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WELCOME TO
**CHRIST
CHURCH**
BENTONVILLE

To all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whosoever will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus.

TO OUR GUESTS: **First**, we are glad you could join us for worship! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Christ Church. Please take a minute and scan the QR code with your phone camera and leave us your contact information. We will be in touch early in the week. **Second**, because what we are about to do may be a little different than what you are probably used to, we ask that you give us 6 weeks. Take 6 weeks to visit, become familiar with the form, ask questions, and get to know us. We believe you'll be glad you did. **Finally**, for an explanation of the content and order of worship, read the rubric along the left hand side of the bulletin as well as the section entitled "**The Liturgical Elements of Worship**" on page 8 of the bulletin.



**Preparation
for Worship**

This is a time to prepare for the worship of our holy God. Pray that God would meet His people as we gather.

**Call to
Worship**

It is the Lord who calls His people to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

*We do not call ourselves.
Worship is a reflexive and deliberate response to His gracious call.*

Invocation

This prayer exalts the name of the Lord and invokes His presence and communion as we come to worship Him.

"Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer. If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness..."

- 1 Timothy 4:1-7

Pastor: *Christ is risen!*

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: *Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Pastor: *Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*

- Psalm 95:1-3

Of the Father's Love Begotten (to "Hymn to Joy")

Hymn of Praise

This hymn draws our hearts and minds to God acknowledging the reality and awe and wonder of who He is.

G G/B C G D

Of the Fath - er's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan to be,
 O that birth for - e - ver bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
 This - is He Whom heav'n-taught sing - ers sang of old with one ac - cord,
 O ye heights of heav'n a - dore Him; an - gel hosts, His prai - ses sing;
 Christ, to Thee with God the Fath - er, and O Ho - ly Ghost to Thee,

5 G G/B C G D

He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the en - ding He,
 by the Ho - ly Ghost con - cie - ving, bore the Sav - ior of our race;
 Whom the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
 all do - min - ions bow be - fore Him and ex - tol our God and King;
 hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prai - ses be,

9 D G D G D G B Em A D

of the things that are, that have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 and the Babe, the world's Re - dee - mer first re - vealed His sa - cred face,
 now He shines, the long - ex - pec - ted; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,
 let no tongue on earth be si - lent, ev' - ry voice in con - cert ring,
 hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

Corporate Confession of Sin

Having come into His presence, we are reminded that we are sinners in need of the deliverance from sin and its power. We both confess and lament sin as an act of worship and faith in the God Who promises to deliver His people from all their sin and sorrow. We encourage a posture of prayer (sitting or kneeling) that is most comfortable for you.

13 G G/B C G D G

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

Elder: *Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you.*

- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11a

All: Almighty God, in love You spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more, that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack and are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what You intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in Your goodness that we will always be thanking You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

A D Raines

William Marion Runyan

Jonah's Prayer

Jonah 2:2-9

Hymn of Confession/ Lament

This hymn focuses on the acknowledgment of our sin, our need of forgiveness, and the only One in whom our forgiveness and restoration are found.

I called to Yah - weh from deep in dis - tress — He an - swered me from the
My sin had dri - ven me far from Your pre - sence; my sin - king soul did the
Up from the pit You de - liv - ered my weak soul; from Your great tem - ple You

7
bel - ly of hell; All of Your waves and Your bil - lows con - sumed me
wa - ters sur - round. But yet in hope did I look to Your tem - ple,
heard my faint cries. Those who serve i - dols for - sake all Your mer - cy.

13 *Refrain*
by Your own hand in - to dark - ness I fell
as to the roots of the mounts I went down
But with thanks - giv - ing my prai - ses will rise Great is my thank - fulness!

19
Great is my thank - fulness! Morning by mor - ning new songs I will sing; Yahweh a - lone is the

27
God of sal - va - tion! Great is my thank - ful - ness, Lord un - to Thee!

Assurance of Salvation

Having confessed our sins, and raised our prayer for deliverance, we now hear of our salvation through the declaration of the Gospel.

Elder: *But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

- 1 Corinthians 6:11b

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;
5. He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



- the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
 to spread thro' all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 • 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.



