un - to You, Lord. You give us food to your re -
 souls. (20)He pre - serves all those who love Him. But the wick - ed he'll de -

dore. In - fi - nite in His own great - ness. (4)Age to age co - mmends You
 new. (8)Gra - cious LORD, and slow to an - ger. 'boun - ding in your stead - fast
 You. (13)Ev - er - last - ing is your king - dom. Your do - min - ion to en -
 nown. (16)O - pen hand you fill de - si - re. (17)Righ - teous to the sons of
 stroy. (21)With my mouth I'll praise the Lord Bless the Lord for - ere' my

still. We'll de - clare your migh - ty acts, Lord; (5)on your splen - dor me - di - tate still.
 love. (9)Mer - ci - ful, and good you are, Lord, on your peo - ple from a - bove.
 dure. Kind and faith - ful work and words, Lord, your sal - va - tion to en - sure.
 men. (18)You are near to those who call You, who on truth in You de - pend.
 soul. Let all flesh bow down and praise Him, bless the Lord for e - ver - more.

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til my will is one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Edwin Hatch, 1878

TRENTHAM S.M.
Robert Jackson, 1888

CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession

Great Father in heaven,
What a privilege it is to be sons,
through the work of your Son.
But we are not sons by nature.
We are cosmic rebels.
We are sinners,
justly deserving your wrath
We deserve an eternal hell.
But, Lord, while we were still sinners,
you sent your Son to die for us.
We are like Saul of Tarsus:
hating God, yet changed to love You;
rebellng against Christ, yet made to repent;
puffing our pride up, yet humbled;
walking in darkness, but made to see
the light of Christ;
earning salvation by works, but now received
by grace.
O Lord, continue your mighty work in us,
that we might take the gospel to the nations;
that we might live for your glory;
that all pride might be removed from us.
We pray this through Christ,
Our great high priest.
Hear us as we confess our sins in silence.

Personal Confession

Pastor: And all God's people said...
People: Amen!



ASSURANCE OF PARDON



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Repentance ought to be a part of all biblical worship:

Isaiah 6:2 states, "Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet...." These are literally sinless beings who humble themselves in the presence of God. Even Isaiah says, "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips..." Isaiah very naturally senses his sin in the presence of God is completely unraveling him. He even leads his people into repentance. Don't just stare at the floor bored here. Review your life, your relationships, things you've done wrong or left undone. Confess them to your holy God. Turn away from them and to him.



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PRAISE OF GOD

† Songs of Praise

Just As I Am, without One Plea (TH 501)

And Can it Be (TH 455)

Read back through Isaiah 6. Notice that singing isn't all worship is. In fact, it may be better to say, singing is either preparatory for or responsive to either God himself or God's redemptive acts. Though we ought to sing, and sing with full hearts, singing is not the center of worship. Rather, Yahweh himself is.

Prayer of Praise and Confession of Sin

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

† Offertory Response

We Give Thee but Thine Own

We give thee but thine own.

Whate're' the gifts may be

All that we have is thine alone

A trust, O Lord, from thee

Intercessory Prayer

† Evening Psalm

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (TH 334)

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

D A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;

A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

A⁷ D G D A⁷ D G D

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan-der— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I love;

A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

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Just As I Am, without One Plea

Whoever comes to me I will never drive away. John 6:37

1. Just as I am, with-out one plea but that thy
 2. Just as I am, and wait-ing not to rid my
 3. Just as I am, though tossed a-bout with man-y a
 4. Just as I am, poor, wretch-ed, blind; sight, rich-es,

blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can
 con-flict, man-y a doubt, fight-ings and fears with-in
 heal-ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in

come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 in, with-out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
 wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 because thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am, thy love unknown
 has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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455. AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

1 And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:
**Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

2 'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.

[Refrain]

3 He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!)
and bled for all his chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me!

[Refrain]

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

[Refrain]

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

[Refrain]

 Please Stand


EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

04.14.2024


5:00 p.m.

