

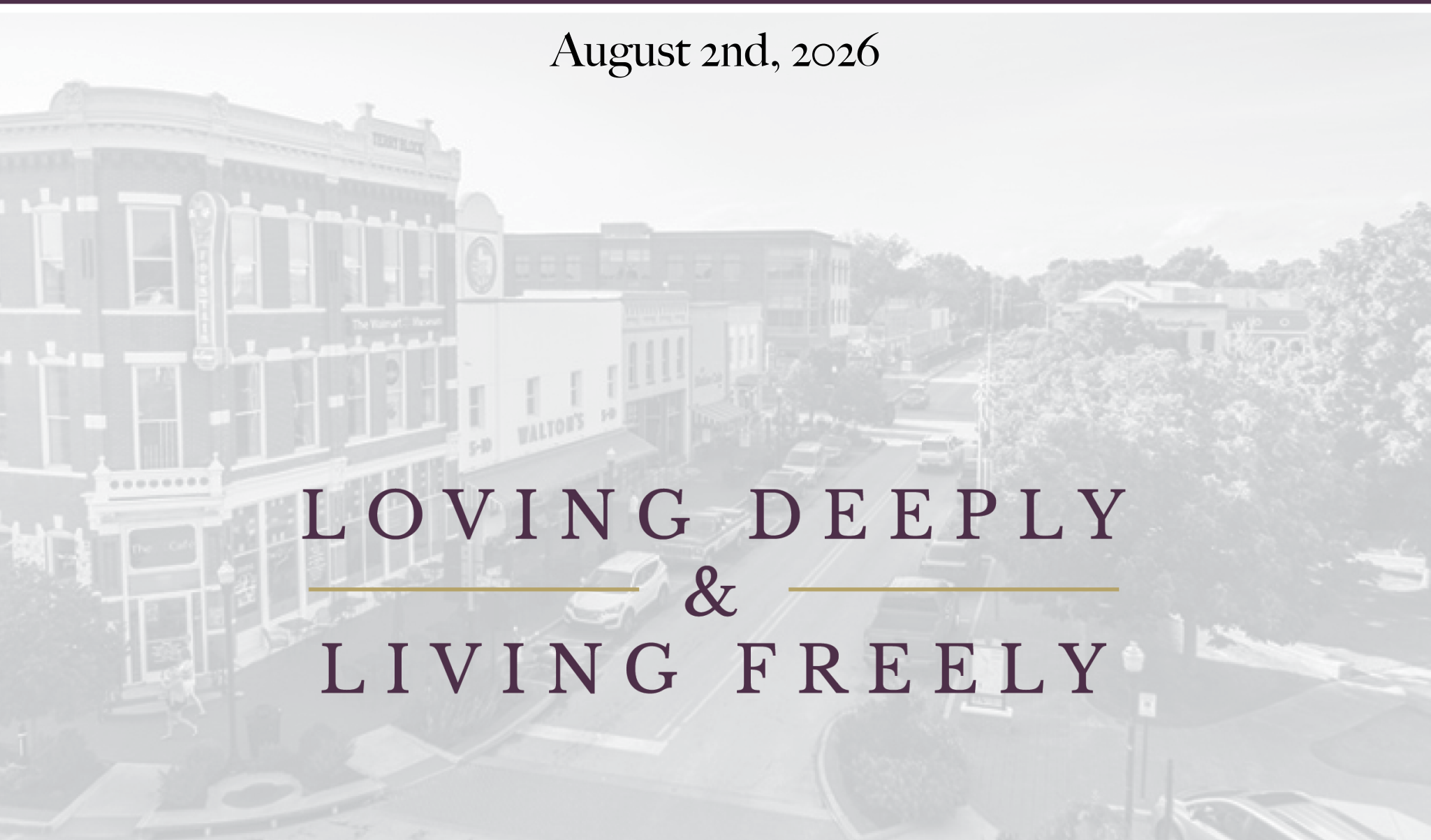


CHRIST CHURCH

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August 2nd, 2026

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&
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.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.

- Micah 4:1-5

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 give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.*

- Psalm 107:1-3

Come O Creator, Spirit Blest

mp

Hymn of Praise

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

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment, featuring a treble and bass staff. The tempo is marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into three systems, each with six measures. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The first system contains six numbered verses. The second and third systems continue the lyrics across the remaining measures.

