



For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but
Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your
servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

January 5, 2025

SERVICE TIMES

8:15am	Worship
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Room 158: Ecclesiastes

Room 167: Romans

Room 168: Philippians

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:00pm	Soli Deo Gloria
5:30pm	Meal
6:00pm	NextGen & Youth
6:15pm	Adult Choir
6:30pm	Adult Groups

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship is the heart and soul of the church; we are made for exalting Christ. We are intentional to invite everyone each Lord's Day to encounter the living Christ in a joyful, reverent, and accessible way, receiving all the blessings of his Gospel to the praise and glory of God.

OUR IDENTITY

Vision: A community of transforming grace

Mission: Inviting everyone to love and follow Jesus

CORE VALUES

Worship: Reverent and Relevant

Community: Close-knit and Outward-facing

Discipleship: Robust and Transformational

Service: Compassionate and Bold

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

LITURGY NOTES

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column throughout the worship guide answers the "what" and "why" of the elements of our liturgy.

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, and **the part of the People will be in bold.**

This song allows us to get situated in the room and prepare our hearts for worship.

Song of Assembly:

Goodness Of God¹

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
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

*And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything, 'Cause Your goodness is running after,
it keeps running after me

Welcome & Announcements

Tucker Fleming, Youth Director

Report of the Living Church

Tucker Fleming, ROOTS

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PSALM 117:1-2

At God's command and invitation, we enter his presence and respond with

Call to Worship

LEADER: Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

PEOPLE: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Christ Shall Have Dominion

Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
Earth's remotest regions shall his empire be;
They that wilds inhabit shall their worship bring,
Kings shall render tribute, nations serve our King

*Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
Earth's remotest regions shall his empire be.*

Ever and forever shall his name endure,
Long as suns continue it shall stand secure;
And in him forever all men shall be blest,
And all nations hail him King of kings confessed

Worship involves the whole person: body, soul, intellect, emotions. Singing hymns and songs grounded in biblical truth engages all our faculties in worship together.

Reading of the Word

Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, “The Lord will surely separate me from his people”; and let not the eunuch say, “Behold, I am a dry tree.” For thus says the Lord: “To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. “And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, you have called us to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.

...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

Assurance of Forgiveness

He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

ISAIAH 56:3-7

For All Peoples

When we confess our sins, we agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. We confess general sins together, followed by a silent

ISAIAH 53:5-6

All who confess their sins and trust in God's mercy through Jesus Christ believe their sins are pardoned. We remember this truth with a weekly Scripture assuring us of God's willing forgiveness.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name,
sing like never before O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name,
sing like never before O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name*

*Worship Your holy name, Lord,
I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name, Lord,
I'll worship Your holy name*

Praise God

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
In Heaven above and earth below.
Praise God the Father and the Son,
Praise God the Spirit, three-in-one.

From all that dwell beneath the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise.
Let our Redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Your mercies Lord,
Eternal truth attends Your Word.
Your praise will sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

*In every land, by every tongue,
Let our Redeemer's name be sung.*

He Knows My Name

I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in His hands

*He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call*

I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go

Elders, responsible before God to care for and lead the church, serve by giving thanks for our blessings and praying for our needs.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Brian Rodgers

(Immediately following this prayer, during the 10:45 service only, 4-6 year olds are invited, but not required, to attend Teach Me to Worship. They will meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary and from there, will follow them to the classroom. They will return to sit on the back row to see Communion and hear the Benediction. Parents can pick them up there at the conclusion of the service.)

All we have belongs to God. One act of worship is to acknowledge his generosity through cheerful and sacrificial giving.

His Tithes & Offerings

God promises to communicate with us through the preaching of his Word. Our trust is not in the preacher's ability, but in the Holy Spirit using the scriptures to engage our minds and hearts.

Sermon

The Gospel Goes To The End Of The Earth

Acts 8:26-40 (Page 917)

Pastor Scott Phillips

(8:15 service)

The Lord Adds to His Church

Rebekah Warren

Ruling Elder Prayer, George Godwin

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(Elders will bring the bread and cup in trays to each row. Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; simply pass the regular bread to the next person and raise your hand to signal the pastor. He will bring you the gluten free bread. In each tray of drink, the clear communion cups contain juice and the purple contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

Our Great God

Eternal God unchanging, mysterious and unknown,
Your boundless love unfailing in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around
Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God.

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His word

Jesus gave the Church this symbolic meal to communicate his presence and fellowship with believers. It is the family meal of Christians.

To those not taking the Supper

We're glad you're here and welcome you back any time. Take this moment to reflect on the claims made in this service and consider praying to ask God if he will persuade you of how you can know him.

1 PETER 2:9-10

Just as God welcomed us into his presence at the beginning, now he blesses his children as we depart. We receive this blessing in faith as we trust God to do all he says he will do.

Benediction

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

George Godwin	Allen Schmidt
Jeff Keith	Jay Suggs
Mike McMahan	Blake Temple
Brian Rodgers	Andy Thompson
Connor Ross	Chip Walraven

DIACONATE

John Elder	Steve Sasser
James Fudge	Sam Thompson
Wade Littrell	David Whitcomb
Bill Nelson	David Zajic
Kris Olin	

CHURCH STAFF

Scott Phillips	Senior Pastor
Rick Stark	Associate Pastor
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Stu Schieler	Worship Director
Jesse Pawley	Administrative Director
Tonya Roth	Office Administrator
Jessica Keith	NextGen Coordinator
Allison Seale	Nursery Coordinator
Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator

If this is your first time joining us, we would love to get to know you better. Please use them as you are comfortable sharing. In this way, we reconnect with you and find ways that we may be able to serve you or pray for you.



CHURCH FAMILY REMINDERS

Wednesday Nights Start

Join us this week, January 8th, as Wednesday Night Activities resume! Meal begins at 5:30, children's activities at 6:00, and adult activities at 6:30.

J.O.Y Lunch

All Senior Adults are invited to join the J.O.Y. Group for a Potluck Luncheon in the Café following the later worship service Sunday, January 19. Please bring a dish to share! It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship and connect with others in our community. For more information, contact Mary Chism at maebelle12@att.net. We hope to see you there!

ROOTS

Junior and Senior High students, join us for ROOTS, January 24–26 at Camp ToKnowHim in Pisgah, Alabama. Cost: \$145. Register online.

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