*When you enter into the doors of the sanctuary, silently prepare to meet the triune God. Focus on
God's attribute of mercy as you prepare to worship.*

Welcome and Announcements

 Call to Worship

 Invocation

 Hymn of Worship

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (TH 457)

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MORNING SERMON NOTES

Acts 9:1-18

04.14.2024

“The Conversion of Saul”

The Lord raises up the church to be his instrument in the conversion of its enemies.

I. The enemy of the church's abrupt run-in with the Lord of the church (vv.1-9).

II. The Lord of the church raises up the church to heal the enemies of the church (vv.10-18).

Worship by Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

† “Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above; ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

Intercession:

Christ Presbyterian: The Bells, The Krauses, The Pomiers,
Ethel, The Grays,
Local Reformed Work: First Pres., Atmore
Missions or Persecuted Church: The Middle East

Pastor: And all God's people said...

People: Amen!

New Member Vows:

Mrs. Savannah Bentley

INSTRUCTION OF GOD

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.
Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;

Atonement to Service:

Notice the relationship of pardon for sin to service in the kingdom. Isaiah 6:8 states God's commission of service. But service must always follow complete forgiveness. Justification is the glorious door to the Christian life. But that's not all there is. Praise, tithing, prayers, serving God always comes as the natural outflow of thankfulness for sins forgiven. Service before atonement is legalism. Atonement that doesn't motivate to service will lead to stagnation, disobedience, and excusing sin. We are saved and washed in order to live for his glory as sons of God.

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 He suffered and was buried;
 and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sits on the right hand of the Father;
 and He shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the living and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and Giver of Life;
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son
 together is worshipped and glorified;
 who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
 and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

† Opposite Text

Psalm 27

† Sermon Text:

Acts 9:1-18

Sermon: "The Conversion of Saul"
 Preacher: Rev. Joshua Sparkman

RESPONDING TO HIS WORD

† Praise-response to the Word

We Sing the Glorious Conquest

† Benediction

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Preaching God's Word as the most important aspect of Christian ministry:

Isaiah 6:8-9 "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." (9) And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "'Keep on hearing ...'" Preaching and teaching is the high point and apex of Christian worship because it's the primary means God has blessed to convert souls. This is why we confess the faith together, why we read substantial parts of God's Word in worship, why we do expository preaching: because God's people needs God's Word. Even communion around table with Jesus is a continuation of the sermon, but in the forms of sensible signs. Will you, like the seraphim, and like Isaiah, sit at Jesus' glorious feet and be disciplined?

Each of us have a role to play:

None of us are Isaiah, but we each have Holy Spirit endowed gifts for both life in the body and gifts for drawing in the lost. Will you speak of such a holy God with your friends and family? Will you love people well who are hardened in sin? Will you strive to point them to Christ? Go into the world with God's blessing, working for his glory.

We Sing the Glorious Conquest

Arranger: Rev. Joshua David Sparkman

John Ellerton
 Tune: Munich

1. We sing the glo - rious con - quest be - fore Da - mas - cus gate, when
 2. O glo - ry most ex - cell - ing that smote a - cross his path! O
 3. O Wis - dom or - d'ring all things in or - der strong and sweet, what
 4. Lord teach you church the les - son stil in her dark - est hour of

Saul the chur - ch's spoi - ler came brea - thing threats and hate; the
 light that pierc'd and blind - ed that zea - lot in his wrath, O
 no - bler spoil was ev - er cast at the vic - tors feet? What
 weak - ness and of dan - ger to trust your hid - den pow'r: your

rav - ning wolf rush'd for - ward full ear - ly to the prey; but
 voice that spake with in him, the calm re - pro - ving word, O
 wi - ser mas - ter build - er his theer wrought at your em - ploy than
 grace by way my - ster - ious the wrath of man can bind, and

lo the She - pherd met him, and bound him fast that day.
 love that sought and held him, the bond - man of his Lord.
 he, till now so fur - ious your build - ing to de - stroy?
 in your bold - est foe - man your cho - sen saint can find.

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