1. Come, O Cre a - tor, Spi - rit blest, and in our
2. You are the great Com - for - ter, we cry, sent to the
3. Bring - ing from hea - ven our se - ven - fold dow'r, sign of our
4. Make our dull minds with rap - ture glow, let hu - man
5. Far from our souls the foe re - pel; grant in us
6. Show us the Fath - er, Ho - ly One; help us to

hearts take up Your rest; Spi - rit of grace with
earth from God Most High, foun - tain of life and
God's right hand of pow'r, O bless - ed Spi - rit
hearts with love o'er - flow; and when our fee - ble
peace hence - forth to dwell; ill shall not come, nor
know th'e - ter - nal Son; Spi - rit di - vine, for -

heav - en - ly aid come to the souls whom You have made.
fire of love, and our a - noin - ting from a - bove.
pro - mised long, Your com - ing wakes the heart to song!
flesh would fail, may Your im - mor - tal strength pre - vail.
harm be - tide, if on - ly You will be our guide.
e - ver - more. You will we trust, and You a - dore.

Corporate

Lament 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: *Be not silent, O God of my praise! For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues.*

All: *They encircle me with words of hate, and attack me without cause.*

Elder: *In return for my love they accuse me, but I give myself to prayer.*

All: *So they reward me evil for good, and hatred for my love.*

Elder: *But you, O God my Lord, deal on my behalf for your name's sake; because your steadfast love is good, deliver me!*

All: *For I am poor and needy, and my heart is stricken within me. I am gone like a shadow at evening; I am shaken off like a locust. My knees are weak through fasting; my body has become gaunt, with no fat. I am an object of scorn to my accusers; when they see me, they wag their heads.*

Elder: *Help me, O Lord my God! Save me according to your steadfast love!*

All: *Let them know that this is your hand; you, O Lord, have done it!*

**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 6 (O Lord In Wrath Rebuke Me Not)

(TUNE: HAMBURG - When I Survey)

OPC/URCNA

Lowell Mason

2 3 4 5

O Lord, in wrath re - buke me not; in an - ger
My soul with an - guish is dis - stressed. O Lord, how
For none in death re - mem - bers You, and who will
My eyes grow weak with tears of grief; they fail be -
The Lord ac - cepts my prayer for help; the Lord has

6 7 8 9 10

do not chas - ten me. Have mer - cy Lord, for
long will You de - lay? Lord, turn to me, and
praise You from the grave? My sighs and moa - ning
cause of all my foes. De - part from me, all
heard my cry and plea. My en - e - mies dis -

11 12 13 14 15 16

I am faint; Lord, heal me in my a - go - ny.
free my soul; in lo - ving - kind - ness, save, I pray.
wea - ry me; each night my bed with tears I bathe.
e - vil men! The Lord has heard my tear - ful woes.
graced and shamed, will sud - den - ly turn back from me.

**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: *With my mouth I will give great thanks to the Lord; I will praise him in the midst of the throng. For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save him from those who condemn his soul to death.*
- Psalm 109:30-31

