



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 25, 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

*(resumes in September)*

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:

### Spirit And The Bride<sup>1</sup>

Stir up a longing for Your returning.  
For the day when our faith will be made sight.  
Creation is groaning. Heaven is yearning  
For the dark to be overcome by light.  
For we know You will overcome the night.

*The Spirit and the Bride say,  
"Come, Lord, Jesus. Washed in white Lord,  
Make us ready. Purify Your Church Lord, Jesus come."*

We have a hope. We have a future.  
Closer now than when we first believed.  
For You are our soon and coming King.

Riding on a white horse. The One called faithful and true.  
Coming as a Lion, making everything new.  
For the wedding of the Lamb has come, Lord,  
We are ready. The battle is forever won. Our victory.

## Welcome & Announcements

Tucker Fleming, Youth Director

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## *from Psalm 34*

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

## Call to Worship

**LEADER:** I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth!

**PEOPLE:** **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad!**

**LEADER:** Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**PEOPLE:** **I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

**LEADER:** Taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

**ALL:** **Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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

## Hymn of Praise

### Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## Reading of the Word

And I will declare my judgments against them, for all their evil in forsaking me. They have made offerings to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands. But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the Lord, to deliver you.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Almighty and merciful Father, you sent your son as light into the world to banish the darkness of sin and death. Forgive us for continuing to prefer the dark ways of our self-centeredness and self-sufficiency! You sent your son to guide our feet into the path of peace. Pardon us for persisting in conflicts with others. You sent your prophet to be a voice crying out. Forgive us for blushing to speak about our Savior! Humble us and embolden us so that we might serve you without fear**

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

## *Jeremiah 1:16-19*

Do Not Be Dismayed

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.

## *2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17*

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**

## **All My Boast Is In Jesus**

What wonder of wonders, what love is this

That Christ would die for me?

His goodness, His merit, His righteousness

This sinner's only plea

O foolish pride, be crucified The work is finished

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled With graces undeserved

For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill

Let praises now return

Rise up my soul, and bless the Lord Who else is worthy?

*All my boast is in Jesus All my hope is His love*

*And I will glory forever In what the cross has done*

O praise the One forever blessed

Him alone my heart adores

And I will boast in nothing less

Than the love of Christ my Lord

I boast not in riches, in strength or might

But in the grace of God

I glory in weakness, to live is Christ

In plenty or in want

That I may know, that all may see His pow'r within me

*All my boast is in Jesus All my hope is His love*

*And I will glory forever In what the cross has done*

*Now I stand in this freedom Ransomed, clean in His sight*

*And I cannot be ashamed for My boast is Jesus Christ*

## Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name  
Jesus, the only One who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, we live for You

*Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who You are and fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation  
And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken

## Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship.  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.  
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe.  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

If you've been forgiven, and if you've been redeemed.  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.  
If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name.  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.  
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

*And the angels cry, Holy All creations cries, Holy!  
You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!  
Hear Your people sing, Holy! To the King of kings, Holy!  
You will always be Holy! Holy forever!*

*Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest.  
Your name stands above them all.  
All thrones and dominions. All powers and positions.  
Your name stands above them all*

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

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

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.

## **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.)*

## **His Tithes & Offerings**

### **Sermon**

God's Grace for Long Sermons

Acts 20:1-16 (Page 929)

Pastor Scott Phillips



(8:15 service)

# The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Charlotte James Stephenson  
Covenant Child of Dan & Lauren Stephenson  
Ruling Elder Prayer, Blake Temple

Jesus gave the Church this symbolic washing to communicate his willingness to forgive sins and his promise of new spiritual life through the Holy Spirit poured out on all who respond with faith.

## We Respond: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Apostle's Creed is a concise summary of Christian belief. As early as the second century it served as a baptismal confession. It developed and reached its current form by the ninth century. It is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. The word “catholic” means universal.

## 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.)*

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.

## When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## ***ROMANS 15:5-6***

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**

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# ***SERMON NOTES***

## ***SESSION***

George Godwin  
Jeff Keith  
Mike McMahan  
Brian Rodgers  
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt  
Jason Seale  
Jay Suggs  
Blake Temple  
Andy Thompson

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**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***

### **JOY Lunch**

Any and all "seasoned" adults are invited to a potluck lunch. Make or buy a dish to share OR bring only your appetite to the Café after the 10:45 service on June 1 to enjoy fellowship and a meal together. Contact Mary Chism at [maebelle12@att.net](mailto:maebelle12@att.net) for more information.

### **Revelation Study**

Join us for a 10-week study through Revelation by Jen Wilkin, led by Anna Pawley. Tuesdays, June 3–August 10, 8:00–9:30 PM at Margie Thompson's house. Register online.

### **VBS Work Week**

We will be working from 9-Noon, Monday through Friday (6/9-13). We can use all types of skills from building to painting and everything in between. All skill levels are welcome!

### **Ezra Welcome**

Our interns are here! You can sign up online to host 2 or more interns for lunch after church this summer!

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