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PRESBYTERIAN
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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.

"Ne te quaesiveris extra" (Latin, meaning "Do not seek outside yourself")

Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Self Reliance*

"For there is no middle ground between Christian righteousness and works-righteousness. There is no other alternative to Christian righteousness but work-righteousness; if you do not build your confidence on the work of Christ you must build your confidence on your own work."

Martin Luther, *Preface to Galatians*

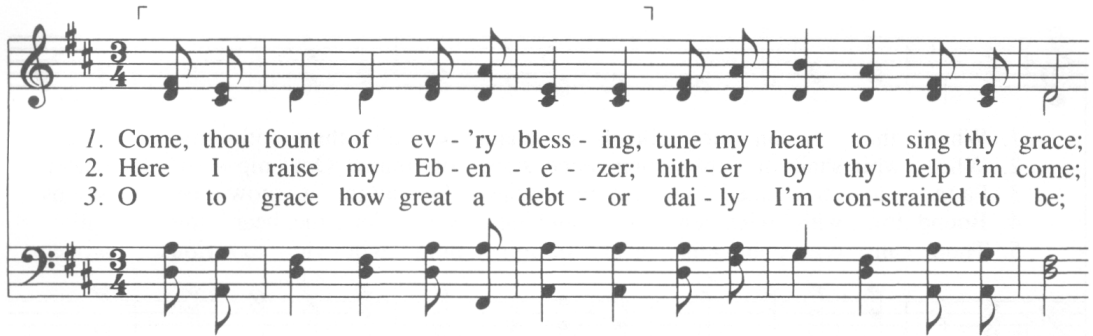
"If our identity is in our work, rather than Christ, success will go to our heads, and failure will go to our hearts."

Tim Keller

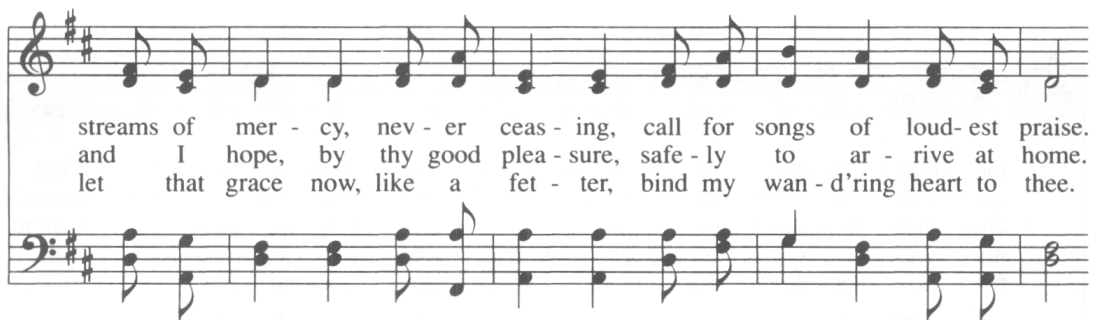
*Please stand, but feel free to sit when needed.

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

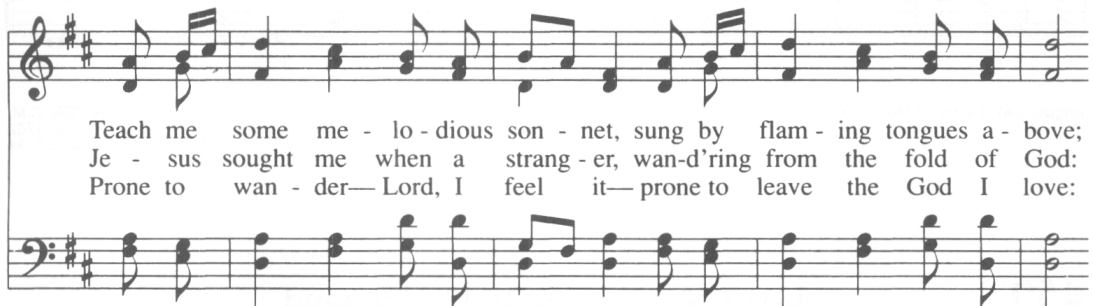
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



