



CHRIST CHURCH

BENTONVILLE

WWW.CHRISTCHURCHBENTONVILLE.ORG

May 4, 2025

A faded background image of a town street scene, likely Bentonville, showing multi-story buildings, parked cars, and trees.

LOVING DEEPLY
&
LIVING FREELY

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.*

*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again
to a yoke of slavery.*

- Galatians 5:1

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: *Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his
steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the
Lord, or declare all his praise?...Blessed be the Lord, the God of
Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say,
"Amen!" Praise the Lord!*

- Psalm 106:1-2,48

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

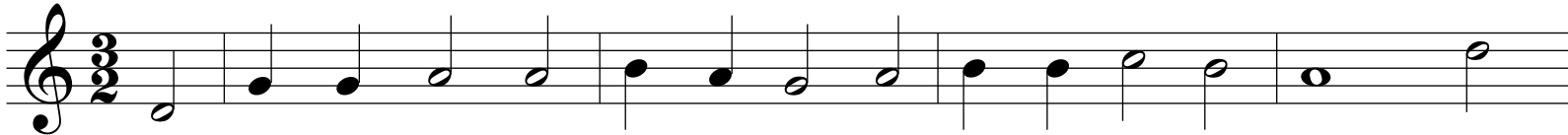
Psalm 118:22-29

The Stone the Builders Once Refused

David P. Regier


AZMON

GEmCDsusD



The Stone the build - ers once re - fused Is now our Cor - ner - stone; This
This is the day the Lord hath made; There - fore we shall re - joice. O
Blest is the One who comes to us In God's own ho - ly name; We
The Lord Al - migh - ty, He is God; He giv - eth us His light. Up -
We give Thee thanks, for Thou art God; Thy name we lift a - bove. We

GCG/DGDG



mar - vel, in our eyes, ap - proved By — our great God a - lone.
Lord, please pros - per us, and save; To — Thee we lift our voice!
gath - er in His tem - ple, thus His — bless - ing to pro - claim.
on the al - tar of our hearts, We — off - er sac - ri - fice.
give Him thanks, for He is good; For — His e - ter - nal love.

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.

Elder: *For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.*

- Titus 3:3

All: **Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him, or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give Him glory. Forgive and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. In His name we pray, amen.**

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

**Hymn of
Confession/
Lament**

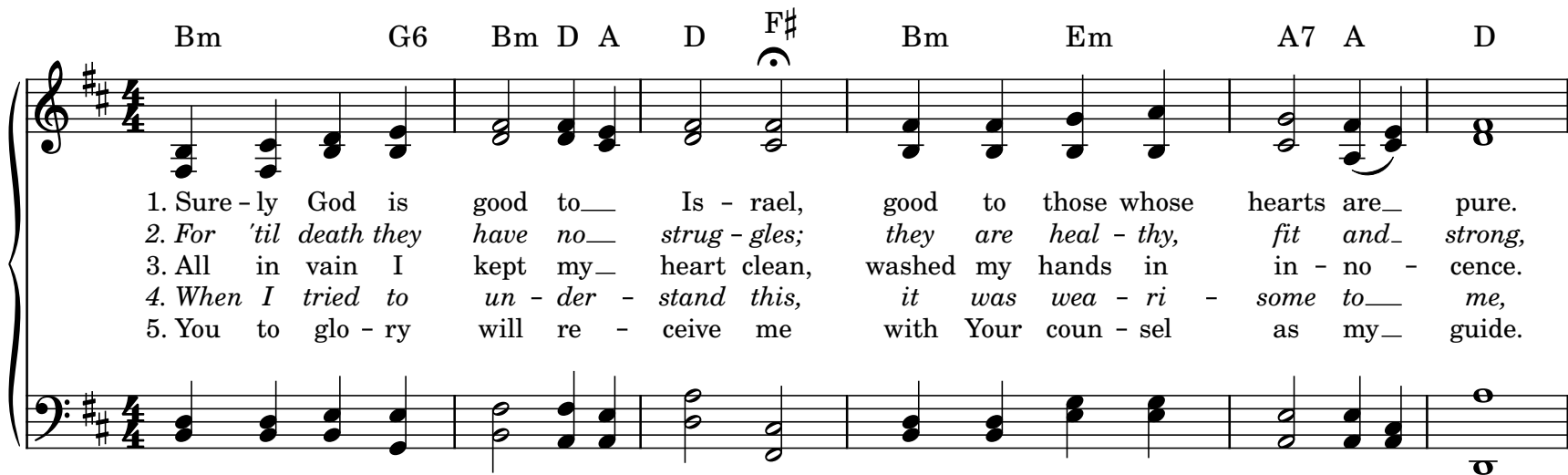
*This hymn focuses
on the
acknowledgment of
our sin, our need of
forgiveness, and
the only One in
whom our
forgiveness and
restoration are
found.*

