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Donald Cooper (May 2026)

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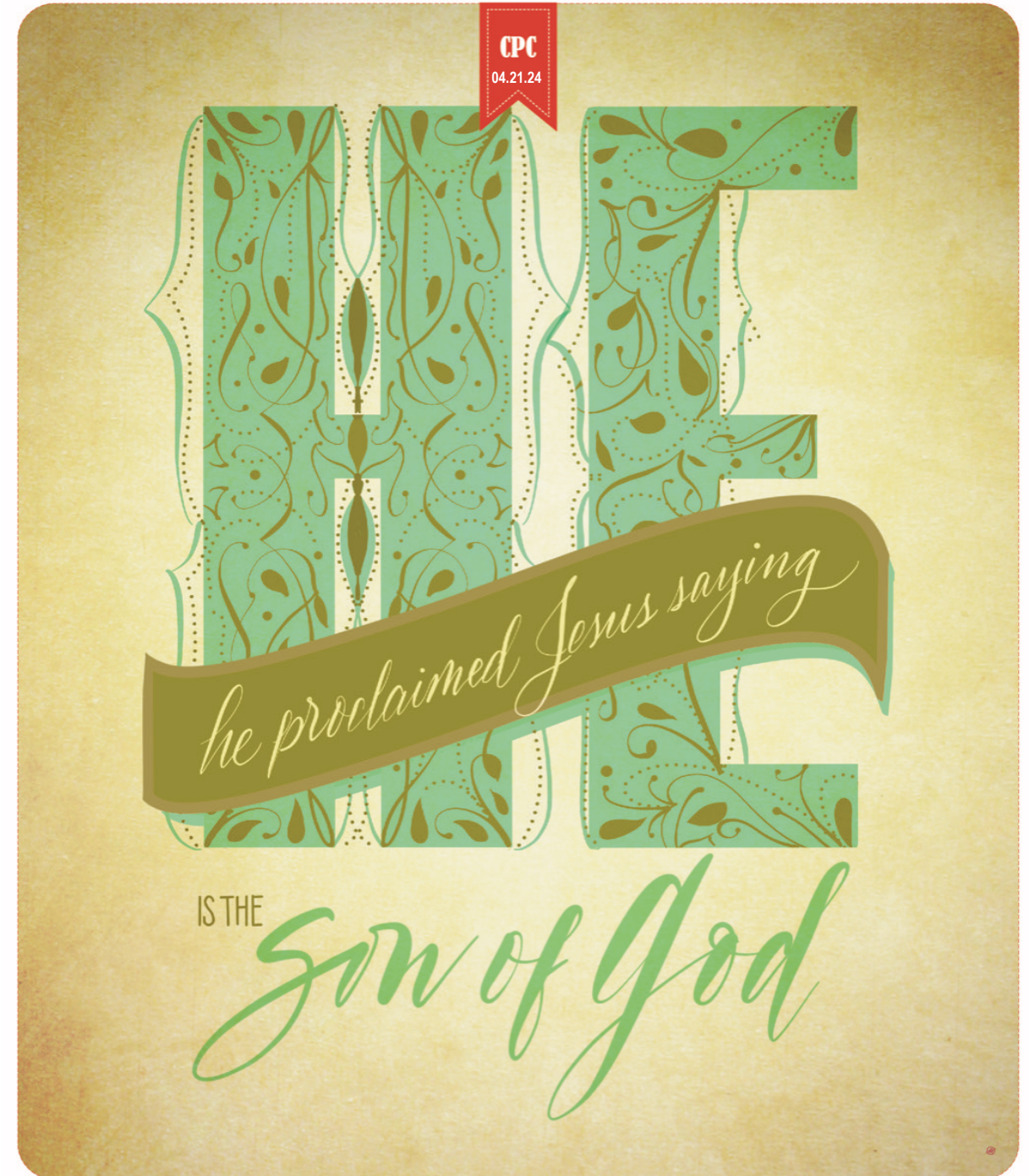
Ministry

