



## Christ Presbyterian Church

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Pastor: Joshua Sparkman

#### Board of Deacons

Bill Keith (May 2024)  
Jack Bentley (May 2024)  
Donald Cooper (May 2026)

#### Staff

Sexton: Donald Cooper  
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#### Adult Sunday School Teachers

Scott Owens, Lukasz Myc

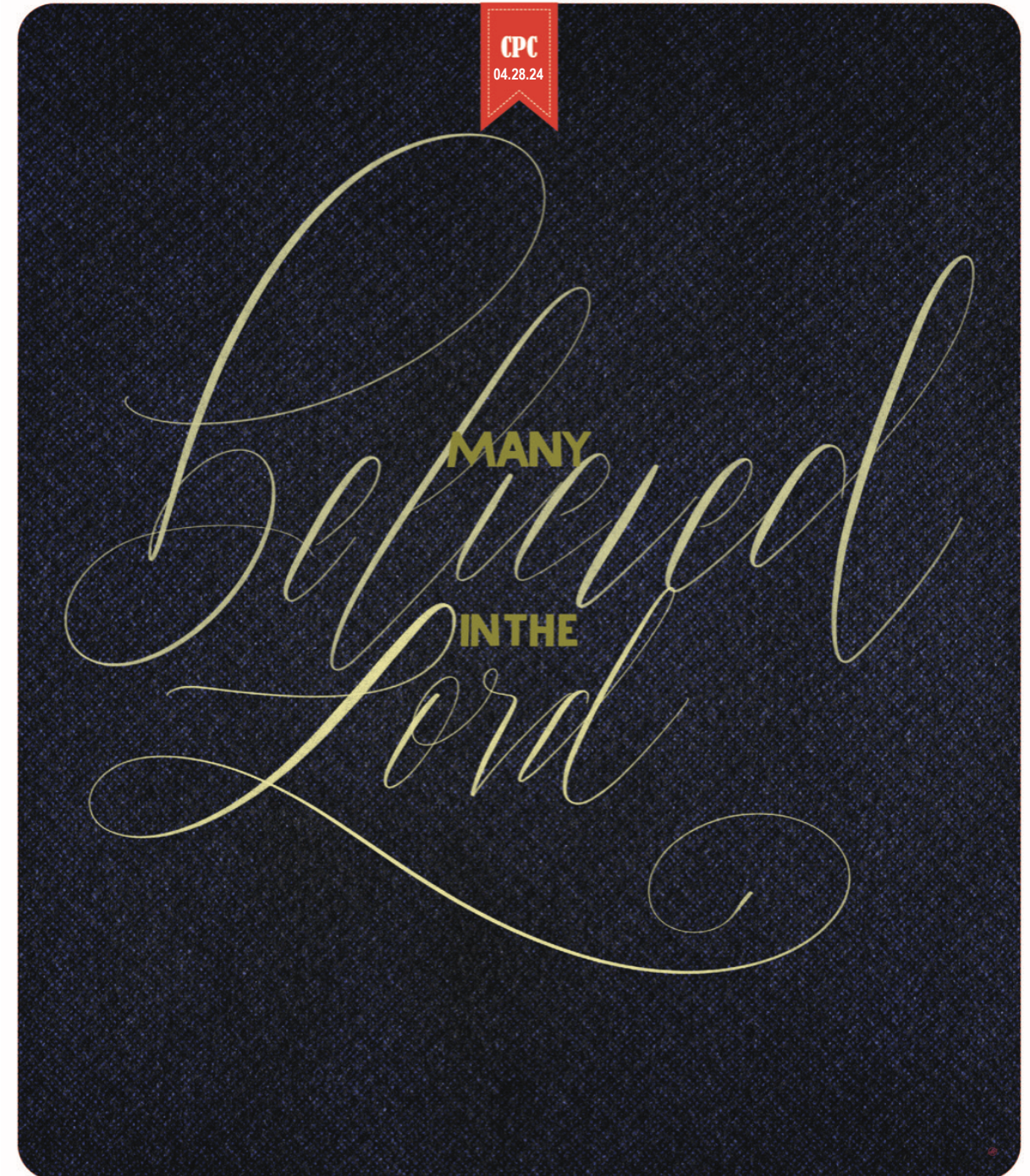
#### Ministry

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



# I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 168

*Who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age. Gal. 1:4*

1. I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art, my on-ly  
 2. Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace, reign-ing om-  
 3. Thou art the Life, by which a-lone we live, and all our  
 4. Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness, no harsh-ness  
 5. Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee; our faith is