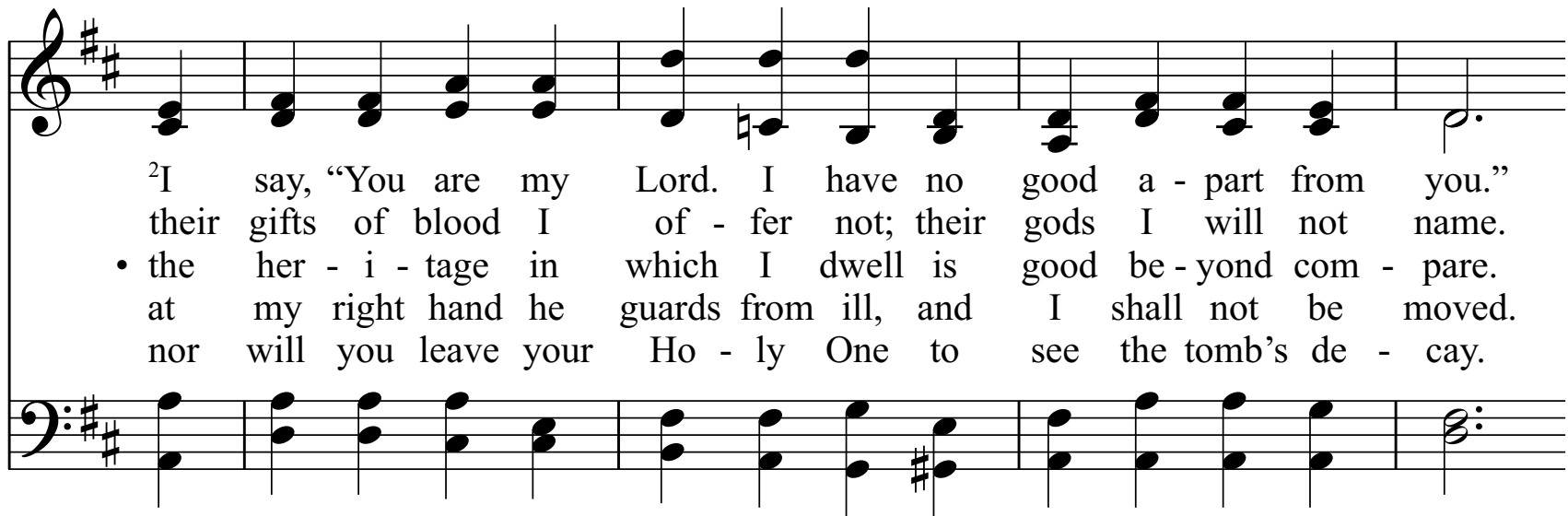
Hymn of Faith

*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.*

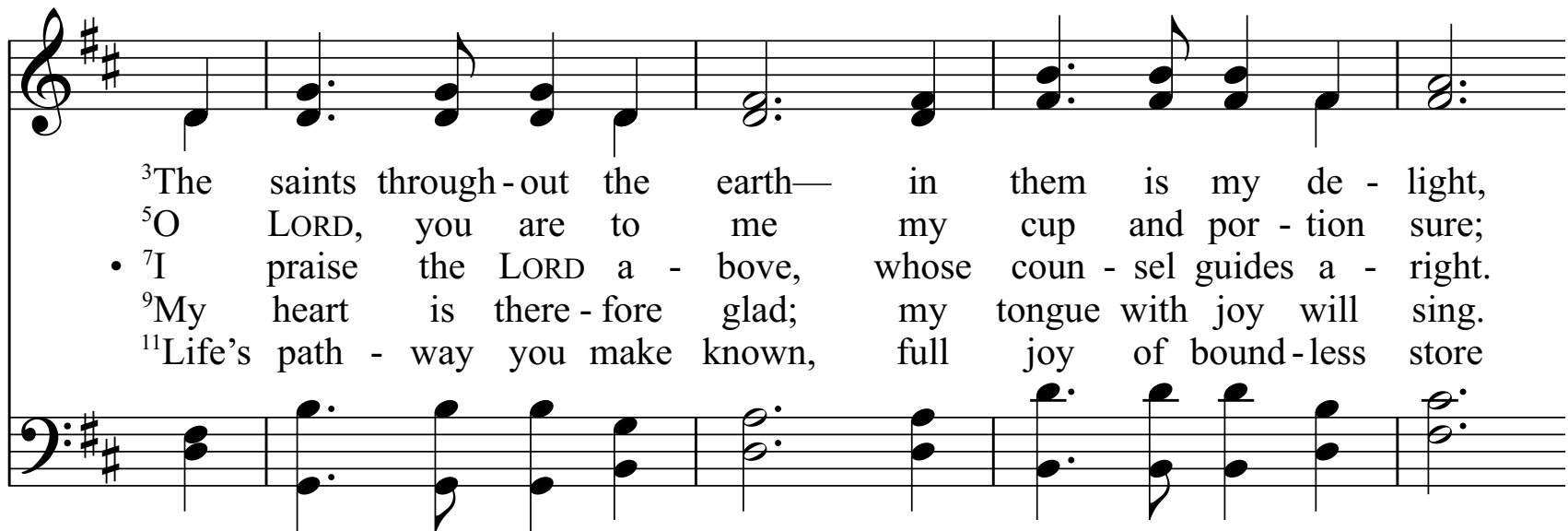
Psalm 16A



1. ¹Pre - serve me, O my God; you are my ref - uge true.
2. ⁴Those seek - ing oth - er gods shall mul - ti - ply their pain;
3. ⁶The lot that fell to me is beau - ti - ful and fair;
4. ⁸I keep be - fore me still the LORD whom I have proved;
5. ¹⁰For you will not for - sake my soul un - to the grave,



