



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

August 3, 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

Parlor/Rm 115: College & Career

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:

No King But Christ ¹

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

Tucker Fleming, Youth Director

Psalm 67:1-5

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

Call to Worship

LEADER: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

PEOPLE: **That your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.**

LEADER: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

PEOPLE: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

ALL: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

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

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing,
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! The Name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

Reading of the Word

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess our sins and our need for your Son to rescue us. By nature, we live in foolish hostility to you, but you have reconciled us through Christ's cross. We ask you to help us believe that we are freed from our sins and now received as holy and blameless in your sight. Enable us to continue in faith without shifting to any other hope so that Christ might be preeminent in all things, including our salvation in his name

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 1:15-23

Good News for All Creation

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

2:13-14

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

Come People Of The Risen King

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease;
But follow us through all our days,
With the certain hope of peace.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age,
“Our God is All in All.”

Jesus, Lover Of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee,
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here more than all I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

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

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of Kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
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.

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 Jason Seale

(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

Citizens of a Superpower
Psalm 9:1-20 (Page 451)
Pastor Scott Phillips

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, Only Jesus

Who has the power to raise the dead,
Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness.
Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can make the blind to see,
Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace.
Jesus, only Jesus.

*Holy, King Almighty, Lord.
Saints and angels all adore.
I join with them and bow before
Jesus, only Jesus.*

Who can command the highest praise,
Who has the name above all names?
You stand alone, I stand amazed.
Jesus, only Jesus.

*You will command the highest praise,
Yours is the name above all names.
You stand alone, I stand amazed.
Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.*

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.

Ephesians 3:20-21

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

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

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

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John Elder	Kris Olin
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CHURCH STAFF

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Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator

If this is your first time joining us, we'd love to get to know you better. If you're willing, please scan the QR code and share a little about yourself. This helps us follow up, answer any questions you might have, and find ways we can serve or pray for you.



CHURCH FAMILY REMINDERS

J.O.Y. Lunch

Come join us TODAY in the Cafe area immediately following the 10:45 service. If you're able, bring a dish/meat/side dish/vegetable/dessert or whatever to share with others. Pamela Bolding will give an update on *The Neighborhood Christian Center* and our partnership with them. J.O.Y. is the quarterly fellowship of our beautifully-mature adults who seek refreshment and relationships, and to spur one another on in service to the church and the community. For questions, please contact Liz Olin (lizolin57@gmail.com, 256.221.4270)

Leadership Training

If you're currently leading (or hope to lead) in NextGen, Youth, or Adult teaching, join us for a Leadership Training on Saturday, August 16, from 9:00-Noon. We'll cover ministry basics and break into groups for practical training.

State of the Church – Sunday, Aug 24 at 6:00 PM

Join us as we reflect on God's faithfulness, share plans for the year ahead, and pray together. Nursery provided, please sign up online.

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