Accompanist: Mary Trawick
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Nursery Coordinator: Lindsay Flowers
Children's Sunday School Coordinators: Tori Buchanan
Meals Coordinator: Elizabeth Hudgins
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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



Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spok-en, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring-ing from e - ter - nal love,
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov'-ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, through grace, a mem - ber am,

he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode:
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move;
 for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near:
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name:

on the Rock of A - ges found-ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'assuage?—
 thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 fad - ing is the world-ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round-ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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	12. Nm 23, Ps 64–65, Is 13, 1 Pt 1
1. Lv 6, Ps 5–6, Prv 21, Col 4	13. Nm 24, Ps 66–67, Is 14, 1 Pt 2
2. Lv 7, Ps 7–8, Prv 22, 1 Thes 1	14. Nm 25, Ps 68, Is 15, 1 Pt 3
3. Lv 8, Ps 9, Prv 23, 1 Thes 2	15. Nm 26, Ps 69, Is 16, 1 Pt 4
4. Lv 9, Ps 10, Prv 24, 1 Thes 3	16. Nm 27, Ps 70–71, Is 17–18, 1 Pt 5
5. Lv 10, Ps 11–12, Prv 25, 1 Thes 4	17. Nm 28, Ps 72, Is 19–20, 2 Pt 1
6. Lv 11–12, Ps 13–14, Prv 26, 1 Thes 5	18. Nm 29, Ps 73, Is 21, 2 Pt 2
7. Lv 13, Ps 15–16, Prv 27, 2 Thes 1	19. Nm 30, Ps 74, Is 22, 2 Pt 3
8. Lv 14, Ps 17, Prv 28, 2 Thes 2	20. Nm 31, Ps 75–76, Is 23, 1 Jn 1
9. Lv 15, Ps 18, Prv 29, 2 Thes 3	21. Nm 32, Ps 77, Is 24, 1 Jn 2
10. Lv 16, Ps 19, Prv 30, 1 Tm 1	22. Nm 33, Ps 78:1–37, Is 25, 1 Jn 3
11. Lv 17, Ps 20–21, Prv 31, 1 Tm 2	23. Nm 34, Ps 78:38–72, Is 26, 1 Jn 4
12. Lv 18, Ps 22, Eccl 1, 1 Tm 3	24. Nm 35, Ps 79, Is 27, 1 Jn 5
13. Lv 19, Ps 23–24, Eccl 2, 1 Tm 4	25. Nm 36, Ps 80, Is 28, 2 Jn 1
14. Lv 20, Ps 25, Eccl 3, 1 Tm 5	26. Dt 1, Ps 81–82, Is 29, 3 Jn 1
15. Lv 21, Ps 26–27, Eccl 4, 1 Tm 6	27. Dt 2, Ps 83–84, Is 30, Jude 1
16. Lv 22, Ps 28–29, Eccl 5, 2 Tm 1	28. Dt 3, Ps 85, Is 31, Rv 1
17. Lv 23, Ps 30, Eccl 6, 2 Tm 2	29. Dt 4, Ps 86–87, Is 32, Rv 2
18. Lv 24, Ps 31, Eccl 7, 2 Tm 3	30. Dt 5, Ps 88, Is 33, Rv 3
19. Lv 25, Ps 32, Eccl 8, 2 Tm 4	31. Dt 6, Ps 89, Is 34, Rv 4
20. Lv 26, Ps 33, Eccl 9, Ti 1	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	11. Dt 18, Ps 105, Is 45, Rv 15
1. Nm 10, Ps 46–47, Sg 8, Heb 8	12. Dt 19, Ps 106, Is 46, Rv 16
2. Nm 11, Ps 48, Is 1, Heb 9	13. Dt 20, Ps 107, Is 47, Rv 17
3. Nm 12–13, Ps 49, Is 2, Heb 10	14. Dt 21, Ps 108–109, Is 48, Rv 18
4. Nm 14, Ps 50, Is 3–4, Heb 11	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

04.21.2024

10:15 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

† Song of Ascents

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (TH 345)

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 Prayer Service

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 and 4th weeks @ 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)

5:00 p.m.

