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If the Spirit guides us unto all truth and all truth is to be found in the Bible; the Spirit therefore guides us unto the Bible.
—Thomas Chalmers

You must not forget that though doubted, decried, and disowned, the Bible is the Word of God with power to recall a lost world from its state of exile and degeneracy and to dethrone sin from its ascendancy. —Thomas Chalmers

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—1 Corinthians 1:18

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Sung Response—Holy God, We Praise Your Name, Vs. 1



Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore You!

All on Earth Your scep - ter claim. All in Heav'n a - bove a - dore You:

In - fi - nite Your vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Your reign.

Text: based on *Te Deum*, 4th century, attr. Ignace Franz, 1774;
Music: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 119:12, 35-38, 41

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord; teach us Your statutes!

All: Lead us in the path of Your commandments, for we delight in it.

Reader 1: Incline our hearts to Your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!

Reader 2: Turn our eyes from looking at worthless things; and give us life in Your ways.

All: Confirm to Your servants Your promise, that You may be feared.

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love come to us, O Lord, Your salvation according to Your promise.

Congregational Psalm—O Lord, Teach Me To Follow You (Psalm 27)

O Lord, teach me to fol - low You, in - struct me in Your way,
Give me not to my foes' de - sire; false wit - ness - es a - rise
Oh! What if I had not be - lieved! I am by faith as - sured
With pa - tience wait up - on the Lord, O let your strength be great;

And lead me on a le - vel path be - cause of foes, I pray!
A - gainst me breath - ing vi - o - lence and seek - ing my de - mise.
That in the land of life I'll see the good - ness of the Lord.
And so let cour - age fill your heart as on the Lord you wait.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The music is in 3/4 time and the key signature has one flat (B-flat).

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Text: Psalm 27:11-14; Music: LOUISE, Robert M. Copland, 1972.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church’s songbook.


Congregational Psalm—O Praise Ye The Lord And Sing A New Song (Psalm 149)




O_ praise ye the Lord and sing a new song, — a - mid all His saints His prais-es pro - long.



The praise of their ma-ker His peo-ple shall sing, — and chil-dren of Zi-on_ re-joice in their King. *Fine*



With drum and with harp sing praise to His name; give praise with your dance, and_ joy - ful ac-claim.
In glo - ry ex - ult, you saints of the Lord, with songs on your beds loud prais - es ac-cord.
Great rul - ers you'll bind and king - doms des-troy, these hon - ors are yours, these tri - umphs en-joy.



For God in His peo-ple His plea - sure will seek; beau-ty and sal - va - tion He gives to the meek.
His Word is a two edg-ed_ sword in your hand, to_ ex - e - cute ven-geance on all heath-en lands.
For Lo! It is writ-en His saints shall not fail: O_ sing “Al - le - lu - ia,” His might shall pre - vail. *D.C. al Fine*

Text: Psalm 149:1-9 *The Psalter*, 1909; *New Version of the Psalms of David in Meter*, 1709; alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2019;
Music: PULASKI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

Scripture Reading—2 Peter 1:3-4

His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence. By which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—O Put Your Trust In God



O put your trust in God, in du - ty's path go on;
Though years on years roll on, His cov' - nant shall en - dure;
Through waves, and clouds, and storms, His pow'r will clear your way;



Walk in His strength with faith and hope, so shall your work be done.
Though clouds and dark - ness hide His path, the prom - ised grace is sure.
Wait on His time, the dark - est night shall end in bright - est day.



Com - mit your ways to Him, your works in - to His hands,
Give to the winds your fears; hope, and be un - dis - mayed;
Leave to His sover - eign sway to choose and to com - mand;



And rest on His un - chang - ing Word, who Heav'n and Earth com - mands.
God hears your sighs and counts your tears; God shall lift up your head.
So shall you, wond' - ring, own His way, How wise, how strong His hand.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1656, tr. John Wesley, 18th c.; Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915.

