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CHANGING LIVES THROUGH SHARING CHRIST

Gathering for Worship

It's not about spiritual awareness, interest, or knowledge. It's not first about church, theology, or biblical literacy. It's not even about wanting your little life to mean something. It's something that not only believers do. It's something that every person who has ever taken a breath does. It's not bound by family, culture, history, geography, language, or ethnicity. It's not a matter of age or gender. It's not about any of these things. What all these people share in common is that they are human beings, and because they are human beings, they are hardwired for awe. And so are you.

Paul Tripp

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JANUARY 21, 2024

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Welcome

PASTOR BARBER

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude — Lord, in thy mercy (F. Mendelssohn; M. Luther, J. Rutter)

Lord, in thy mercy grant us peace throughout all generations; Thou art alone our sword and shield, Lord who dost guide the nations. Defend us, O God, we pray thee.

CHANCEL and
GRACE AND PEACE
Choirs

❖ GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

PASTOR BARBER

Call to Worship — Psalm 145:1–6 (Pew Bible, p. 665)

Pastor: Let us extol our God and King and bless His name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Pastor: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

All: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

❖ Hymn (Trinity #119) — I Sing the Almighty Power of God

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

PASTOR POST

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 Westminster Confession of Faith

(ch. 21. 1. Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day)

Natural understanding reveals that there is a God, who is lord and sovereign over everything, who is good and does good to everyone, and who is therefore to be held in awe, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served with all our heart, soul, and might. The acceptable way of worshiping the true God is established by God himself. God’s revealed will so defines and outlines proper worship that neither the imaginations and devices of men nor the suggestions of Satan are to be followed. God is not to be worshiped under any visible representation or in any other way than that prescribed in Holy Scripture.

❖ **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

New Testament readings — Hebrews 3:7–4:11 (Pew Bible, p. 1277)

Heb. 3:7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, ⁹ where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. ¹⁰ Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.’ ¹¹ As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’” ¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵ As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” ¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

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^{4:1} Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest,” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵ And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” ⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. Hebrews 3:7–4:11 (ESV)

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

O Righteous and Holy Sovereign, In whose hand is my life and all my ways, keep me from wavering about my faith; fix me firm in it, for I am irresolute, my decisions are smoke and vapor and I do not glorify You, or behave according to Your will. Save me from myself, from the pretenses and deceits of sin, from the treachery of my perverse nature, from denying Your charge against my offenses, from a life of continual rebellion against You, from wrong principles, views and ends; for I know that all my thoughts, affections, desires and pursuits are alienated from You. O Father in heaven, King of my life, cast me not into destruction, drive me not from your presence, but wound my heart that it may be healed; break it that Your own hand may make it whole in order that my worship may be in spirit and in truth. In Jesus name.

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Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1–2 (Pew Bible, p. 1200)

WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

Reception of New Members

Sue Hughey • Richard and Maria Wittmeyer • Alan Mason

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 — I Am With You (C. Anderson; G. Habegger, M. Ijames)

I am with you, says the Father, through the floods I calm and keep. Though the swelling waves surround you, I surround the waters deep. Fear not, loved one; feel My presence. You will never be alone. Trust Me, loved one; you are precious. You are Mine — My very own.

I am with you, says the Savior, even to the age's end. Never leaving, nor forsaking, I'm your ever-present Friend. Fear not, loved one; hear My comfort: none can pluck you from My hand. Trust Me, loved one; I am constant: none can change what I have planned.

I am with you, says the Spirit, there is nowhere you can flee. Neither height nor depth can hide you, ev'ry place is home to Me. Fear not, loved one, hear my witness, you are God's own child and heir. Trust Me, loved one, hear My whisper, deep within you, I am here.

Come be with Me, says the Master, greeting hopeful, homesick eyes. I was with you through your journey; be with Me in paradise. Trust Me, loved one, know My promise; I will surely, quickly come. Trust Me, loved one, know My purpose, I will bring you safely home.

I am with you, Come be with Me, safely home.

❖ Song — Oh, How Good It Is (music next page)

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.

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Oh, How Good It Is

Words and Music by
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,
Ross Holmes and Stuart Townend

1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
(2. Oh, how) good it is on this jour - ney we share, to re -
(3. Oh, how) good it is to em - brace His com - mand to pre -

ge - ther in spi - rit, in faith and un - i - ty. Where the bonds of
joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find
fer one a - no - ther; for - give as He for - gives. When we live as

peace, of ac - cep - tance and love are the fruits of His pre - sence here a - mong — us. So
strength, the af - flic - ted find grace, when we of - fer the bles - sing of be - long - ing.
one, we all share in the love of the Son with the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit.

Refrain

with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and with one heart we'll live out His

Word. Till the whole earth sees the Re - dee - mer has come For He dwells in the

pre - sence of his peo - ple. 2. Oh, how - ple.
3. Oh, how

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GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

Gathering for Worship — Psalm 95 (Pew Bible, p. 633)

- ¹ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- ³ For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
- ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- ⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
- Today, if you hear his voice,
- ⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- ⁹ when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- ¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways.”
- ¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath,
“They shall not enter my rest.”

Psalm 95 (ESV)

❖ Song — It Was Finished Upon That Cross (music pages 10, 11)

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

GRACE AND PEACE Choir Rehearsal — 4–5pm

YOUTH GROUP — 5–7pm

❖ stand if able



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 “Christ, Culture, and Politics”

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

MISSIONARIES—Graham & Emily Guo - RUFi at UD (see our Missionary Highlight in this week's online EPiC Newsletter)

Attendance and Financial Information for January 14, 2024

SS: 157 - AM: 330

General Fund

Weekly Gifts Received	\$ 15,329.43
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$ 22,240.00
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$ 33,382.83
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$ 44,480.16
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 41,535.91

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

Words and Music by
Jonny Robinson, Rick Thompson
& Nigel Hendroff

E A/E E C#m B

1. How I love the voice of Je - sus on the Cross of Cal - va - ry.
2. Now the curse, it has been bro - ken, Je - sus paid the price for me.

5 E A E/G# A B E

He de - clares His work is fin - ished, He has spo - ken this hope to me.
Full, the par - don He has of - fered. Great, the wel - come that I re - ceive.

9 C#m A E B

Though the sun had ceased its shin - ing, though the war ap - peared as lost.
Bold - ly I ap - proach my Fa - ther, clothed in Je - sus' right - eous - ness.

13 C#m A E/G# A B

1. E 3

Christ has tri - umphed o - ver e - vil, it was fin - ished up - on that Cross.
There is no more guilt to car - ry, it was fin - ished up - on that

21 2. E/G# 3 E

Cross. 3. Death was once my great op - pon - ent,

27 C#m/E B/E E A/E E/G# A

fear once had a hold on me. But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be

32 B E 3 E A/E

free in - deed! Death was once my great op - pon - ent,

39 E C#m B E A
 fear once had a hold on me. But the Son who died to save us

43 E/G# A B E E/G# A B E
 rose that we would be free in-deed! Yes, He rose that we would be free in-deed!

47 C#m A E B C#m
 Free from ev-'ry plan of dark-ness, free to live and free to love. Death is dead and
 On - ward to e - ter - nal glo - ry, to my Sa - vior and my God. I re-joice in

52 A E/G# A 1. B E
 Christ is ris - en, it was fin - ished up - on that Cross.
 Je - sus' vic - t'ry. It was fin - ished up -

55 2. B C#m E/G# A B C#m E/G# A B E
 on that Cross. It was fin-ished up - on that Cross. It was fin-ished up - on that Cross.



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

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