EVENING SERMON NOTES

04.21.2024

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 *19th*– 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: Scott Owens

Announcements: Devin Brown

Audio Tech: Luke Flowers

Nursery: Matt Flowers/Victoria Howard

Next Week:

Officer of the Day: Jack Bentley

Announcements: Scott Owens

Audio Tech: John Bentley

Nursery: Margaret Smith/Kim Hudson

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Wondrous King, All-Glorious

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Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Rom. 9:5

1. Won- drous King, all - glo - rious, sov-'reign Lord vic - to - rious, oh, re -
 2. Heav- ens, spread the sto - ry of our Mak- er's glo - ry, all the
 3. O my soul, re - joic - ing, sing, thy prais- es voic - ing, sing, with
 4. Hal - le - lu - jahs ren - der to the Lord most ten - der, ye who

ceive our praise with fa - vor! From thee welled God's kind - ness tho' we
 pomp of earth ob - scur - ing. Sun, thy rays be send - ing, thy bright
 hymns of faith a - dore him! All who here have be - ing, shout, your
 know and love the Sav - ior. Hal - le - lu - jahs sing ye, ye re -

in our blind - ness strayed from thee, our bless - ed Sav - ior. Strength-en thou,
 beams ex - pend - ing, light to all the earth as - sur - ing. Moon and star,
 voic - es free - ing, bow down in the dust be - fore him. He is God
 deemed, oh, bring ye hearts that yield him glad be - hav - ior. Blest are ye

help us now; let our tongues be sing - ing, thee our prais- es bring - ing.
 praise a - far him who glo- rious made you; the vast heav- ens aid you.
 Sab - a - oth; praise a - lone the Sav - ior, here and there for - ev - er.
 end - less - ly; sin - less there for - ev - er, ye shall laud him ev - er.

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Welcome and Announcements

VISION OF GOD

† Call to Worship

from Psalm 66

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of his name;

Pastor: give to him glorious praise!

People: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

Pastor: So great is your power

People: that your enemies come cringing to you.

Pastor: All the earth worships you

People: they sing praises to your name."

Pastor: Come and see what God has done:

People: he is awesome in his deeds

Pastor: toward the children of man.

† 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

Romans 12: 9-12

People: Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

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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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Prayers of Thanksgiving

Leader

People

(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

Prayers of Supplication

Leader

People

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

† Hymn of Praise

Wonderous King, All Glorious (TH 166)

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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Come unto Me, Ye Weary

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Matt. 11:28

1. "Come un - to me, ye wea - ry, and I will give you rest."
2. "Come un - to me, dear chil - dren, and I will give you light."
3. "Come un - to me, ye faint - ing, and I will give you life."
4. "And who - so - ev - er com - eth I will not cast him out."

O bless - ed voice of Je - sus which comes to hearts op - pressed!
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus which comes to cheer the night!
O peace - ful voice of Je - sus which comes to end our strife!
O pa - tient love of Je - sus which drives a - way our doubt;

It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, of par - don, grace, and peace,
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, and we had lost our way;
The foe is stern and ea - ger, the fight is fierce and long;
which calls us, ver - y sin - ners, un - wor - thy though we be

of joy that hath no end - ing, of love which can - not cease.
but morn - ing brings us glad - ness, and songs the break of day.
but thou hast made us might - y, and strong - er than the strong.
of love so free and bound - less, to come, dear Lord, to thee!

