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PRESBYTERIAN
C H U R C H

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEW? We are glad that you are worshipping with us this Sunday. Feel free to contact us at faith@faithgainesville.org to meet with the pastor or learn about other opportunities to get involved.

Pre-Worship Meditation

Modern readers are apt to be shocked at the idea that God should be prepared to kill off large numbers of men in order to provide object lessons for those who survive. John is more realistic about the fact of death....The idea that life on earth is so infinitely precious that the death which robs us of it must be the ultimate tragedy is precisely the idolatry that John is trying to combat. We have already seen that John calls the enemies of the church 'the inhabitants of the earth,' because they have made themselves utterly at home in this transient world order.

George B. Caird

*Please stand, but feel free to sit when needed.

*Children ages 4 - 2nd grade will be dismissed before the pastoral prayer (see pg. 8).

Only A Holy God

Words & Music by

Dustin Smith, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren & Rich Thompson

♩. = 50



1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?
 2. What oth - er beau - ty de - mands such prais - es?
 3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
 4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?



Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?
 What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?
 What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?
 Who else would of - fer his on - ly Son?



Who else can whis - per and dark - ess trem - bles? On - ly a Ho - ly God. -----(to vs. 2)
 What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God. -----(to chorus)
 What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? On - ly a Ho - ly God. -----(chorus 2x)
 Who else in - vites me to call him Fa - ther? On - ly a Ho - ly God.



On - ly my Ho - ly God. Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly.

To Coda last time



Cry out, sing ho - ly, for - ev - er a ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.



God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

*GOD'S CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Peter 2:4-5

Leader: As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

*CALLING ON GOD AND PRAISING HIM

All Glory & Praise

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Zac Hicks



1. All
2. Sal -
3. And
4. We



glo - ry and praise to the An - cient of Days, who was born
va - tion to God, who car - ried our load, and pur -
shall He not have the lives which He gave such an in -
yield Thee Thine own, We serve Thee a - lone, Thy will



— and was slain — to re - deem — a lost race. _____
- chased our lives — with the price — of His blood. _____
- fi - nite ran - som for - ev - er to save. _____
— up - on earth — as in heav - en be done. _____



Yes, Lord, we are — Thine, —
How, when shall it — be, —



And glad - ly re - sign — our souls to be filled with the full-ness Div - ine —
we can - not fore - see; — But, oh! let us live, let us die un - to Thee.



Be - cause Christ has died! — Christ is — ri - en! Christ will come — a - gain! Christ has died!



— Christ is — ris - en! Christ will come — a - gain! _____

How Long, O Lord

Isaac Watts, 1719

Karl Digerness, 2008

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1. How long, O Lord, shall I com - plain
 2. Shall I for - e - ver be for - got,
 3. How long shall my poor trou - bled breast
 4. What - e'er my fears or foes sug - gest,

3 Em C

— like one that seeks his God in vain?
 — As one whom thou re - gard - est not?
 — Be with these anx - ious thoughts op - pressed?
 — Thou art my hope, my joy, my rest;

5 Dsus4 G

Canst thou thy face for - ev - er hide,
 Still shall my soul thy ab - sence mourn,
 And Sa - tan, my mal - i - cious foe,
 My heart shall feel thy love, and raise

7 Em C

— and I still pray and be - de - nied?
 — And still des - pair of thy re - turn?
 — Re - joice to see me sunk so low?
 — My cheer - ful voice to songs of praise..

9 Dsus4 Am C

But I have trus - ted in thy grace, and shall a - gain be - hold

12 G 1. Dsus4 2. Dsus4 to Verse

— thy face, be hold thy face. But I thy face.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

A time of silent confession

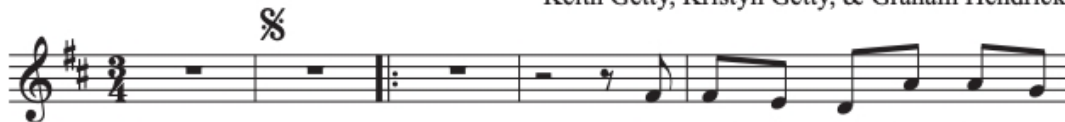
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Graham Hendrick



1. My worth is not in what I
2. My worth is not in skill or
3. As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and
4. I will not boast in wealth or
5. Two won - ders here that I con -



own; not in the strength of flesh and bone. But
 name; in win or lose, in pride or shame. But
 die; fame, youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But
 might, or hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But
 fess: my worth and my un - wor - thi - ness. My



in the cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. (to vs. 2) I re-joice in my Re-
 in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.
 life e - ter - nal calls to us at the cross. (to vs. 4)
 I will boast in know - ing Christ at the cross.
 val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid at the cross.



deem - er. Great - est treas - ure, well - spring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no



oth - er, my soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

D.S.

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+At this time children in K4 through 2nd grade are dismissed for Children's Church

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 6:1-21

PRAYING FOR HIS KINGDOM AND OUR NEEDS

Jeremy Scheer

SERMON

God vs. The Good Life

Kevin Nelson

SERMON PASSAGE

Revelation 8:6-13

⁶ Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.

⁷ The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

⁸ The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. ⁹ A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

¹⁰ The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. ¹¹ The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.

¹² The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.

