

OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 47**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

Song of Preparation and Praise - *Arise, O God, and Shine

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - 1 John 1:5-9**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Songs of Comfort - *The Christ, Our Light
Come As You Are***

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - The Women's Extension and
David Hall, Midway Presbyterian, Powder Springs**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - Standing in God's Council
Jeremiah 23:21-22**

Song of Response - *Holy Spirit

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

**Stand*

“STANDING IN GOD’S COUNCIL”
JEREMIAH 23:21-22
ROBBY BAXTER

Key Truth: The preaching of God's Word changes God's people.

Introduction:

Q: *How deeply is God's Word formed in you? How can you tell?*

Jeremiah 23:21-22: Prophets Not Sent, Words Not Proclaimed

“The power of [God's] Word brings wonderful blessings to those who hear in faith, with a disposition to obey. But it hardens those who hear it with indifference, resistance, rebellion . . . God's Word never leaves us the same. We hear it for better or worse.”

John Frame, *The Doctrine of the Word of God*

Q: *In what ways are the things you regularly listen to during the week helping or hurting your ability to be blessed by the preaching of God's Word on Sunday?*

“Grant, Almighty God, that as nothing is better for us or more necessary for our chief happiness, than to depend on Your Word, for that is a sure pledge of Your good will to us, — O grant, that as You have favored us with so wonderful a benefit, which You show to us every day, we may be attentive to hear You and submit ourselves to You in true fear, meekness and humility, so that we may be prepared in the spirit of meekness to receive whatever proceeds from You, and that thus Your Word may not only be precious to us, but also sweet and delightful, until we shall enjoy the perfection of that life which Your only-begotten Son has procured for us by His own blood. — Amen.”

John Calvin, *Commentaries on Jeremiah*

Q: *In what ways are you engaging the Word that you hear preached each Sunday so that you can more effectively apply it to your life and live it out?*

Application:

Jeremiah 23:21-22 teaches us that:

- We should be discerning about what and who we listen to,
- seeking most of all to be transformed by the preaching of God's Word,
- as we hear it with humility and repentant faith.

Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*