6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
 your loosen'd tongues employ;
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.
7. To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n;
 by saints below and saints above,
 the Church in earth and heav'n.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.
alt. 1961

AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829
arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

Scripture Reading

We read from both Old and New Testaments because they are not two different books but both are a part of God's unfolding plan of redemption.

Old Testament - Numbers 22:21-35

New Testament - 2 Peter 2

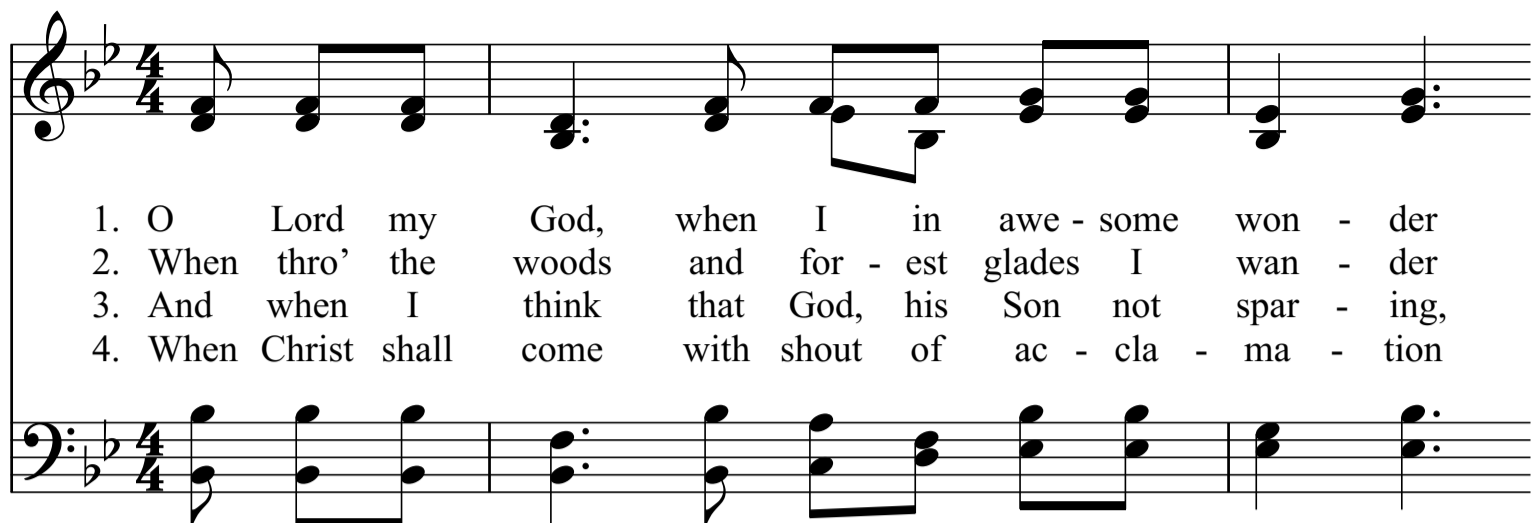
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

