

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 3, 2021

*“Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,
whom he appointed the heir of all things,
through whom also he created the world.”*

Hebrews 1:1-2

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Our worship is
a response to
God's initiative.
The pattern of
our worship
reflects the
gospel.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Isaiah 60; Psalm 72*

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

*OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

(Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus x2)

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

***YOUR WILL BE DONE**

Your will be done, my God and father, as in Heaven, so on earth
My heart is drawn to self exalting, help me seek Your kingdom first

As Jesus walked, so I shall walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul, Oh, lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

How in that garden he persisted, I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by him alone

What wondrous faith, to bear that cross
To bear my sin, what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father, Yes, to one great King I bow!

As Jesus rose, so I shall rise, in ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all your saints I sing
Father, not my will but Yours be done

As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory, and Your Name be lifted high

*And in this Name we overcome, for You shall see us safely home
Now as your church, we lift our voice and pray
Father, not my will but Yours be done*

**Call to
Worship**

Worship begins with God who invites us and welcomes us into his presence. Because of Christ, we can approach God with boldness even though we are sinful and weak.

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Call to Confession

We all sin daily, in thought and word and deed.

As we come into God's presence, we acknowledge how we have rebelled against our King and seek his forgiveness.

Nicene Creed

In the 4th century, Christian leaders gathered to express the truths of our Christian faith against heresy. This creed is the result. When we recite this creed together, we are affirming and remembering the faith that is universally held by all Christians throughout history (the word 'catholic' simply means 'universal'). In our worship, we are connected with others in the past, present, and future.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 2:9-11*

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

All: O Lord Almighty, you have called us out of darkness and have chosen us to be your people. We should be filled with gratitude for your mercy; we should be filled with courage to war against our flesh. Yet we consider ourselves worthy of your mercy, and barely lift a hand to fight against our lusts. Our conduct often gives no indication that we belong to you. Forgive us for abusing your grace by not resisting temptation. Forgive us for abasing your glory by not being a light to the world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *John 1:9, 12*

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world ... to all who have receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

***COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *Nicene Creed - Hymnal pg. 846*

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

continued above

he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***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 of 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.

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,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

OFFERTORY: (*Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at faithcov.com)
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church during 11 a.m. services (downstairs corner classroom)
Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.*)

Offering

We give back to God a portion of what he has given us to use to declare that he is Lord of all. (This is part of our service as a church family, and visitors should not feel obligated to participate.)

Sermon Series: Hebrews — Finish the Race
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
God's Final Word — Hebrews 1:1-4 (ESV)

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Sermon
God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

Sermon Outline

- I. Introduction to Hebrews
- II. The God who Speaks
- III. The Supremacy of Christ

Sermon Questions

1. God's word through the prophets is not a different word than the Son. Why is it important not to contrast these?
2. How does knowing the superiority of Jesus as God's final revelation help people who are thinking of giving up on Jesus because of hardships and persecution?
3. Verses 2 and 3 give seven key statements confirming Christ's glory. Verses 5-14 quote from seven OT passages to support his supremacy. Seven often symbolizes completeness in Scripture. What do you think the author's point is here?
4. How do these verses show us Jesus as prophet, priest, and king?
5. Consider: "Hebrews challenges present-day sensibilities most of all by seeing suffering as the very heart of discipleship." — L.T. Johnson. How is this personally a challenge for you?

Children's Question

Sometimes Christians are picked on for following Jesus. How does knowing who Jesus is help you to not give up and endure when this happens?

*CORNERSTONE

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Christ alone, Cornerstone;
Weak made strong in the Savior's love;
Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil;

(Chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

(Chorus 2x)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

The Lord's Supper

The gospel is not only heard, but visibly seen as God invites us to commune with him at his table. In the Lord's Supper we remember and experience Jesus' saving work.

***CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH**

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand

(Chorus)

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal, O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

(Chorus)

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him

There we will rise to meet the Lord then sin and death will be destroyed

And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore

(Chorus 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Church of the Nazarene, Kalispell, Pastor Ed Koteskey

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie & Alissa Shattenberg, Madagascar

VESPERS: Join us Sunday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly Vespers service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK: There is no Sunday School today. Classes for all ages resume Jan. 17.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING will be Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

SERVING: January Deacon – Ryan Petersen

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Sunday Worship Services

Children's Church: 9:30 Sunday School — 11 Julie Thompson

8, 9:30 & 11 am, 6:30 pm

Nursery: 11 Hunters

Streaming 11 am

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Benni Tulloch

Vespers

Next Sunday Jan 10th

2nd Sunday of the month

Children's Church: 9:30 Sunday School — 11 Julie Thompson

6:30 p.m.

Nursery: 11 S. Thompson

Wednesday Youth Group

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Arline Tinkham

Jr High 4:30-6 pm, Sr High 7-9

Benediction

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.