

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you're visiting with us, we're glad you're here and would love to connect with you! There are visitor cards in the back of the chairs in front of you. If you would fill one out and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to any officer, we would appreciate it. We hope you stay after worship for a time of snacks and fellowship!

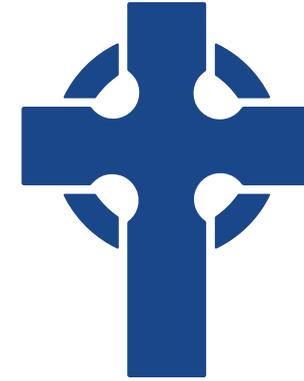
Next Sunday, January 25, **Rev. James Jardin**, the new RUF campus minister at UAH, will preach for us. After morning worship, Rev. Jardin will take the Sunday school hour to share about himself and the ministry.

The Women's Spring Bible Study will begin in February! It is an 8-week study on the book of Titus that will meet Tuesday mornings at GCPC **starting February 3rd** and ending March 31st, (excluding March 17th for Spring Break). For those who need it, please contact Margaret Locklair for any nursery needs at 843.450.4089, preferably a week in advance. We hope you join us!

Volunteers Needed: The Discipleship Committee is putting together a **rotation for teaching children's Sunday school** using the provided curriculum. Our goal is to have enough volunteers so that no one needs to teach for more than a quarter at a time. If you have any questions, or you would be willing to teach now or in the future, please let Pastor Ross know. Thank you!

Youth group will take a brief pause until February.

If you are not receiving **weekly church emails** and would like to, please reach out to Amy Rikard or an elder about being added to the email list.



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Lord's Day Worship
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 134:1-3

*Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!
Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord! May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who
made heaven and earth!*

HYMN OF PRAISE

O God Beyond All Praising

#660

*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

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SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God and Heavenly Father, we pray that in your great mercy you would forgive and cleanse us from our many sins. We know that we have broken your law and displeased you in thought, word, and deed, both in things done, and things left undone. According to your your steadfast love and great compassion, do not treat us according to our sins or repay us according to our iniquities, but remove our sins from us as far as the East is from the West. For your glory and our good, would you cleanse and renew us, and would you strengthen us to walk more and more according to the resurrection life we have in Christ. Hear us, we ask, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Joel 2:12-13

"Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

*HYMN OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 130

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE DOXOLOGY

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

#521

SERMON TEXT

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2 Thessalonians 1:5-8

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Kingdom Suffering

Ross Hodges

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Afflicted Saint, To Christ Draw Near

Insert

*BENEDICTION

**Please Stand*