²I say, "You are my Lord. I have no good a - part from you."
their gifts of blood I of - fer not; their gods I will not name.
• the her - i - tage in which I dwell is good be - yond com - pare.
at my right hand he guards from ill, and I shall not be moved.
nor will you leave your Ho - ly One to see the tomb's de - cay.



³The saints through - out the earth— in them is my de - light,
⁵O LORD, you are to me my cup and por - tion sure;
• ⁷I praise the LORD a - bove, whose coun - sel guides a - right.
⁹My heart is there - fore glad; my tongue with joy will sing.
¹¹Life's path - way you make known, full joy of bound - less store



for ex - cel - lent are they who live as ho - ly in your sight.
the lot that you as - sign to me you guard and keep se - cure.
• My heart in - structs me in his love in sea - sons of the night.
My bod - y, too, will rest se - cure in hope un - wav - er - ing.
is found with you; at your right hand are plea - sures ev - er - more.

**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.

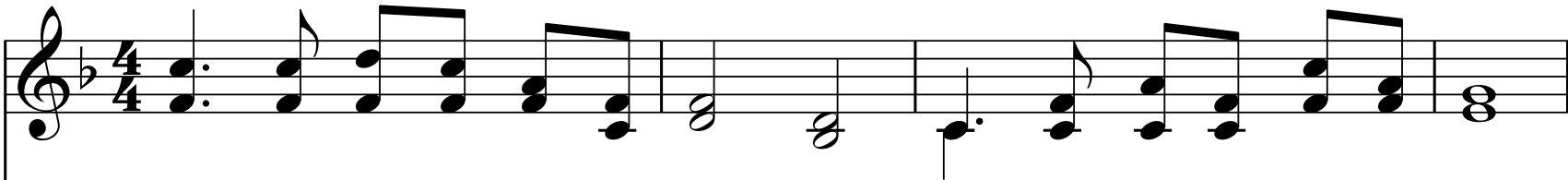
New Testament - Mark 8:31-9:1

Old Testament - Isaiah 36

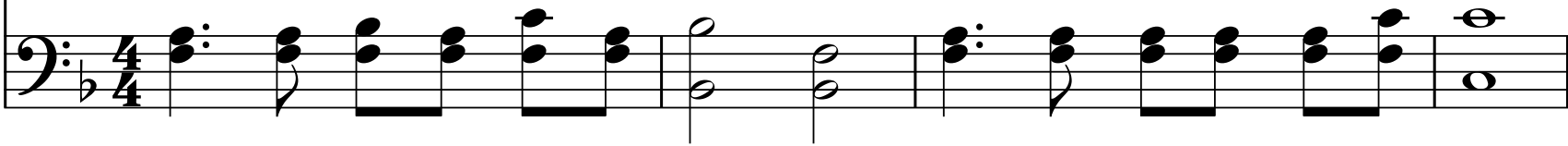
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

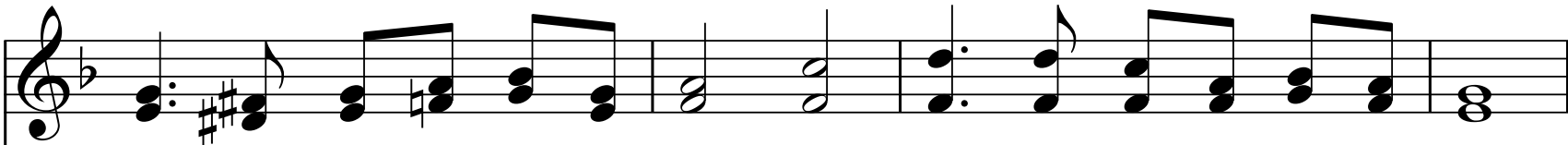
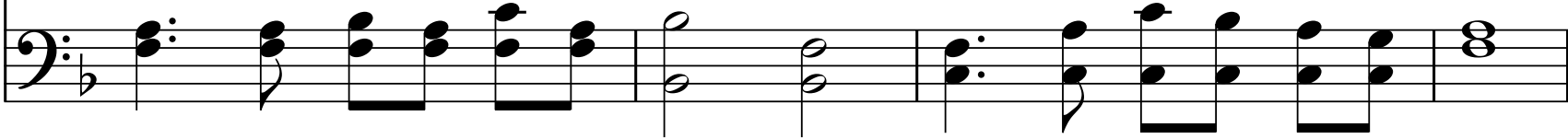
What a Friend We Have in Jesus