Psalm 73 (partial)
to Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

OPC/URCNA

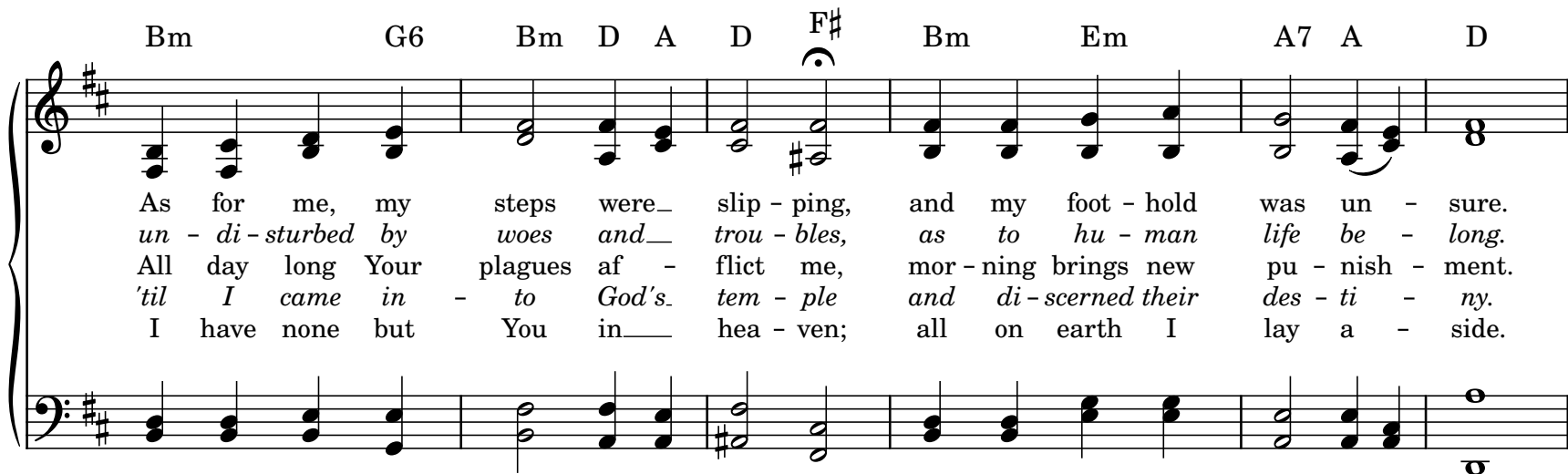
Picardy

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



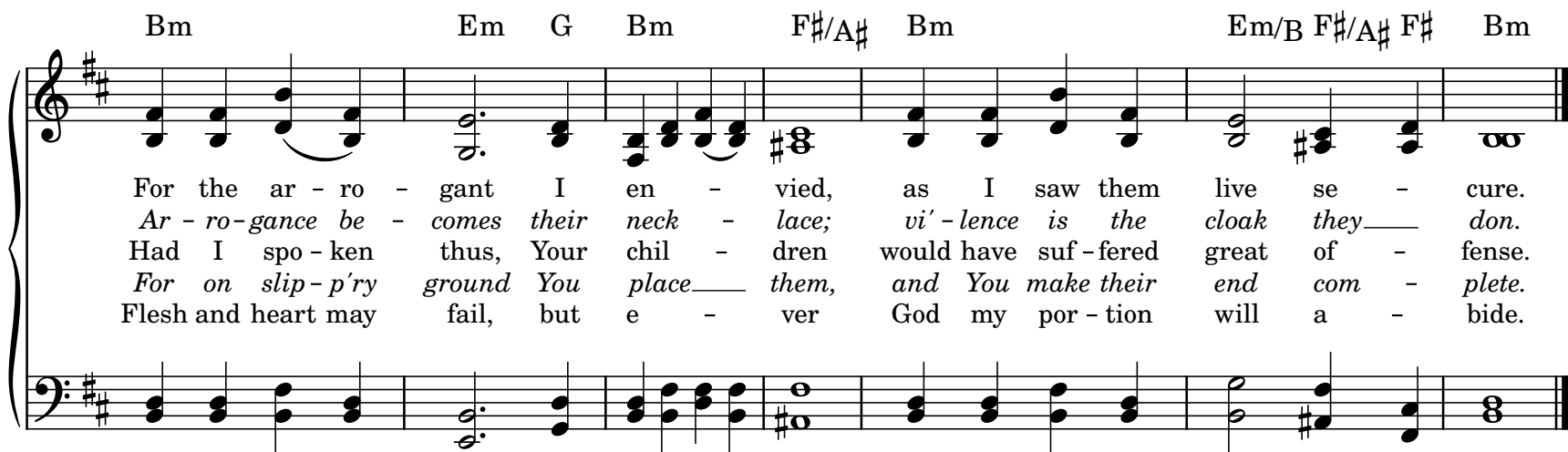
1. Sure - ly God is good to___ Is - rael, good to those whose hearts are___ pure.
2. For 'til death they have no___ strug - gles; they are heal - thy, fit and___ strong,
3. All in vain I kept my___ heart clean, washed my hands in in - no - cence.
4. When I tried to un - der - stand this, it was wea - 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.