How Great Thou Art

Hymn of Preparation

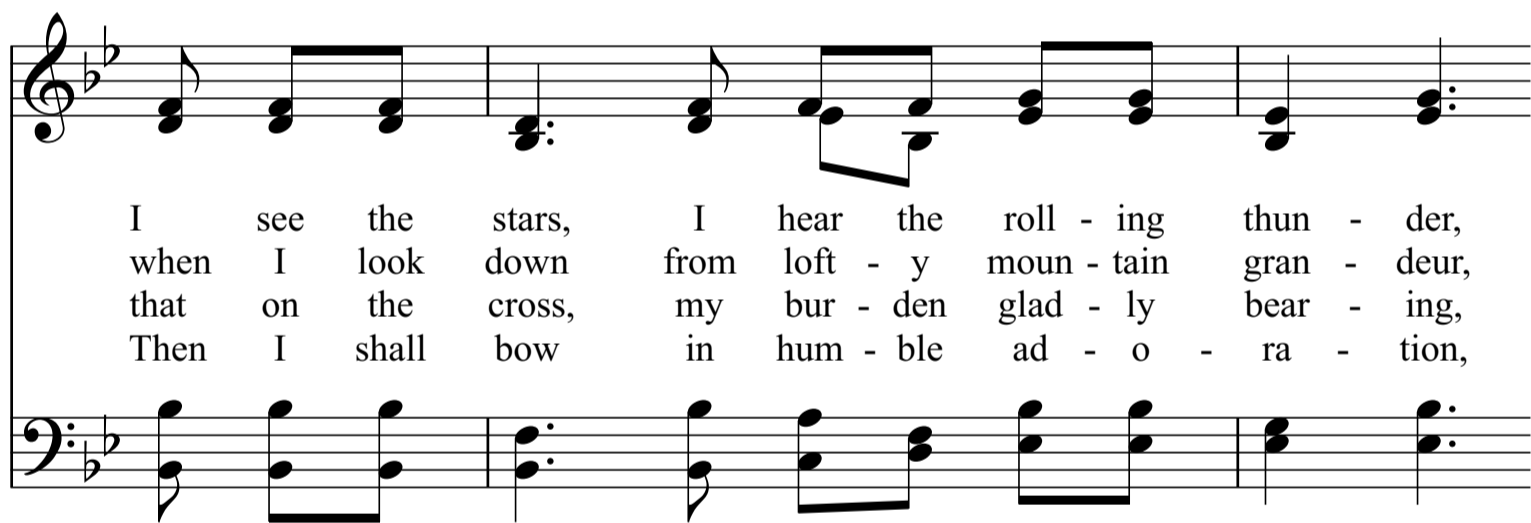
This hymn is gospel-focused and sermon-oriented and planned with the children in mind.



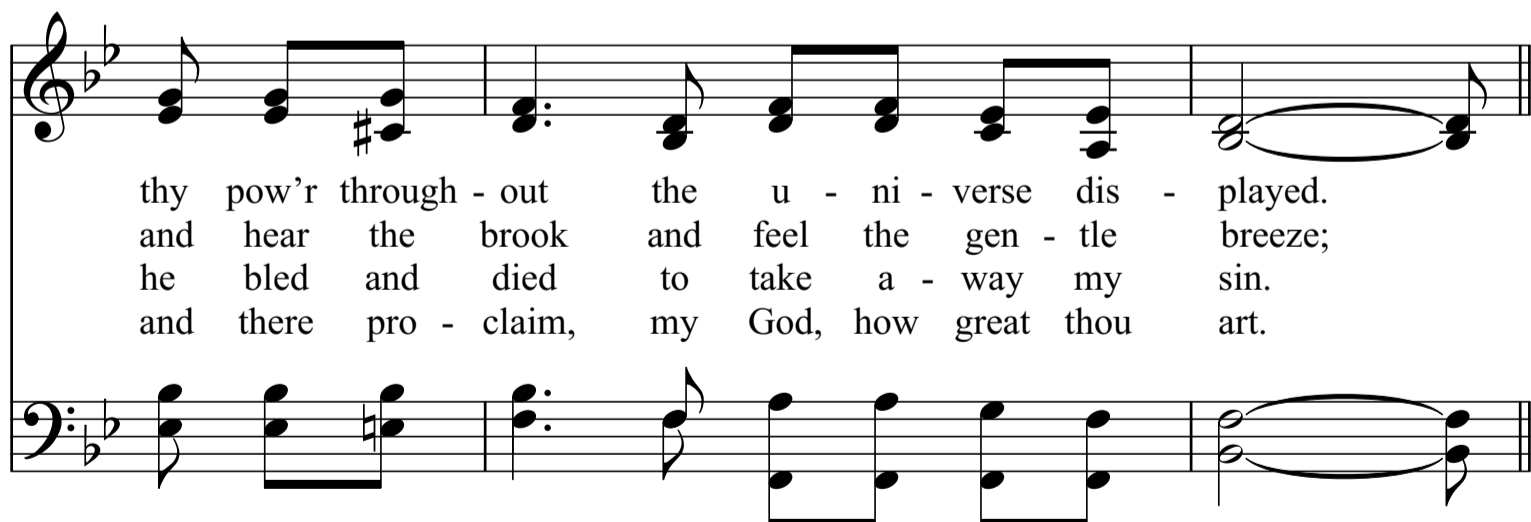
1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der
2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,



thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

how great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

how great thou art, how great thou art!

Sermon

The preaching of God's Word is a means by which God bestows grace on His people.