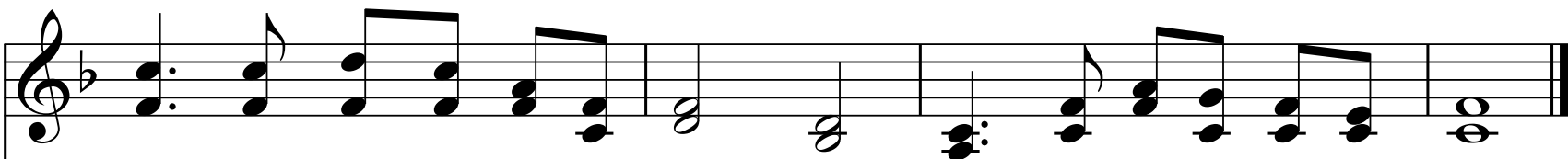
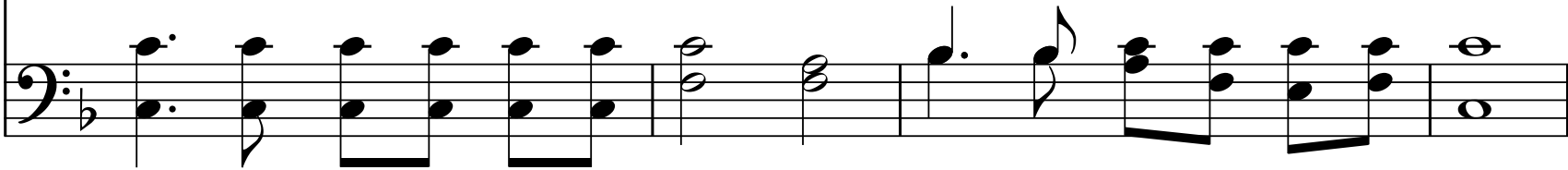
1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.



Sermon

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

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.*

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.*

ENEMY AT THE GATES

Isaiah 36

(A note-taking guide is provided on the final page)

For the Children - Rabshakeh, Assyria, enemy, Hezekiah, Judah, Satan, temptation, trust, Lord, Christ

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**

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!

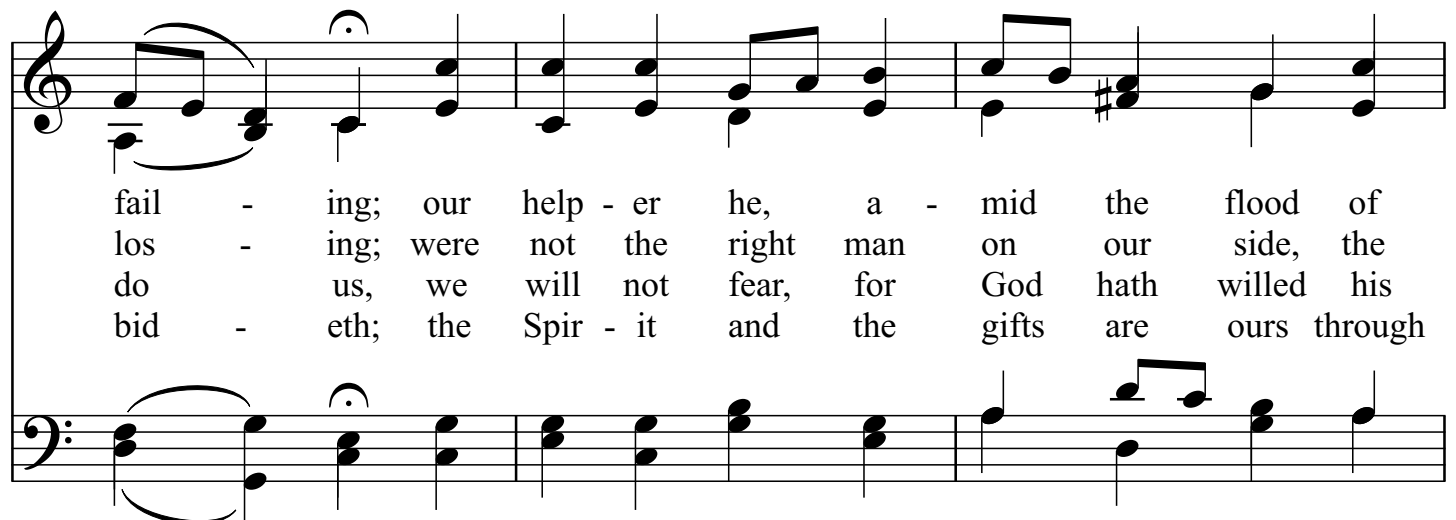
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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.