(C) 2018 Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture

**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 when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior...*

- Titus 3:4-6

Before the Throne of God Above

Hymn of Faith

*This hymn focuses
either on God's
faithfulness to us
through the ages,
on our responsibility
to respond in faith,
or the many
reasons for our
faith.*

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,
spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can
free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on
blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

**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.

**Hymn of
Preparation**

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

Old Testament - Ezekiel 18:20-23
New Testament - Romans 6:15-23
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

Mediator

Cam Huxford

Cam Huxford - (C) 2013 Mars Hill Music

6

He takes our place_____ and stands in front_____ of God on high_____ He speaks on our_____

He found the cap - tives, broke the bon - dage of our chains_____ We have re-demp-

10

_____ be - half since we_____ don't have_____ the right_____ He stands be - fore_

- tion through_____ the price_____ that He_____ has paid_____ He gave His life_

15

_____ the God who jud - ges hearts of men_____ Our me - di-a - torserved the sen-

_____ to pur-chase free - dom from the fall_____ Our me - di-a - tor was the ran-

25

- tence for our sin_____ There is on - ly one God; There is on - ly one me-di - a - tor

- som for us all_____

34

stan - ding be - tween God and man He's the on - ly way to sal - va - tion The Man

46

Jesus Christ_____ Who gave us His life_____ The Man Jesus Christ_____ our last

58

sac ri - fice_____ The e - ternal Son_____ Mes si - ah has come_____ The true

72

Son of Man_____ The a - tone ment la - amb_____ There is on - ly one God; There is on - ly one

me-di - a - tor stan - ding be - tween God and man He's the on - ly way to sal - va - tion

Sermon

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

STILL NO THIRD WAY

Romans 6:15-23

A note-taking guide is provided on the final page

**For the Children - sin, law, grace, free/freedom, slaves/slavery, master,
obedience, fruit, 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.*

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.

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.

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!

Take My Life, and Let It Be

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a corresponding musical line. The first system contains four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system contains two lines of lyrics. The fourth system contains two lines of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
3. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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: *For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. . . The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

- Romans 6:14, 16:20b

People: And also with 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&A 35

Q: What is sanctification?

A: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Wednesday

Sing “Before the Throne of God Above”.

Read Romans 6:19-20, Colossians 3:5-10, and WSC 35.

Why does Paul say he is speaking in human terms? How does sin lead to more sin? How does this encourage us to resist temptation? What command does Paul give in verse 19? What specific way can you do that today? What is the result of obedience? How are those enslaved to sin free concerning righteousness?

Monday

Sing Psalm 118:22-29.

Read Romans 6:15-16, 2 Peter 2:17-22, and WSC 35.

Why does Paul raise this next question? What does it mean to be a slave? How can we present ourselves as slaves to sin? To obedience? What is the end result of antinomianism? How is that worse than never hearing the gospel?

Thursday

Sing “Mediator”.

Read Romans 6:21-22, Galatians 6:7-10, and WSC 35.

What fruit does sin bring? Why is it good to have shame for those things? What is the final fruit of sin? What fruit do slaves of God get? How does it lead to holiness? What is the final fruit of holiness? To whom can you do good today?

Tuesday

Sing Psalm 73.

Read Romans 6:17-19a, John 8:25-38, and WSC 35.

What is the form or standard of teaching? What does it mean that Christians are committed to it? How have you heard this teaching? How does Jesus say we can be set free from sin?

Friday

Sing “Take my Life and Let it Be”.
Read Romans 6:15-23, Proverbs 10:16-17, and WSC 35.

What is a wage? How do our sins earn death? Why is it important to know that eternal life is a free gift? That it is in Christ? Who do you know that does not have this gift? Pray and ask the Lord to save them, and thank Him for giving you the gifts of justification and sanctification.

SMALL GROUPS

Adams - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Adams House

Contact: Matt (913) 221-7065

Demers/Raines - Rogers

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Demers House

Contact: Grant (512) 576-5378 or
Caleb (479) 366-9114

Bean/Wieda/Tilley - Centerton

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Tilley House

Contact: Cody (903) 513-6719 or
Kenny (479) 616-7493

Walker - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

Contact: Wes (479) 409-8831

Chambers/Fuoss - Centerton

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fuoss House

Contact: Ryan (484) 574-4481 or
Latham (479) 903-4169

Warren/Taylor - Bella Vista

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Warren House

Contact: John (210) 317-3127

SERMON NOTES

STILL NO THIRD WAY Romans 6:15-23

INTRODUCTION

I. WHO WE ONCE WERE

II. WHO WE ARE NOW

CONCLUSION



WWW.CHRISTCHURCHBENTONVILLE.ORG

CHRIS TAYLOR
SENIOR PASTOR/TEACHING ELDER

(479) 644 9248

CHRISTAYLOR@CHRISTCHURCHBENTONVILLE.ORG

AARON RAINES
ASSOCIATE PASTOR/TEACHING ELDER

(479) 644 6148

AARONRAINES@CHRISTCHURCHBENTONVILLE.ORG

**MEETING
SUNDAY
EVENINGS
AT
5:00PM**

**BENTONVILLE COMMUNITY
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

220 NW A ST, BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS
