

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWARK, DE

CHANGING LIVES THROUGH SHARING CHRIST



A Missional Life

The most powerful human motivation is love. Guilt is not stronger. Fear is not stronger. Gain is not stronger. What drives a mother back into a burning building? Love for her children. Such love is stronger than self-protection, self-promotion, or self-preservation. Such love finds its highest satisfaction and greatest fulfillment in protecting, promoting, and preserving its object. A Christian for whom love of God is the highest priority is also the person most motivated and enabled to serve the purposes of God.

Bryan Chapell

The Church is the Church only when it exists for others... not dominating, but helping and serving. It must tell men of every calling what it means to live for Christ, to exist for others.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Hearing support is available. Please, ask an usher, audio technician, or Deacon Norm Marks.

PASTOR BARBER

Welcome

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

❖ GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship — Psalm 138:1–5 (Pew Bible, p. 661, adap.)

Pastor: Let us give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;

People: Before the gods I sing your praise;

Pastor: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your
name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

**People: For you have exalted above all things your name and your
word.**

Pastor: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you
increased.

**All: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, and
they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of
the LORD.**

❖ Hymn (Trinity #457) — Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (music p. 3)

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 strang - er, 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.

❖ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by the Lord’s Prayer)**

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

❖ **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ELDER BRIAN
WARSHAW

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old and New Testament readings — Isaiah 6:1–8 (Pew Bible, p. 726)

Luke 5:1–11 (Pew Bible, p. 1094)

¹Is. 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Isaiah 6:1–8 (ESV)

¹Lk. 5:1 On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

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³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him. Luke 5:1–11 (ESV)

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN
(followed by Private Confession of Sin)

Sovereign God, we acknowledge that too often our mouths and hearts are quick to confess our new life in you, but our hands and feet are slow to live it out. We covet the glory of the changed inner life without the joy of the changed outward life. We enjoy the blessings that you have given us, but fail to be the ambassadors for you so that others might share in your blessings as well. Forgive us for desiring and promoting our own cause and interests above your cause and the growth of your kingdom. Give us hearts that long to see sinners brought to you and enjoy the reconciliation that you give. Through your Spirit, grant us strength to live and labor to that end. May we have a willingness to sacrifice our own comforts, and even our own lives, for the work of proclaiming your name to all the nations.

PASTOR EVANS

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD, the LORD, our compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

Exodus 34:6b–7a (Pew Bible, p. 94)

WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



You can also give online on our website, through the app Vanco Mobile, or mail a check to the office (if it is for the Deacons Fund, please note on the memo).

Offertory Response — Goodness of God (J. Johnson, Ed Cash, J. Ingram,
B. Fielding and B. Johnson)

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me. All my days I’ve been held in Your hands. From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With ev’ry breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire. In darkest night, You are close like no other. I’ve known You as a father, I’ve known You as a friend. I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. ...

Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.

With my life laid down, I’m surrendered now; I give You ev’rything.

Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.

❖ Song — Love Still Bids You Welcome (music next pages)

Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. Children 2 and 3 years old may go to Beginner Bible in room 100; children 4 years to 2nd grade may depart during the last verse to the Fellowship Hall for Junior Church.

Parents please pick up children after the service.

BIANCA
RODRIGUES, Vocals

Love Still Bids You Welcome

1. Oh God of grace, how of - ten have I grieved You, how
 (2. For) how my heart is hard and un - be - liev - ing for
 (3. Oh) Fa - ther, when I sin a - gainst my neigh - bor, I
 (4. Oh) Lord of light, You call us out of dark - ness to

sel - dom have I sung Your praise; and lit - tle do I know how much I
 all I've done and left un - done. Your love is not re - luc - tant to re -
 turn a - way your ver - y Son Who died to call us friends when we were
 turn a - side from sin and live. And prod - i - gals, we come to you for

need You, and time a - gain I turn a - way. 2. For
 ceive me. My soul draws back but Love says,
 stran - gers, and says to ev - 'ry sin -
 par - don; oh, Ab - ba, Fa - ther, take us

2, 3, 4.
 "Come." He will not cast you out, He will not cast you out. Who -
 "Come." in.

ev - er en - ters in will for - ev - er dwell with Him. Draw near, faint heart, draw near;

Love still bids you wel - come here. 3. Oh

20

2.
G A Interlude G A

here. To VERSE 4. Oh

23

3.
Bm Bm/A D A G D/F# G A sus D

here. Draw near, faint heart, draw near; Love still bids you wel-come___here.

GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

A Missional Life — 2 Corinthians 5:11–6:2 (Pew Bible, p. 1228)

PASTOR BARBER

^{5:11} Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1} Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 5:11–6:2 (ESV)

❖ Song — Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death (music next page)

❖ **GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING**

GRACE AND PEACE Choir Rehearsal — 4–5pm
YOUTH GROUP — 5–7pm

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

Music by Keith Getty,
Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin,
Matt Merker and Matt Papa
John Langley and Paul Campbell

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good.
3. Un-to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives;

5 lone. What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to Him be-long. Who holds our good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood. Who holds our lives!" And what re-ward will hea-ven bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with Him. There we will

10 days with-in His hand? What come, a-part from His com-mand? And what will faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the storm-y trial? Who sends the rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de-destroyed, And we will

14 keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. O waves that bring us nigh Un-to the shore, the rock of Christ? feast in end-less joy, When Christ is ours for-ev-er-more.

19 sing ha-le-lu-jah! Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O sing hal-le-lu-jah! Now and

25 ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.



OUR MISSION We exist to change lives through sharing Christ.
We carry out this mission in three ways:

GATHER — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP—10:45AM

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHOIR WORSHIP CONCERT—January 27, 4:00PM

DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES—9:30AM

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Thursdays from 8:00–9:00AM in Room B202 and online. “Created for Worship” by Jason Helopoulos

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP—Resumes January 17, 9:15-11:30AM and 6:30–8:00PM

MOMsnext—Resumes January 22, 6:30-8:30pm / **MOPS**—resumes January 26, 9:15am

SUNDAY CELEBRATION/FELLOWSHIP GROUPS—Resume on February 4, 5-7PM

MEN’S BREAKFAST—February 10, 8:00-9:30am

BIBLE CONFERENCE—March 1-3: Speaker: Robert Cunningham on “Living Out Your Faith in A Political Year”

SEND — we are all Christ’s ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally

MISSIONARIES—Rob & Jenny Ilderton - MTW: England (see our Missionary Highlight in this week’s online EPiC Newsletter)

PARENTING THROUGH A TEMPERAMENT LENS—Seminar with Dr. Kathleen Cherry, January 20, 9:00-11:30AM. Please invite your friends from outside the church to attend as well. Register on our website

Attendance and Financial Information for January 7, 2024

SS: 90 - AM: 265

General Fund

Weekly Gifts Received	\$ 18,053.40
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$ 22,240.00
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$ 18,053.40
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$ 22,240.00
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 7,003.73

Deacons Fund

Deacons Fund Receipts (Dec)	\$ 3,885.75
YTD Deacons Fund Receipt	\$61,261.30
YTD Deacons Fund Expenses	\$52,556.96
Deacons Fund Ending Balance	\$43,288.35



OUR MISSION IS TO CHANGE LIVES THROUGH SHARING CHRIST BY GATHERING, DISCIPLINING AND SENDING

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