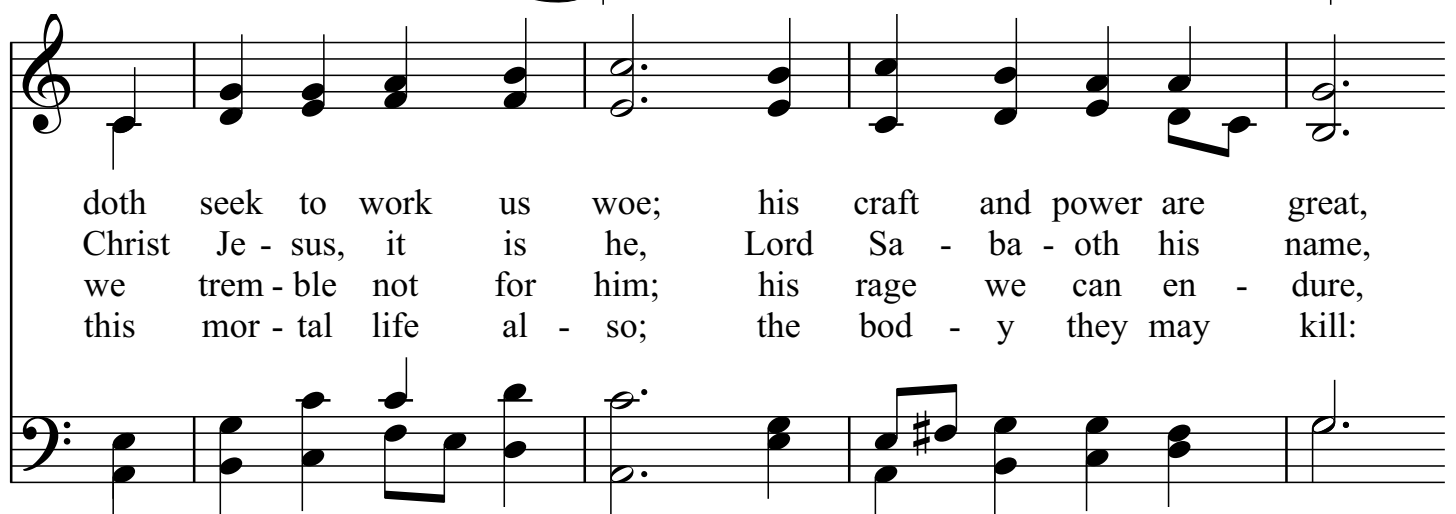
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