trust and Sav-ior of my heart, who pain didst un-der-  
 nip-o-tent in ev-'ry place: so come, O King, and  
 • sub-stance and our strength re-ceive; O com-fort us in  
 hast thou and no bit-ter-ness: make us to taste the  
 built up-on thy prom-ise free; O grant to us such

go for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 our whole be-ing sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 • death's ap-proach-ing hour, strong-heart-ed then to face it by thy pow'r.  
 sweet grace found in thee and ev-er stay in thy sweet u-ni-ty.  
 strong-er hope and sure that we can bold-ly con-quer and en-dure.

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
<b>April</b>	
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
<b>June</b>	
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
<b>May</b>	
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

<b>January</b>	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	<b>March</b>
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
<b>February</b>	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

04.28.2024

10:15 a.m.

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

† Song of Ascents

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (TH 168)*

#### 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.

## 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 Holy Spirit in the Old Testament"

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

### Thursdays:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday: Session Shepherding Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- A New Members Class will be starting soon. Please let Pastor Josh know if you are interested.
- Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Called Congregation Meeting for Officer Elections
- Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – PCA General Assembly Prep night. Please join us at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall or via Zoom to hear what's on the agenda for this year's General Assembly.
- Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Spanish-Speaking Bible Study Starting (If you are interested or know someone who might be, please see Mr. Pablo Rose-Perez)
- Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – New Officer Installations
- June 10-14, 2024 – 51<sup>st</sup> PCA General Assembly in Richmond, VA

### Sunday Roster:

Officer of the Day: Scott Owens

Announcements: Devin Brown

Audio Tech: John Bentley

Nursery: Margaret Smith/Kim Hudson

### Next Week:

Officer of the Day: Devin Brown

Announcements: Josh Sparkman

Audio Tech: David Hudson

Nursery: Abigail Cooper/Aaron Howard

## EVENING SERMON NOTES

5:00 p.m.

04.28.2024

“The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament”

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 Please Stand

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## Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.  
Rom. 5:5

1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly Dove, with all your quick-'ning pow'rs;  
2. In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise;  
3. And shall we then for - ev - er live at this poor dy - ing rate?  
4. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly Dove, with all your quick-'ning pow'rs;

kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.  
ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.  
Our love, so faint, so cold to you, and yours to us so great!  
come, shed a - broad a Sav - ior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

Isaac Watts, 1707  
Mod.

ST. AGNES C.M.  
John B. Dykes, 1866

## Welcome and Announcements

## VISION OF GOD

## ✠ Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:23-29

Pastor: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations,

**People: his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

Pastor: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

**People: and he is to be feared above all gods.**

Pastor: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

**People: but the Lord made the heavens.**

Pastor: Splendor and majesty are before him;

**People: strength and joy are in his place.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,

**People: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!**

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**People: bring an offering and come before him!**

Pastor: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness

## ✠ 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

2 Corinthians 4: 16-18

**People: So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.**

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 Holy Spirit in the Old Testament”

Rev. Joshua Sparkman

† Hymn of Response

Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove (TH 332)

† 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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# My Faith Looks Up to Thee

528

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Heb. 12:1, 2

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2. May thy rich grace im-part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
 shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -

guilt a - way, O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

Ray Palmer, 1830

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Lowell Mason. 1832

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# CONFESSION OF SIN

## Call to Confession

Sovereign Lord,  
 You do not play in convincing me of sin,  
 Satan did not play in tempting me to it,  
 I do not play when I sink in deep mire,  
 for sin is no game, no toy, no bauble;

Let me never forget  
 that the heinousness of sin  
 lies not so much in the nature of the sin committed,  
 as in the greatness of the person sinned against.

When I am afraid of evils to come, comfort me,  
 by showing me  
 that in myself, I am a dying, condemned wretch,  
 but that in Christ, I am reconciled,  
 made alive,  
 and satisfied;  
 that I am feeble and unable to do any good,  
 but that in him, I can do all things;  
 that what I now have in Christ is mine in part,  
 but that shortly I shall have it perfectly in heaven.

