



“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus.”

1 CORINTHIANS 1:4

*We gather to worship God, who sustains His Church to the end.*

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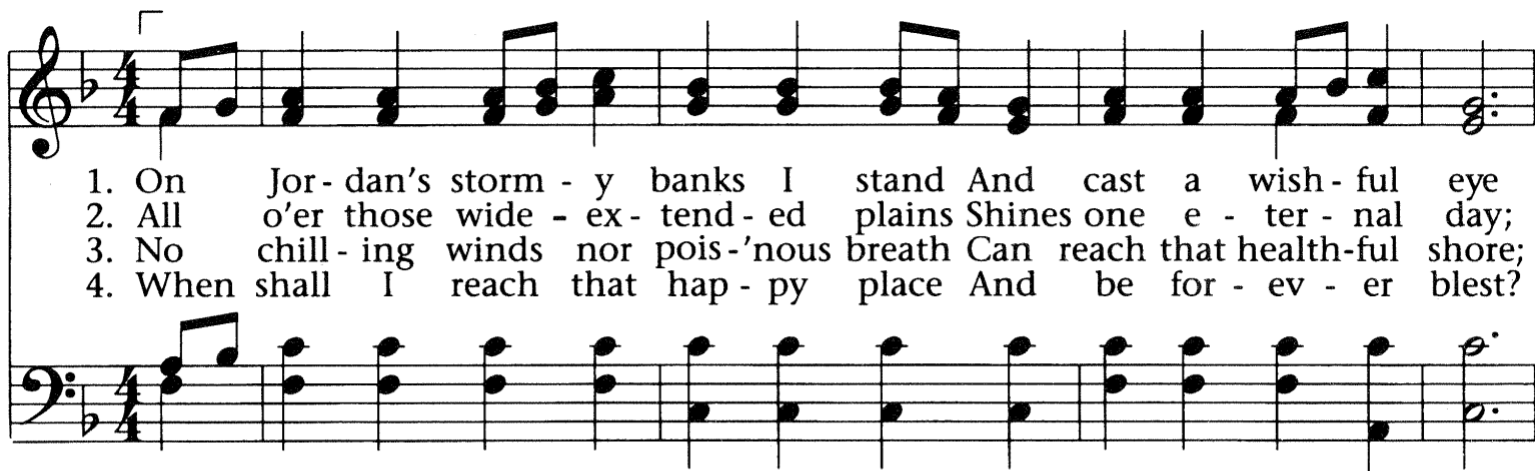
“Doxology”

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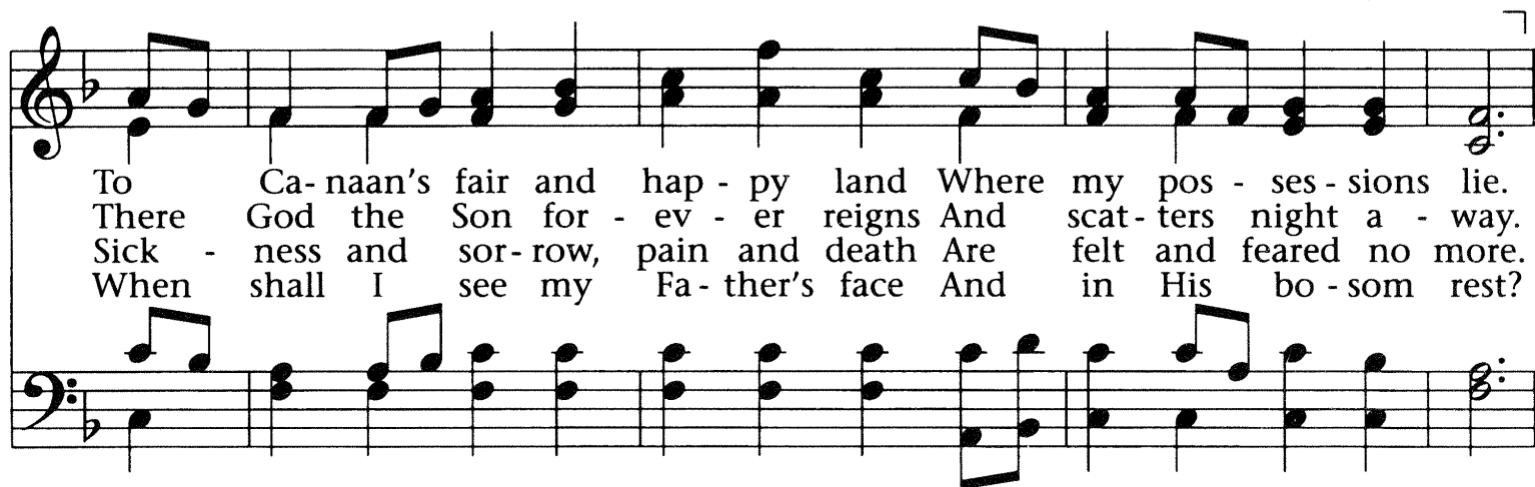
Numbers 6:24-26

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

# PREPARATORY HYMN: ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS



1. On Jor-dan's storm - y banks I stand And cast a wish - ful eye  
2. All o'er those wide - ex - tend - ed plains Shines one e - ter - nal day;  
3. No chill - ing winds nor pois - 'nous breath Can reach that health - ful shore;  
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place And be for - ev - er blest?



