

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

February 28, 2021

*“Therefore, while the promise of entering
his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you
should seem to have failed to reach it.”*

Hebrews 4:1

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 103:1-5, 8**

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Leader: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

***COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - Hymn #457**

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
*Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION:** *Isaiah 12:2*

All: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

***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

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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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ezekiel 18:30-31*

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have sinned and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world, and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We've left undone those things that we should have done, and we've done what we should not have. There is no health in us. Lord have mercy on us, miserable offenders. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up what is broken in us, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (*adapted From the book of Common Worship, 1946*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 103:10-13*

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

***KING OF KINGS**

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

(Chorus)

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

(Chorus)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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)*

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.

Enter His Rest — Hebrews 4:1-13 (ESV)

¹ Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵ And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” ⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience ...

¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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. The Pursuit of Belief — Rest Stop Ahead

- II. Removing Unbelief — The Surgery of the Word

Sermon Questions

1. How does Hebrews show the continuity between the OT saints and NT saints? In what way can it be said that Israel had the gospel spoken to them?
2. What does it mean to enter into God’s rest? What does this “rest” refer to?
3. Speaking of ancient Israel, William Lane states: “An experience of privileged relationship to God is not a guarantee of blessing.” How does this apply to us today?

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4. Concerning the Word of God in v-12, Philip Hughes comments: "Our author is not concerned to provide here a psychological or anatomical analysis of the human condition, but rather to describe in graphic terms the penetration of God's word to the innermost depth of man's personality." How has God's Word revealed your heart to you?

Children's Question

Our faith in Christ has to be our own. We are called to believe in Jesus and follow after him by living an active faith. What does this look like?

*'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS - Hymn #679

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

(Chorus)

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

(Chorus)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

(Chorus)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that Thou art with me, will be with me to the end.

(Chorus)

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.

***HOW LONG**

How long? Will You turn Your face away?
How long? Do You hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?
We go on holding to Your promises - How long?

(Chorus)

*'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain? Jesus, give us hope again!*

How long 'til Your word will still the storm?
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns - How long?

(Chorus)

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?

(Chorus)

***BENEDICTION**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Fresh Life Church, Pastor Levi Lusko
MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Kevin & Sarah Johnson, United World Mission, Guatemala
COLLEGE/CAREER BIBLE STUDY meeting again Wednesdays 7-9 p.m., at the Sacketts' (800 Steel Bridge Road) for dessert and a discussion of the book of Judges. Questions re: study, contact Patrick Jentz (471-0875) — re: location, Laura Sackett (307-287-1584).

SERVING: February Deacon – Kyle Hanson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Children's Church: 11 Pastor Ben
Nursery: 11 Turners
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday, March 7th

Children's Church: 11 Don Olmsted
Nursery: 11 Turners
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Arline Tinkham

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

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

Vespers

2nd Sunday of the month
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Group

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

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