Baptism of Audrey Kiedis, daughter of Daniel and Katrina Kiedis

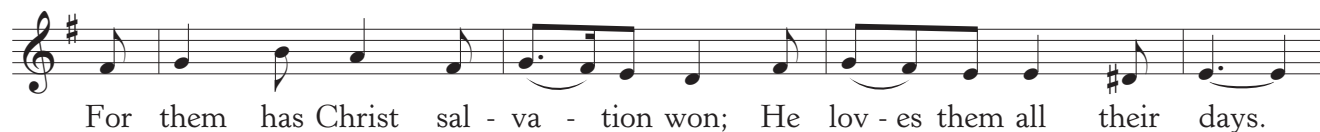
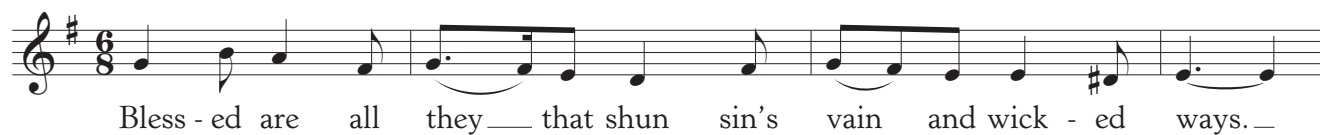
Reading of the Word—John 18:33-38

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?” ³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷Then Pilate said to Him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” ³⁸Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in Him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Blessed Are All They (Psalm 1), Vs. 1



Text: paraphrase of Psalm 1, T. M. Moore, *The Ailbe Psalter*, 2006; Music: Nathan George, 2011.

Sermon—*Sola Scriptura*

—Ruling Elder, Frank Wonder

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—based on 2 Timothy 3:2-4; 14-17

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We know that all too often we have been lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, and abusive.

All: We have been disobedient, ungrateful, unholy, and without self-control.

Pastor: We confess that we are sinners, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

All: Lord, we have often had the appearance of godliness, but denied its power.

Pastor: Therefore, O Lord, by Your mercy and grace, enable us to continue in what we have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom we learned it. For we have been acquainted with the Sacred Word, which is able to make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All: For all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Assurance of Pardon—based on Psalm 119; Acts 1:8

Your statutes, Lord, eternally are right. They enter in and make the darkness light. Yours hands have formed and made us, Lord, to walk in Your decrees. O, make our blind eyes see! Guide our steps away from paths of sin, and cleanse our hearts through Your truth hid within. Your people, Lord, renew.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: For Christ Himself confirmed: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses.”

All: “In Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Sung Response—O Lord Most High (Psalm 9), Vs. 4



All they, O Lord, that know Your name, place their trust in the Word of truth,



For You have never turned away from those who truly seek for You.



Hope of the poor, to You we cry! A-rise, O Lord, de-fend the weak!



Sing Praise to the Lord en-throned on High! De-clare to all His might-y deeds!

HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCCHARISTO*

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

WOMEN
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might

MEN
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might Hea-ven and Earth are

Hea-ven and Earth are full of Your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high-est.

full of Your glo-ry, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hos -

Lord. Hos - san - na, Hos - san - na, Hos - san - na in the high - est.

san - na, Hos - san - na, Hos - san - na in the high - est.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; Music: CLOVERCROFT SANCTUS, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Congregational Psalm—Hear Me, All You People (Psalm 49)



Hear me, all— you peo - ple hear, folk of— all the earth, give ear;
When with wick - ed - ness— my foes shall sur - round me and op - pose,
If from death one would be— free and cor - rup - tion ne - ver see,

All of high and low de - gree, rich and poor, give heed to me
Should I then to fear give way when I— see the e - vil day?
Cost - ly is— life's ran - som price, far— be - yond all sac - ri - fice.