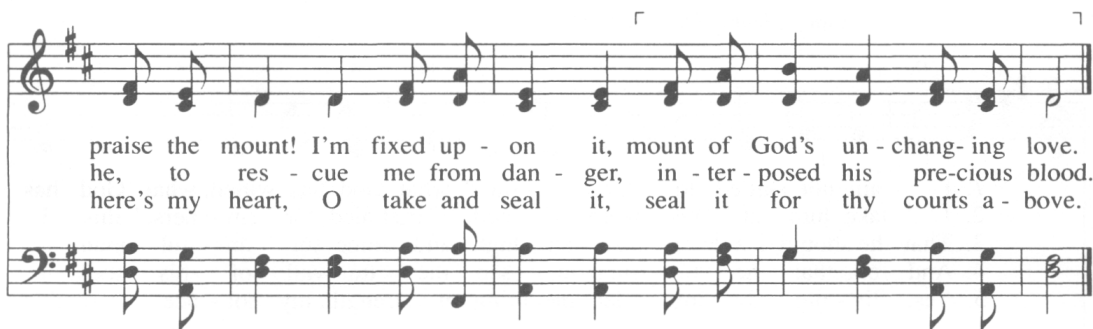
1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*GOD'S CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 99:1-3

Leader: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!

People: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

*CALLING ON GOD AND PRAISING HIM

Our Great God

Mac Powell and Fernando Ortega



1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - ter - ri - ous and un - known; Your
2. Lord, we are weak and frail, _____ help - less in the storm. Sur -
3. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture in _____ the sea and ev - 'ry fly - ing bird, Let



bound - less love, un - fail - ing, _____ grace and mer - cy shown. Bright ser - a - phim in
round us with Your an - gels, _____ hold us in Your arms. Our cold and ruth - less
ev - 'ry moun - tain ev - 'ry field and val - ley of the earth; Let all the moons and



cease - less flight a - round Your glo - ri - ous throne; They raise their voi - ces day and night in
en - e - my, his pleas - ure is _____ our harm. Rise up, O Lord, and he _____ will flee be -
all the stars in all the u - ni - verse. Sing prais - es to the liv - ing God who



praise to You a - lone. Chorus: Hal - le -
fore our sov - 'reign God.
rules them by His Word.



lu - jah! Glo - ry be to our great God! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry



be to our great God! *(Hal - le) repeat last chorus

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Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words by Charles Wesley

Music by Greg Thompson



Je - sus, lo - ver of my soul, let me to thy bo - som
Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on
Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I
Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my



fly, thee; While the nea - rer wa - ters roll, while the
thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup -
find; raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the
sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and



tem - pest still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,
port and com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed,
sick, and lead the blind. Just and ho - ly is thy name;
keep me pure with - in: thou of life the foun - tain art,



'till the storm is past safe in - to the
help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -
I am all - un - right-eous-ness; false and full of
let me take of thee; spring thou up with -



ha - ven guide, re - ceive my soul at last.
fense - less head in the shad - ow of thy wing.
sin I am, thou full of truth and grace.
in my heart, to all e - ter - ni - ty.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Adapted from "Paradoxes" in *The Valley of Vision*

My Changeless God, under the conviction of your Spirit I learn that the more I do, the worse I am, the more I know, the less I know, the more holiness I have, the more sinful I am, the more I love, the more there is to love. O wretched person that I am! I have a wild heart that cannot stand before you. How little I love your truth and ways! I neglect prayer by thinking I have prayed enough. I lack spiritual understanding with too little desire for the Lord's Day. My will is without power of decision or resolution, my heart is without affection. I am too often the evangelical hypocrite, who sins more readily because grace abounds. Give me a broken heart that it may carry home the waters of your grace. For my hope is not in me, but in you through Jesus Christ, Amen!

