

THE DESIGN OF TRUE WORSHIP

Cain and Abel stand as the representatives of two great classes of people. They typify the lost and the saved; the self-righteous and the broken-spirited; the formal professor and the genuine believer; those who rely upon their own works, and those who rest upon the finished work of Christ; those who insist upon salvation by human merits, and those who are willing to be saved by Divine grace; those who are rejected and cursed by God, and those who are accepted and blessed.

A.W. Pink

DESIGNED FOR

DIGNITY

ORDER OF WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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Welcome

PASTOR POST

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude — Morning Song of Praise (J. Leavitt)

STEPHEN RIPPON,
Piano

❖ **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Call to Worship — Psalm 106:1–3, 48 (Pew Bible, p.641)

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Pastor: Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise?

Pastor: Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

All: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!

❖ Hymn (Trinity #302) — Come, Christians, Join to Sing (last verse *unis.*)

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

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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

Chapter 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.

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The acceptable way of worshipping 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 worshipped 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 reading — Hebrews 11:1–6 (Pew Bible, p. 1283)

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:1–6 (ESV)

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

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

God of everlasting love,
we confess that we have been unfaithful
to our covenant with you and with one another.
We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and
convenience.
We have served our own self-interest
instead of serving only you and your people.
We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
and bring us back into the fullness
of our covenant with you and one another.
Through Christ, our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our
weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet
without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of
grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15–16 (Pew Bible, p. 1278)

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 — Kyrie (J. Leavitt)

STEPHEN RIPPON,
Piano

❖ Hymn (Trinity #461) — Not What My Hands Have Done

*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.*

PASTOR POST

GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

The Design of True Worship — Genesis 4:1–16 (Pew Bible, p. 4)

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” ¹⁰ And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”

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¹³ Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear.

¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. ¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Genesis 4:1–16 (ESV)

❖ Hymn (Trinity #521) — My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

❖ GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

NO EVENING ACTIVITIES



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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—December 4, 7pm. Dessert served at 6:30.

CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT—December 10, 6pm

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—December 17, 5:15 Ornament Making/6pm Program

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES—9:30AM - New Sunday School quarter begins Dec. 3

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS—Women's Christmas Tea, December 2, 9:30am. Deadline to sign up is today at the information counter.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Thursdays from 8:00–9:00AM in Room B202 and online. “Fear of the Lord” by Michael Reeves.

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

MISSIONARIES—Tom & Lucy Wright-MTW: French-Speaking Peoples (see our Missionary Highlight in this week's online EPiC Newsletter)

Attendance and Financial Information for November 19, 2023

SS: 162 - AM: 301 - PM: 137

General Fund

Weekly Gifts Received	\$ 13,360.43
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$ 20,409.21
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$922,424.09
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$959,232.87
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$895,739.10



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