Truth with all my heart I— seek, and— my mouth shall wis - dom speak;
They that trust in trea - sured gold, though they boast of wealth un - told,
If men be not tru - ly— wise, they— are like the beast that dies,

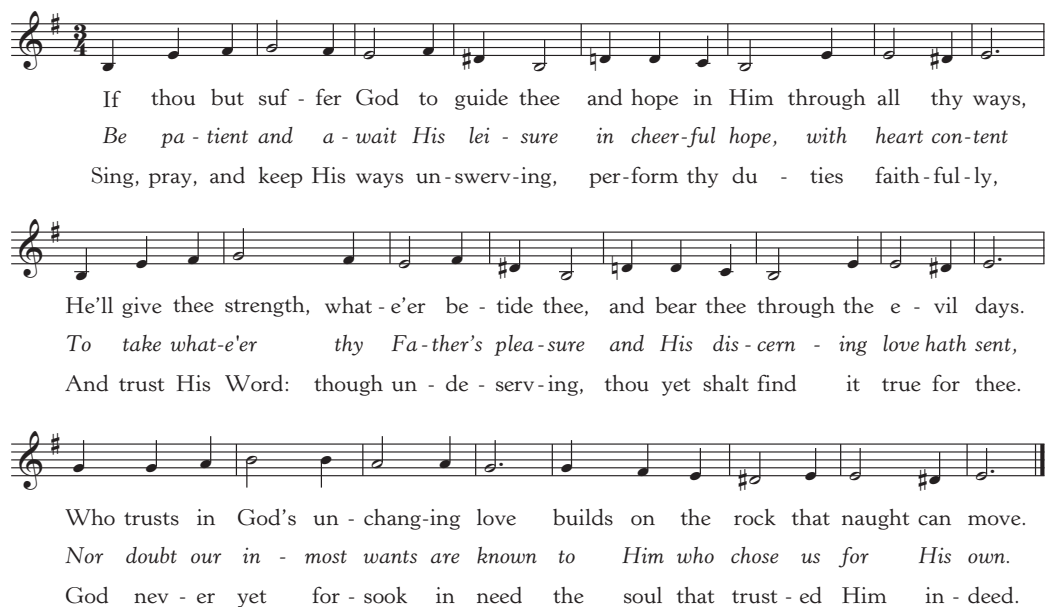
Lis - ten how with mu - sic's strain I— make hid - den wis - dom plain.
None can bid— his bro - ther live; none to— God a ran - som give.
Death their shep - herd, they the sheep; He— with - in his fold will keep.

If men be not tru - ly— wise, they are— like the beast that dies,

But my Lord my soul shall save; God will raise me from the grave.

Text: Psalm 49:1-9, 12-14, *The Psalter*, 1912, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2019; Music: ROSE HILL, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

Congregational Hymn—If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee



If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee and hope in Him through all thy ways,
Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure in cheer - ful hope, with heart con - tent
Sing, pray, and keep His ways un - swerv - ing, per - form thy du - ties faith - ful - ly,

He'll give thee strength, what - e'er be - tide thee, and bear thee through the e - vil days.
To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's plea - sure and His dis - cern - ing love hath sent,
And trust His Word: though un - de - serv - ing, thou yet shalt find it true for thee.

Who trusts in God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that naught can move.
Nor doubt our in - most wants are known to Him who chose us for His own.
God nev - er yet for - sook in need the soul that trust - ed Him in - deed.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1641, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855; Music: NEUMARK, Georg Neumark, 1657.


GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Congregational Hymn—How Firm A Foundation



How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed;
When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;
What more can He say than to you He has said,
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

Text: "K" in John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns, 1787; Music: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God shall stand forever. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Gloria Patri



Glor - y be__ to the Fath - er, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is__ now, and ev - er shall be,

World__ with - out end. A - men. A - - - men.

Text: Lesser Doxology, 2nd century;
Music: Nathan George, 2015, harm. Henry C. Haffner, 2015.

Announcements

About our guest:

Frank Wonder is a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Tullahoma and was ordained as a Ruling Elder in 2006. In that capacity, he recently served as Chairman of their Pastor Search Committee, which conclude its work last year. Frank became Gideon in 2008 and has served in various leadership positions at the Camp, Area, and State level. In April he concluded serving 3 years as the Tennessee Association President. Frank has had the honor of participating in numerous USA Scripture Blitzes and one International Scripture Blitz to Kenya in March 2020. Frank served in the Navy for 22 years retiring at the rank of Commander. He now works as an Air Force Civilian at Arnold Air Force Base. He and his wife Anne have been married 40 years, have 4 children, 2 granddaughters, and 1 grandson on the way, and reside in Tullahoma.

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