¹³ Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"

TAKEAWAY: Life is good...for the most part. It is that other part (that part that isn't so good) that should remind us not to hope in this life. The disappointments of this life can cause us frustration and lead us to complain against God, yet God intends them to break us from trusting in them rather than his promises. The account of the seven trumpets illustrates God's efforts to frustrate and overthrow the kingdom of man. How does your life demonstrate the conviction that a godly life is better than a comfortable or successful life?

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- What is the good news of this passage? How does it bring hope to our brokenness and struggles?
- What are we led to believe from this passage? What doctrines, convictions, beliefs are strengthened from this passage?
- When and where do you struggle the most with the issue(s) this sermon raised?
- If you were to incorporate the teaching from this sermon and its related Scriptures into your own life, how would your life be different next week? next year?

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

GIVING HIS TITHES AND OFFERINGS

+During the collection children will return from Children's Church.

**Doxology*

(Ken, Old Hundredth)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Heidelberg Catechism, #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

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

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

We serve wine in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the outer rim for those who, out of conscience or reasons of health, do not partake of wine.

All Hail the Power Of Jesus Name

Edward Perronet, Oliver Holden, and John Rippon



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus name let an - gels pros - trate fall. Bring
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race ye ran - somed from the fall, hail
3. Let ev' ry kin - dred ev' ry tribe on this ter - res - trial ball, to
4. O that with yon - der sac - red throng we at his feet may fall. We'll



forth the ro - yal di - a - dem, and crown him
him who saves you by his grace and crown him
him all ma - jes - ty - a - scribe and crown him
join the ev - er - last - ing song and crown him



Lord of all; bring forth the ro - yal di - a - dem, and
Lord of all; hail him who saves you by - his - grace and
Lord of all; to him all ma - jes - ty - a - scribe and
Lord of all; we'll join the ev - er - last - ing song and



crown him Lord of all.
crown him Lord of all.
crown him Lord of all.
crown him Lord of all.

*BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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GETTING CONNECTED

HIGHLIGHTS

Church Lunch: Sunday, TODAY, in Grace Commons, following the worship service.

- **The Mission Team** will be giving a brief update on how our church gets to participate in the ongoing work of Christ globally.
- **It's a Breeze to get connected:** During the lunch our diaconate will be available to assist you in getting logged into and updating your Breeze account.

FYM - Today at 4pm.

4th Annual Faith Chili Contest and Cornhole Tournament: Saturday, February 1st 11am-3pm. Try to dethrone 3-time Chili Master Jeremy Scheer! Take home the World's Greatest Cornhole Trophy! We'll provide corn chips, rice, water, Lemonade, and cookies. Bring your best chili and your cornhole skills. Also bring a friend, chili side dish, and beverage you would like. Chilis need to be in by 11:30am. Cornhole starts at 12:30. At Grace Commons and Grounds @ Faith Presbyterian Church.

Save the Date:

- **Healing Service** - Save the date: Friday, January 31 at 7pm.
- **Ladies Galentine's Party:** Friday evening, February 7, at the home of Michelle Carter. Watch for an invitation with details coming soon.
- **Work Day** - Save the date: Friday, February 22.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Children’s Church is available for ages K4 through 2nd grade. Children will be dismissed after the song following the “Assurance of Forgiveness” and will return after the sermon.

Sunday School: All classes 9am.

Community Groups:

- **Suburban Heights, Millhopper** meets Tuesday, contact jeremylscheer@gmail.com
- **Westside** meets Sunday, contact jeremiahkumpf@gmail.com
- **Southwest** meets Wednesday, contact massimoisastia@yahoo.com
- **Northwest** (High Springs, Alachua) meets Thursday, contact cord@faithgainesville.org

Youth Group: Next Meeting - TODAY 4pm

GradPro: A graduate student and young professionals community, meets every month on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday at 7 pm. For more information, join our WhatsApp group with the QR code. Questions or comments? Please contact Jeremiah Kumpf: (jeremiah@faithgainesville.org).



Empty Nesters: Will begin meeting one Thursday morning per month: Starting January 2025, Empty Nesters will meet twice per month: **2nd and 4th Thursday mornings**. For more info, contact Bill Lawrence wmlawrence@cox.net or 352-317-7970.

Women’s Bible Study: Tuesday, January 21, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Teaching Center. Childcare is provided. **Sunday mornings**, 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the Teaching Center. Both groups are using the book *Better: A Study of Hebrews* by Jen Wilkin. All women are welcome to attend either group. For more information, please contact Christie Nelson or Betty Brady.

The Women’s Newsletter with current information is available on the church website (tinyurl.com/WNLJanuary2025). You can also receive information by joining our Women’s Ministry WhatsApp group chat. Scan the QR code to join.



Gainesville Community Ministries: drop off nonperishable goods in the basket in the foyer.

Having Trouble Hearing Our Service?

See a greeter prior to worship to borrow a hearing device.

Giving and Attendance				
Last Week's Giving	Last Week's Budget	Fiscal YTD Giving	Fiscal YTD Budget	Last Week's Attendance
\$15,682.56	\$11,792	\$245,401	\$235,840	144



Prayer Requests & Faith Friday Emails

Our office sends weekly emails with prayer requests, updates, and announcements regarding everything going on in the life of our church. If you would like to be added to either of these email lists, check out our websites "Get Connected" page or scan the QR Code to sign up.

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