TRUTH MATTERS

2 Peter 2

A note-taking guide is provided on the final page

For the Children - false teachers, false teaching, judgment, truth, God, Christ

Confession of Faith

Being a part of the communion of saints, we take this time to confess the truth that has been embraced by the church throughout history.

Elder: Christian, what do you believe?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

*catholic meaning universal

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Word having been preached, the death of Christ is now showed forth through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of His body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and grace.

Pastoral Prayer

We are a needy people, and this prayer not only reflects that neediness but our dependence upon the Lord.

Offertory/Hymn of Response

Giving is an act of worship. We give of our tithes and offerings because all we are and all we have are gifts of God's grace. We sing in grateful response to God's grace granted to us in both Word and Sacrament.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the LORD.

The bread is gluten-free. Purple cups contain wine; clear cups contain grape juice. Come forward, pause to hear the words of institution, take a piece of bread and a cup, then return to your seats. Once everyone has been served, we will eat and drink together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup in the trash cans provided.

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

Psalm 73 (partial)

to Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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Bm G6 Bm D A D F# Bm Em A7 A D

1. Sure - ly God is good to___ Is - rael, good to those whose hearts are___ pure.
 2. For 'til death they have no___ strug - gles; they are heal - thy, fit and___ strong,
 3. All in vain I kept my___ heart clean, washed my hands in in - no - cence.
 4. When I tried to un - der - stand this, it was wea - ri - some to___ me,
 5. You to glo - ry will re - ceive me with Your coun - sel as my___ guide.

Bm G6 Bm D A D F# Bm Em A7 A D

As for me, my steps were___ slip - ping, and my foot - hold was un - sure.
 un - di - sturbed by woes and___ trou - bles, as to hu - man life be - long.
 All day long Your plagues af - flict me, mor - ning brings new pu - nish - ment.
 'til I came in - to God's. tem - ple and di - scerned their des - ti - ny.
 I have none but You in___ hea - ven; all on earth I lay a - side.

Bm Em G Bm F#/A# Bm Em/B F#/A# F# Bm

For the ar - ro - gant I en - vied, as I saw them live se - cure.
 Ar - ro - gance be - comes their neck - lace; vi' - lence is the cloak they___ don.
 Had I spo - ken thus, Your chil - dren would have suf - fered great of - fense.
 For on slip - p'ry ground You place___ them, and You make their end com - plete.
 Flesh and heart may fail, but e - ver God my por - tion will a - bide.

Doxology

We encourage a posture lifting holy hands to the Lord in thanksgiving.

Benediction

We leave with the assurance that God intends to bless His people as we serve him and our neighbors through our various vocations throughout the week.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

Pastor: May grace and peace be multiplied to all of you who are in Christ.

- 1 Peter 1:2, 5:14

People: And also to you.

Information

CHILDCARE

It has been our desire to offer childcare as we have volunteers. We have intentionally refrained from constant pressure and from relying upon only a few to shoulder the responsibility. At the same time, as the number of little ones increases, we do want to keep the opportunity before you. If you are able and willing to help, please scan the QR code to the right and sign up today. The more the merrier.



THE LITURGICAL ELEMENTS OF OUR WORSHIP

Why do we do what we do during our corporate worship service on Sunday? To a visitor it could seem strange. We do more than just sing, which is usually what people associate with the word "worship". There are times of silence. Prayers are spoken. The Bible is read. A sermon on a particular passage of Scripture is heard. We eat a bite of bread and drink a small amount of wine or juice in celebration of Christ's death. Money is collected. Hands are raised in devotion. Why are these elements a part of what we do together? Why don't we just hang out in small groups and sip coffee? Why don't we just sit back and watch an hour long video on being better people? All of these elements are a part of our worship because we believe they show honor to God in the way he wants to be honored. These aren't just made up elements. They are pieces in a story that is told each Sunday, with each piece either commanded or exemplified in scripture.