(from The Valley of Vision, Arthur Bennett, ed.)

## 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

*My Worth is Not in What I Own (The Gettys)*

*More about Jesus Would I Know (TH 538)*

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (TH 528)



# My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

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*Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? Ps. 113:5, 6*

1. My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!  
2. Won - drous are thine e - ter - nal years, O ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3. O how I fear thee, liv - ing God, with deep - est, ten - d'rest fears,  
4. Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art;

How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat, in depths of burn - ing light!  
by ho - ly an - gels day and night un - ceas - ing - ly a - dored!  
and wor - ship thee with trem - bling hope, and pen - i - ten - tial tears.  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.

5. No earthly father loves like thee,  
no mother half so mild  
bears and forbears, as thou hast done  
with me, thy sinful child.
6. How wonderful, how beautiful,  
the sight of thee will be,  
thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r,  
and awesome purity!

From Psalm 113  
Frederick W. Faber, 1848; alt. 1961, 1990

ST. ETHELDREDA C.M.  
Thomas Turton. 1780-1864

 Please Stand

# MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN

By Keith & Kristyn Getty

Verse 1  
My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love  
At the cross

Verse 2  
My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose, in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed  
At the cross

Refrain  
I rejoice in my redeemer  
Greatest treasure  
Wellspring of my soul  
And I will trust in him, no other  
My soul is satisfied in him alone

Verse 3  
As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us  
At the cross

Verse 4  
I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ  
At the cross

Refrain  
I rejoice in my redeemer  
Greatest treasure  
Wellspring of my soul  
And I will trust in him, no other  
My soul is satisfied in him alone

Verse 5  
Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed, my ransom paid  
At the cross

Refrain  
I rejoice in my redeemer  
Greatest treasure  
Wellspring of my soul  
And I will trust in him, no other  
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# More about Jesus Would I Know

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*Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation. 1 Pet. 2:2*

1. More a - bout Je - sus would I know, more of his grace to  
 2. More a - bout Je - sus let me learn, more of his ho - ly  
 3. More a - bout Je - sus; in his Word, hold - ing com - mu - nion  
 4. More a - bout Je - sus on his throne, rich - es in glo - ry

oth - ers show; more of his sav - ing full - ness see, more of his love who  
 will dis - cern; Spir - it of God, my teach - er be, show - ing the things of  
 with my Lord; hear - ing his voice in ev - 'ry line, mak - ing each faith - ful  
 all his own; more of his king - dom's sure in - crease; more of his com - ing,

REFRAIN  
 died for me.  
 Christ to me.  
 say - ing mine. More, more a - bout Je - sus, more, more a - bout Je - sus,  
 Prince of Peace.

more of his sav - ing full - ness see, more of his love who died for me.

† Please Stand

# EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

04.28.2024

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

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art (TH 35)

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# MORNING SERMON NOTES

Acts 9: 32-43

04.28.2024

“The Gospel Spreads throughout Judea”

The gospel of Jesus Christ comes to Judea through the apostles.

I. To eastern Judea

II. To western Judea

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, The Howards  
Local Reformed Work: First Pres., Niceville, FL  
Missions or Persecuted Church: Campus Outreach

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

## 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 110

† Sermon Text:

Acts 9: 32-43

Sermon: "The Gospel Spreads throughout Judea"  
 Preacher: Rev. Joshua Sparkman

## RESPONDING TO HIS WORD

† Praise-response to the Word

*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place (TH 468)*

† Benediction

† Please Stand

### 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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## My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

*While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8*

1. My faith has found a rest - ing place, from guilt my soul is freed;  
 2. E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;  
 3. My heart is lean - ing on the Word, the writ - ten Word of God:  
 4. My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, the lost he came to save;

I trust the ev - er - liv - ing One, his wounds for me shall plead.  
 a sin - ful soul I come to him, he'll nev - er cast me out.  
 sal - va - tion by my Sav - ior's name, sal - va - tion thro' his blood.  
 for me his pre - cious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.

REFRAIN  
 I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea,

it is e - nough that Je - sus died, and that he died for me.

† Please Stand