



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 23, 2026

SUNDAY TIMES

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- Room 158: Proverbs
- Room 167: Ecclesiastes
- Room 168: Romans

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

(Resumes September 9th)

5:00pm	Soli Deo Gloria Choir
5:30pm	Meal
6:00pm	NextGen Choir
6:30pm	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:

Holy God ¹

Your holiness, blinding like the brightest burning sun
In Your presence we're unworthy and undone
Who can stand before Your throne

Your perfect light, reveals the secrets only You can see
Brings us to our knees and shows our need
Who can stand before Your throne, oh...

Holy God, Here we stand

Covered in righteousness and mercy

Holy God, By the cross

Where we are broken, You see beauty

Fully known and fully loved, Holy God

Your Holy Son, gives us grace to help when we are weak
Gives us confidence and guarantees
We can stand before Your throne

Your Spirit's power

Gives us faith where there is fear and doubt

Changes who we are from inside out

We can stand before Your throne, oh...

Gathered with the mighty host of heaven

Every nation, every tribe, and tongue

Welcome by the sacrifice of Jesus, singing

Holy is our God

Welcome & Announcements

Jesse Pawley, Administrative Director

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Psalm 99:2-5

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

Call to Worship

LEADER: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples!

PEOPLE: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

LEADER: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

PEOPLE: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool!

ALL: Holy is he!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea,
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death and gave us hope beyond the grave. We confess that we have often failed to live in a way that is consistent with our resurrection hope. We have lacked the joy of the resurrection and been caught up in the worries of this world. We have remained captive to doubt and fear, instead of walking in newness of life. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

1 Peter 1:13-21

Be Holy

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.

Isaiah 62:11-12

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

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 lovingkindness
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
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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, woah-oh-oh

The Wonderful 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.

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?

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name.*

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an off ring far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

*Allelujah, Allelujah
Praise the One risen Son of God*

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.
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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 Jason Seale

(Immediately following this prayer, 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

Before the Last Judgment
Psalm 26:1-12 (Page 459)
Pastor Scott Phillips

We Respond:

Heidelberg Catechism: Question 1

1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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.)

"The Heidelberg Catechism is a series of questions and answers designed for summarizing and teaching the Christian Faith as well as promoting unity among believers. It has been widely used since the early years of the Protestant Reformation."

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.

There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood,
drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains.
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lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

O dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.
Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

Ever since, by faith, I saw the stream
thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.
Redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.
Redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.

1 Thessalonians

5:23-24

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 may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept
blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who
calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

John Elder	Jason Seale
George Godwin	Greg Smith
Jeff Keith	Stuart Smith
Mike McMahan	Jay Suggs
Connor Ross	Blake Temple
Allen Schmidt	Andy Thompson

DIACONATE

James Fudge	Steve Sasser
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CHURCH STAFF

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Jordan Littrell

For those that would like to send a letter or card to Jordan & Leigh Littrell during their Houston stay, the address is:

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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

No TMtW Next Sunday

On 5th Sundays all children who typically go to Teach Me To Worship will remain in the service with their parents. There will be no TMtW next Sunday, Aug 30.

State of the Church

Join us Sunday, August 30th, at 6:00pm as we reflect on God's faithfulness, share plans for the year ahead, and pray together. Nursery provided, please sign up online.

Prayer and Fasting

Following our State of the Church gathering, we're setting aside Monday–Friday, Aug 31–Sep 4, as a church-wide week of prayer and fasting. We're inviting everyone to fast from lunch each day and use that time to pray. You can join us at the church at noon or pray from wherever you are.

Women's Bible Study Resumes

Join us on Tuesdays at 10am in the Sedona classroom beginning Sept 1. This fall we will be doing a 12-week video series called Facing the Last Enemy by Guy Prentiss Waters. Nursery will be provided. Study Books are available in the Book Nook for \$12.

Women's Fall Kickoff Lunch

WIC Kickoff Lunch, Sunday, Sept 13, directly after church. Come eat and fellowship with other women and learn about what we have planned for the coming year!

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