



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

*2 Corinthians 4:5*

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May 4, 2025

# SUNDAY TIMES

7:45am	Prayer
8:15am	Worship
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- Room 158: The Minor Prophets
- Room 167: Romans
- Room 168: Judges

# 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:

### No King But Christ<sup>1</sup>

No King but Christ under heaven above  
Loves with such free and boundless love  
There is no other king I know  
Who saves the ones who cursed his throne  
No king but Christ would be willing to give  
His own perfect life that we may live  
Emptying our accounts of sin  
And adding righteousness to them

*No there is no King but Christ the Lord,  
Who paid what we could not afford  
There's no power on earth above his word  
No there is no King but Christ the Lord*

No King but Christ ever died for our sake  
Then rose up with power o're the grave  
And someday soon will come again  
To take his children back with him

There's no power on earth above his word,  
No there is no King but Christ the Lord

## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Scott Phillips, Senior Pastor

## Report of the Living Church

Jeremy Martin, Mission Update

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## ***Psalm 20:7; 28:7***

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

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

## **Call to Worship**

PASTOR: Some trust in chariots and some in horses,

**PEOPLE: But we trust in the name of the Lord our God.**

PASTOR: The Lord is my strength and my shield, in him my heart trusts,

**PEOPLE: And I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

## **Prayer of Adoration & Praise**

## **Hymn of Praise**

### **All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all; *(Repeat)*

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,

ye ransomed of the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

and crown Him Lord of all. *(Repeat)*

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all; *(Repeat)*

## Reading of the Word

Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, saying, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer.” Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, to know You is to receive the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires. Yet foolishly we have grumbled, and we have sought for satisfaction elsewhere, all kinds of idols, which has left us empty and discouraged. Truly, we have failed to seek you, to love you with our whole heart; and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we might serve you in the newness of life**

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## *EXODUS 15:22-27*

12 springs... just around the corner.

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 moment for personal confession.

## *COLOSSIANS 1:13-14*

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**

## **By Faith**

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove  
His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

*We will stand as children of the promise,  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

*We will stand...*

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name

*We will stand...*

## **Living Hope**

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus, Yours is the victory.

# Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer,  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing:  
All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, His power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,  
Through the deepest valley, He will lead  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing:  
I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me,  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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 George Godwin

*(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.)*

## Singing to the Lord

*For The Beauty Of The Earth*

Kids Of The King (Bells)

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

Grace for the Discouraged

Acts 18:1-23 (Page 927)

Pastor Rick Stark



# 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.)*

## He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)

I lift my eyes and see, I need not be afraid  
All my help comes from the Lord  
Who the earth and sky has made

*He will keep you from all evils, behind you and before  
He will sustain you, through this journey  
From now and evermore*

The Lord will never sleep  
My steps He has ordained  
For the One who holds the night  
Is the Sovereign of my days

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.

## 2 CORINTHIANS

### 13:14

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

## Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# ***SERMON NOTES***

## SESSION

George Godwin  
Jeff Keith  
Mike McMahan  
Brian Rodgers  
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt  
Jason Seale  
Jay Suggs  
Blake Temple  
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## CHURCH STAFF

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Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator



VBS Child  
Registration



VBS Volunteer  
Registration

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

### NextGen Splash Bash – May 7

Join us for our end-of-year NextGen Splash Bash this Wednesday, May 7 at 5:30 PM! We'll kick things off with a pizza dinner, then head outside for water games and fun. Kids, come dressed in your bathing suits and don't forget a towel.

### New College & Career Class

Launching next Sunday, May 11, this class is for college students and young adults in their 20s. Led by Jay Suggs, the class meets Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Parlor and will study *The Life of Christ*. All are welcome!

### Senior Recognition Sunday

Join us Sunday, May 18 for receptions honoring our 2025 high school graduates after the 8:15 service and Sunday School in the Café. Gift tables for each graduate will be set up there.

### Ezra Welcome

Our 10 Ezra interns arrive May 19! Drop off snacks, gift cards, or treats in the Gathering Area by May 18 to help welcome them. Pick up a "Meet the Team" booklet to pray for them. You can also sign up online to host 2 or more interns for lunch after church this summer!

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