To Ca-naan's fair and hap - py land Where my pos - ses - sions lie.  
There God the Son for - ev - er reigns And scat - ters night a - way.  
Sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death Are felt and feared no more.  
When shall I see my Fa - ther's face And in His bo - som rest?



I am bound for the prom - ised land, I am bound for the prom - ised land;



O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom - ised land.

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# SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP

## PSALM 100:2-5

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

## PRAYER OF PRAISE



# CHRIST THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR

1. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, in the fu - ry of the storm;  
 2. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, while the tem - pest rag - es on;  
 3. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, through the floods of un - be - lief;  
 4. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, as we face the wave of death;

When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.  
 When temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle, and it seems the night has won,  
 Hope - less, some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.  
 When these trials give way to glo - ry as we draw our fi - nal breath.

In the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few;  
 Deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac - cused;  
 This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see His love for - ev - er proved.  
 We will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure;  
*D.S. Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true.*

*D.S. for refrain*

I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 And the calm will be the bet - ter for the storms that we en - dure.  
 We will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### LEVITICUS 22:31-33

<sup>31</sup> “So you shall keep my commandments and do them: I am the LORD. <sup>32</sup> And you shall not profane my holy name, that I may be sanctified among the people of Israel. I am the LORD who sanctifies you, <sup>33</sup> who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the LORD.”

## SCRIPTURE READING

### ACTS 18:1-18

**18** After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup> And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, <sup>3</sup> and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. <sup>4</sup> And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup> When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” <sup>7</sup> And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. <sup>8</sup> Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. <sup>9</sup> And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, <sup>10</sup> for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” <sup>11</sup> And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

<sup>12</sup> But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, <sup>13</sup> saying, “This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law.” <sup>14</sup> But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint. <sup>15</sup> But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things.” <sup>16</sup> And he drove them from the tribunal. <sup>17</sup> And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.

<sup>18</sup> After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow.



# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### PSALM 34:17-18

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.

# O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Vast, un - mea - sured,  
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Spread His praise from  
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Love of e - v'ry

bound - less, free; Rol - ling as a might - y o - cean In its  
 shore to shore; How He lov - eth, e - ver lov - eth, Chang - eth  
 love the best; 'Tis an o - cean vast of bles - sing, 'Tis a

full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,  
 ne - ver, ne - ver - more; How He watch - es o'er His loved ones,  
 ha - ven sweet of rest, O the deep, deep love of Je - sus,

Is the cur - rent of Thy love; Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing  
 Died to call them all His own; How for them He in - ter -  
 'Tis a Heav'n of Heav'ns to me; And it lifts me up to

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home - ward, To my glo - rious rest a - bove.  
ced - eth, Watch - eth o'er them from the throne.  
glo - ry, For it lifts me up to Thee.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the treble staff, corresponding to the words 'glo - rious' and 'rest'.

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# SERMON

## PERFECT CHURCH

### 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

**1** Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

# HIS MERCY IS MORE



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om - nis - cient, all -  
 2. What pat - ience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What Fa - ther, so  
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us: His blood was the



know - ing, he counts not their sum; Thrown in - to a sea with - out  
 ten - der, is cal - ling us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the  
 pay - ment, his life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could



bot - tom or shore, Our sins they are ma - ny, his mer - cy is more!  
 vil - est, the poor; Our sins they are ma - ny, his mer - cy is  
 ne - ver af - ford, Our sins they are ma - ny, his mer - cy is



more!  
 more! *Praise the Lord!* *His mer - cy is more!*



*Stron - ger than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn,* Our sins they are ma - ny, his mer - cy is more!



# HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
 3. "When thro' fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
 4. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 That soul, tho' all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

# DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

*Music: Geneva Psalter (1551) Edition: Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561); Public Domain*

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## WHO IS JESUS?

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Our greatest prayer for you is that you would come to know Jesus. Though we have all rebelled against God, He sent Jesus, His only Son, into our broken world. Through Jesus's obedient life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, sinners can be forgiven and reconciled to God through turning from our sins and trusting in Him.

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## FOLLOWING JESUS

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**Baptism** is publicly professing your faith in Jesus and identifying with His people.

**Discipleship** is walking together in life and helping one another follow Jesus faithfully.

**Membership** is our mutual commitment to follow Jesus together in the context of a local church.

**Service** to the church and the world is what characterizes Jesus's followers as we seek to make Him known.

If you would like to learn more about Jesus and what it means to follow Him, we would love to talk with you. Please speak with one of our elders or submit a connect card (scan the QR code below).

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## VISITORS & GUESTS

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**Welcome!** If you are new to our church, we invite you to connect with an elder in the foyer after the service so that we can welcome you personally. You can also complete a **Connect Card**, available in the pews or via this QR code, to request more information about this church or about what it means to be a Christian.



**Families with Children** We offer Sunday School classes at 9:30am for grades K-12 and childcare for infants to pre-K during the 10:45 worship service (resuming January 5). Canvas 'busy bags' are available in the lobby for children to use during the service. Additional information about our Children's Ministry is available on our website.

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## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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### Members' Meeting – January 19

Members of FBC, please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our Members' Meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. This is an important time in the life of the church so please plan to attend if possible.

### Fellowship Time - Today

Please join us the foyer today following the morning service for a time of snacks and fellowship.

### A/V Team

Our Audio/ Visual team is in need of additional volunteers. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact Steve Kim. There will be a brief training following the morning service on January 26<sup>th</sup> for everyone involved in the A/V team.

**Sermon Text for Next Week:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

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