

Call to Worship

Luke 2:28-32

Leader: Simeon took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace as You have promised. I have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and He is the glory of Your people Israel!"

✠*All Praise to God*

All praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills,
The God who every sorrow stills,
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of His might,
Lo, all is just and all is right,
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to Him in time of need:
Lord God, O, hear my calling!
For death He gave me life indeed
And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
O thank Him, thank our God, with me,
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
He leads His own, His chosen band,
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name,

✠Those who are able, please stand.

To God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's power proclaim,
To God give praise and glory!
All idols under foot be trod,
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

✠*Invocation*

Reading of the Law

The 6th Commandment

Leader: *Thou shall not murder. What does this mean?*

People: We should so fear and love God as not to do our neighbor any injury or harm in his body, but help and befriend him in all bodily troubles. (Luther's Small Catechism)

And Can it Be

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?
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'Tis mystery 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.

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.

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.

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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.

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 1:8-9

Leader: *The grass withers and the flowers fade,*
People: But the Word of our God remains forever.

Prayer

✠*Psalm 23*

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill,
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

✠*New Testament Reading*

Colossians 1:1-18

Leader: *Man shall not live by bread alone,*
People: But by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Sermon

Rev. Bud Griffith

Colossians Review: The Supremacy of Christ Over All Things

✠*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.

✠*Before the Throne*

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

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless, Righteousness,
The Great unchangeable I AM,
The King of Glory and of Grace,
One with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God!
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✠*Benediction*

Announcements

Home Care Groups! If you are interested in being part of a Home Group signup on the sheet on the back table. We will be having a meeting for those who are hosting or willing to host a home group on January 12 after the morning worship service.

The next Wonderful Wednesday Dinner will be on January 8 at 6:00 pm.

Soup Dinner! Join us after the Morning Worship Service on the 19th for a time of food and fellowship. Bring your favorite soup and a dessert if you like. The church will provide drinks.

Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday. See Deon Louw.

Greer Community Ministries: Our focus for 2025 is canned chicken and fish. We will of course accept other nonperishable items but that's our main focus for the year. Thank you for your generosity!

Miracle Hill Overcomers: Please remember to bring coffee and dry coffee supplies for the Overcomers.

The Womens Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 10-11:30 am at the church. *Rejoicing in Christ* by Michael Reeves is the study this fall. Contact Deb Redding at dkredding@verizon.net for further information.

The Tuesday Morning Study Group will resume the Life of Peter series starting Tuesday January 7th at 10:00.

Sunday School: Reason to Believe Do Christians Have Good Answers for the Really Tough Questions? Dr. R.C. Sproul believes they do. In this unique book, he deals with the most common objections to the truths of the Christian faith, including: Has science disproved the existence of God? Will non-Christians who never hear of Christ go to hell? Is it narrow-minded and bigoted to believe Christ is only one way to God? Isn't Christianity just a crutch for people who can't handle life's pressures? How does the church explain all its hypocrites? Reason to Believe is a superb resource for those in visitation and

calling programs, and a must for anyone who wants to do more than scratch the surface of Christian truths. The books are on the back table.

Please pray for our missionaries. Calvary Home for Children; Frontline Missions India (George); Frontline Missions China (Hansen); Miracle Hill; Peru Missions; Christians Teaching Christians

Opportunities for worship, edification and fellowship:

- Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 a.m.
- Women's Bible Study and Fellowship, meets the first and third Monday morning of the month at the church. See Deb Redding for details.
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. The last Tuesday of each month is set aside for a time of fellowship and we go to breakfast or lunch. See Doug Redding for details.
- Wonderful Wednesday Dinner meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the church.
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets the 2nd Saturday of each month here at the church at 8:00 a.m. See Tom Pratt for details.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Season of Epiphany

January 05, 2024
10:30 a.m.

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers
and want fellowship;
to all who hunger
and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the*



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