WHY OUR PASTORS WEAR ROBES

Wearing a robe **hides the man** - No matter what the pastor wears, whether it be an expensive suit, an inexpensive suit, business casual or holey jeans with his shirt untucked, people are always prone to put too much stock in whatever style he prefers. The black Geneva robe is designed to remove this distraction and allow us to focus on the One whom he represents. That leads to the second point. It also **emphasizes his office**. Just as a judge wears a robe when in the courtroom, a fireman wears a uniform when on duty, or a military officer wears his dress greens or blues to a formal event to announce that they are acting in an official capacity, our pastors wear robes during the worship service to signify that they are acting in their official capacity as men who have been called by God to proclaim His word to His people. The robe reminds the congregation (and the minister!) that he is in the pulpit as an ambassador of Christ, and thus is not to speak his own thoughts, give mere advice or share worldly wisdom, but only the Word of God.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We believe children are a blessing from the Lord, and that they should be included in the worship of God with the people of God. That means at times there will be noise in the worship service. **God put the wiggle in children and that wiggle is welcome in His house!** If you are not used to it, it may take a little time. We understand. Bearing with one another in love is our calling.

Our aim is to help parents in the training of their children in the “pew”. We do this in two ways:

1. Sunday evening worship.

Every Sunday, we plan our worship services taking both children and parents into consideration. First, the Hymn of Preparation is chosen with our children in mind. We want it to be a song that they know or at least can learn quickly. Second, we offer childcare for those 0-3 during the sermon. But please know, we enjoy having children in worship! They are not distractions! Keeping them with us in worship is one of the best gifts we can give them as they will learn the blessing of worship and grow in ways we cannot imagine. Feel free to sit up front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is happening.

2. Weekly family worship.

To facilitate learning throughout the week, the following ideas are provided for families to use during their own times of worship. We incorporate the hymns, confession of faith and sermon passage for familiarity and repetition purposes.

Weekly Catechism: WSC Q&As

83-84

Q83: Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

A83: Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

Q84: What does every sin deserve?

A84: Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Wednesday

Sing “O For a Thousand Tongues...”

Read 2 Peter 2:6-11, Genesis 19:1-29, and WSC 83-84.

How was the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah an example to the ungodly? Why are righteous people distressed by their neighbors' sin?

What sins in our culture should distress us? What particular sins does Peter highlight in these verses? How does the story of Lot demonstrate God's ability to rescue His people? How should we live in light of that truth?

Monday

Sing “Of the Father's Love...”

Read 2 Peter 2:1-3, Acts 20:25-31, and WSC 83-84.

Where do both Peter and Paul warn of false teachers arising? Why is that significant? What are the main false teachings Peter warns against? What is the result for those who teach this and those who follow them? How do we see the same dangers in today's church?

Thursday

Sing “How Great Thou Art”.

Read 2 Peter 2:12-16, Numbers 22, and WSC 83-84.

How are the false teachers like Balaam? What is surprising about their boldness in sin? Why are they so dangerous to the church? Why is Peter's language about them so harsh? Why is it necessary that elders warn against false teachers in the same way?

Tuesday

Sing “Jonah's Prayer”.

Read 2 Peter 2:4-5, Genesis 6-7, and WSC 83-84.

What is similar about the false teachers Peter warns against and the sins on earth before the flood? Why was Noah saved? How does the flood show God's justice? His mercy?

Friday

Sing Psalm 73 (partial).

Read 2 Peter 2:17-22, John 8:31-38, Proverbs 26:11, and WSC 83-84.

What do the false teachers promise? Why can they not deliver on those promises? How does sin enslave us? How can we truly be free? Where is the good news in 2 Peter 2? What attitude or action should you change based on this passage?

SMALL GROUPS

Adams - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Adams House

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Bean/Wieda/Tilley - Centerton

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Tilley House

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Kenny (479) 616-7493

Demers - Rogers

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Demers House

Contact: Grant (254) 493-4067

Raines - West Bella Vista

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Raines House

Contact: Aaron (479) 644-6148

Walker - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

Contact: Wes (479) 409-8831

Warren - East Bella Vista

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Warren House

Contact: John (210) 317-3127

SERMON NOTES

TRUTH MATTERS 2 Peter 2

INTRODUCTION

I. THE APPEARANCE OF FALSE TEACHERS (vs. 1)

II. THE ANALYSIS OF FALSE TEACHERS (vs. 1-3, 10-19)

III. THE ASSURANCE OF FALSE TEACHERS (vs. 3-6, 9-10, 12-13, 17, 20-22)

IV. THE ASSURANCE OF CHRISTIANS (vs. 5, 7, 9)



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