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession

O Great and Gracious Heavenly Father,
You are glorious in mercy,
Wonderful in might,
Sending your Holy Spirit
To change the leopards' spots.
The earth sees and awes.
King Jesus you conquered Saul of Tarsus
Conquer our wandering souls;
Convict us of sin too;
Cause us to repent of sin;
Send us to our family and friends;
Let us preach, share, declare:
Jesus is the Son of God.
Father, forgive us when we don't.
You gave spiritual life to the dead;
Therefore, quicken our hearts to obedience;
Melt our cold hearts;
Warm our affections for Christ;
Let us be so heavenly-minded
that we are finally of earthly use.
And may we again, in joy,
Obey our King and Husband
Over the world, the flesh, and the devil.
Hear us, through Christ, our high priest,
As we pray 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.

PRAISE OF GOD

† Songs of Praise

Wonderful Grace of Jesus (TH 467)

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.

The Power of the Cross (The Gettys)

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Prayers of Adoration

Leader

People

Prayers of Confession

Leader

People

Devotional Instruction

† Hymn of Thanksgiving

Come unto Me, Ye Weary (TH 482)

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34. THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.
Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.
2. The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
and him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

3. He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend,
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.
4. The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.
5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.
6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

 Please Stand

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Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 1 Tim. 1:15



1. Won - der - ful grace of Je - sus, great - er than all my sin;
2. Won - der - ful grace of Je - sus, reach - ing a might - y host,
3. Won - der - ful grace of Je - sus, reach - ing the most de - filed,

how shall my tongue de - scribe it, where shall its praise be - gin?
by it I have been par - doned, saved to the ut - ter - most,
by its trans - form - ing pow - er, mak - ing him God's dear child,

Tak - ing a - way my bur - den, set - ting my spir - it free;
chains have been torn a - sun - der, giv - ing me lib - er - ty;
pur - chas - ing peace and heav - en, for all e - ter - ni - ty;

for the won - der - ful grace of Je - sus reach - es me.
for the won - der - ful grace of Je - sus reach - es me.
and the won - der - ful grace of Je - sus reach - es me.

Refrain: Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
all-sufficient grace for even me;
broader than the scope of my transgressions,
greater far than all my sin and shame,
O magnify the precious name of Jesus,
praise his name!

 Please Stand

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

(The Gettys)

Verse 1.

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
Nailed to the cross of wood

Refrain:

**This the power of the cross
Christ became sin for us, took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross**

Verse 2.

Oh to see the pain written on your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Every bitter thought every evil deed
Crowning your blood-stained brow

(Refrain)

Verse 3.

Now the day light flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its maker bows his head
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life
Finished, the victory cry

(Refrain)

Verse 4.

Oh to see my name written in the woods
For through your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
Won through your selfless love

This the power of the cross
Son of God slain for us, what a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross

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EVENING PRAYER SERVICE


04.21.2024

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

 Invocation

 Hymn of Worship

The God of Abraham Praise (TH 34)

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MORNING SERMON NOTES

Acts 9:19-31

04.21.2024

“The Lord uses Saul”

The Lord Jesus Christ gloriously uses an instrument immediately in the kingdom.

I. Saul's ministry in Damascus (the simple preaching of the Gospel)

II. Saul's ministry in Jerusalem (the apologist for the Gospel)

III. Saul's ministry Abroad (the pastor of the Gospel)

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: Lillian Fellowship
Missions or Persecuted Church: The Bryckos

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

People: Amen!

New Member Vows:

Valeria Del Angel Arano

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 67

† Sermon Text:

Acts 9:19-31

Sermon: "The Lord uses Saul"
Preacher: Rev. Joshua Sparkman

RESPONDING TO HIS WORD

† Praise-response to the Word

Revive Thy Work, O Lord (TH 370)

† 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.

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Revive Thy Work, O Lord

I stand in awe of your deeds, O LORD. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known. Hab. 3:2

Albert Midlane, 1858

FESTAL SONG S.M.
William H. Walter, 1894

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