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 43:25

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Thy Mercy My God is the Theme of My Song

Words by John Stoker
Music by Sandra McCracken



1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the
 2. With out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
 3. Thy mer - cy is more than a match for my heart which
 4. Great Fath - er of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the



joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy
 Sin would re - duce me to ut - - ter des - pair; but
 won - ders to feel its own hard - - ness de - part; dis -
 cov - e - rant love of thy cruc - - i - fied son; all



free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath
 through thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive and
 solved by thy good - ness I fall to the ground and
 praise to the spi - - rit whose whis - per di - vine seals



won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast.
 he that first made me still keeps me a - live.
 weep for the praise of the mer - cy I've found.
 mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-2

PRAYING FOR HIS KINGDOM AND OUR NEEDS

Chad Wolcott

SERMON

The Sin of Self-Sufficiency

Kevin Nelson

SERMON PASSAGE

Revelation 3:14-22

¹⁴ "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

¹⁵ "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹ The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

TAKEAWAY: There may be no virtue more admired than self-sufficiency. We want to boast that we need nothing. Keeping up a self-sufficient image, though, leaves us anxious and helpless. It prevents us from seeking and rejoicing in the grace of the gospel. The church in Laodicea believed they had no needs and, therefore, did not answer the door when Christ knocked. Where are you denying Christ by your desire to appear self-sufficient? What would it mean for you to be satisfied in Christ alone?

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.

The Church's One Foundation

Words by Samuel Stone
Music by Brian Moss



1.The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her
2.E lect from eve - ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the
4.The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de -
6.Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in



Lord, She is His new cre - a - - - tion by
earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - - - tion, one
fend, to guide, sus - tain, and cher - - - ish, is
One, and mys - tic sweet com - mu - - - nion with



wa - ter and the Word. From heaven He came and
Lord, one faith, one birth; One ho - ly Name she
with her to the end; Though there be those that
those whose rest is won: O hap - py ones and



sought her to be His ho - ly bride; With
bless - - - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, And
hate her, and false sons in her pale, a -
ho - - - ly! Lord, give us grace that we, like



His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
to one hope she press - es, with eve - ry grace en - dued.
gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.
them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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*BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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GETTING CONNECTED

HIGHLIGHTS

Advent Choir: We are excited to announce the assembly an Advent Choir to sing in worship for the opening of Advent (December 1) under the direction of Wendy Gunther. It will require 3 rehearsals (maybe 4) in November (10, 17, & 24). If you are interested in singing please contact Wendy at wendy.s.gunther@gmail.com.

New Member's Class, Next Sunday, 10/20 at 4pm

Interested in membership? Already a member but would like to know more? Join us next Sunday in Grace Commons for a conversation on what it means to be a member at Faith. RSVP to kevin@faithgainesville.org

Church Lunch: Next Sunday, October 20, in Grace Commons immediately following the worship service. Please plan to join us, and if you are able to bring a dish to share, here is the link to see what is needed and to sign up: tinyurl.com/ChurchLunchOctober

Q&A on Christian Principles Behind Election Issues

Join pastor Kevin during the church lunch next Sunday for this informal discussion. The time of Q&A will be limited to discussing the civil and moral issues related to God's word that undergird many ballot decisions. We can also discuss why the church and pastors do not endorse candidates or political parties.

FaithKids Reformation Day Event

We are looking forward to hosting your children ages K5-5th grade at this fun and informative event where our children will learn about the Reformation: what was it? why does it matter? The event is from 4-6pm on October 27, at Grace Commons and will include the children "traveling back in time" to visit Wittenberg, Germany. Children will receive a passport that they will get stamped as they visit various stations. We'll end the evening with refreshments! Please RSVP to let us know how many guests to expect. Parents are invited to remain with their children or may drop them off. If childcare is required for children 4 years and under, please indicate in the RSVP. Childcare time will include Reformation Day related activities geared toward our 4 and under students. Link to RSVP: tinyurl.com/FaithKidsReformationDay

SAVE THE DATE: S'mores and scores Family Fellowship event **Friday, November 15** 5pm-9pm. Gather around for S'mores, music, fellowship and our signature event the marshmallow wars. More information soon!

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

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: **October 24, November 14 & December 12, 2024. Meeting starts at 10:30 am and finish at 12 noon.** 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: Tuesdays, October 15, & 29, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Teaching Center. Childcare is provided. **Each Sunday morning,** 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the Teaching Center. Both groups are using the book *Better: A Study of Hebrews* by Jen Wilkin. If you would like more information, please speak to Christie Nelson or Betty Brady.

The Women's Newsletter with current information is available on the church website (tinyurl.com/WNLSeptember2024). 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.



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.

Having Trouble Hearing Our Service?

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

Last Week's Tithes/Offerings: \$12,948.79
This Year's Average Tithes/Offerings: \$10,882.65
Last Week's Attendance: 171

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