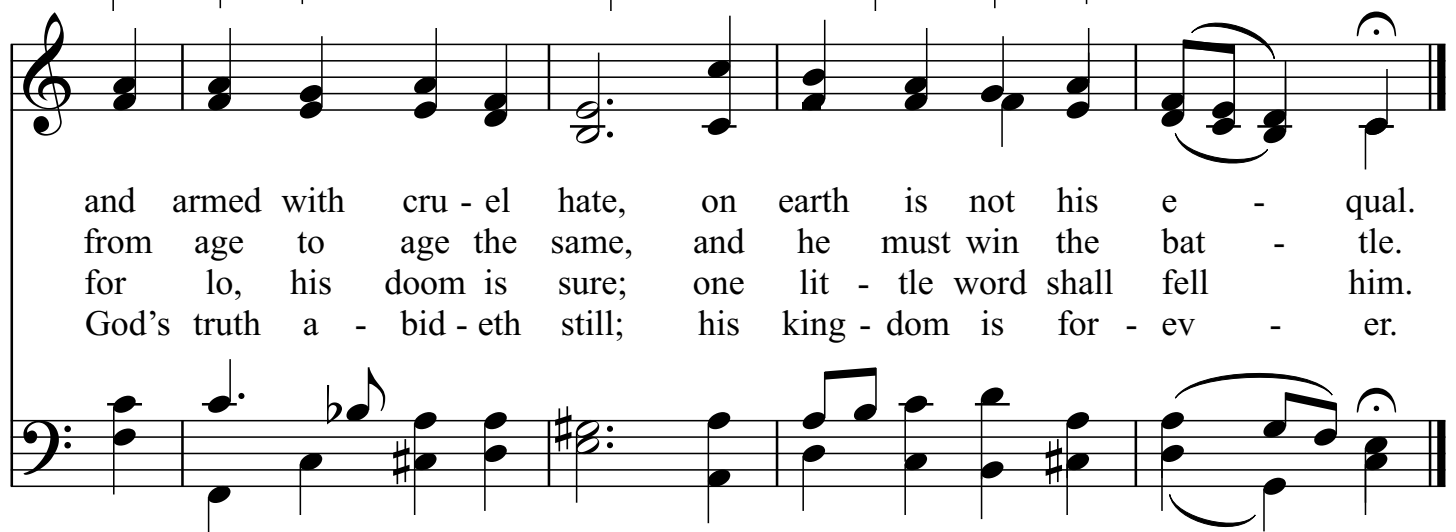
fail - ing; our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:



and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
for lo, his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. Grace be with all of you.

- Hebrews 13:20-21,25

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 106

Q: What do we pray for in the sixth petition [of the Lord’s Prayer]?

A: In the sixth petition (which is, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil) we pray, That God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

Wednesday

Sing Psalm 16.

Read Isaiah 36:11-17, Micah 4:1-5, and WSC 106.

Why does the Rabshakeh speak directly to the people? What false promises does he give? How are they deceitful? How are you tempted to seek comfort apart from the Lord? Why?

Monday

Sing “Come, O Creator, Spirit Blest”.

Read Isaiah 36:1-6, Isaiah 7, and WSC 106.

How had Assyria fulfilled Isaiah’s earlier prophecies? Why was the location of this meeting significant? What reasons did Judah have for trusting the Lord? What reasons do you have to have confidence in Him? How are you tempted to doubt that confidence?

Thursday

Sing “What a Friend...”

Read Isaiah 36:18-20, Matthew 4:1-11, and WSC 106.

What is true about the Rabshakeh’s words? What is false? How is his whole speech similar to the serpent in the garden? To the devil with Jesus in the wilderness? To how you experience temptation? How can you respond in faith?

Tuesday

Sing Psalm 6.

Read Isaiah 36:7-10, Psalm 20, and WSC 106.

What was true about the Rabshakeh’s words? What is true about what he says regarding Egypt? How does he twist that truth? In what ways are you weak? How might that tempt you to misplace your trust?

Friday

Sing “A Mighty Fortress...”

Read Isaiah 36:21-22, Proverbs 9:6-7 and 25:4-5, and WSC 106.

Why did the men remain silent? Why did they tear their clothes? How can we know the right time to respond to scoffers? The right time to stay silent? What is “steadfast lament”? How could you practice it? How can the Lord’s Prayer help you in times of temptation?

SMALL GROUPS

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1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fried House

Contact: Latham (479) 903-4169

Walker - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

Contact: Wes (479) 409-8831

Taylor/Solms - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Solms House

Contact: Caleb (479) 295-5011

Youth Small Group - Bella Vista

2nd and 4th Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Wieda or Raines House

Contact: Kenny (479) 616-7493

SERMON NOTES

ENEMY AT THE GATES Isaiah 36

INTRODUCTION

I. DENIGRATING THEIR STANDING

II. DERIDING THEIR WEAKNESS

III. DECEPTIVE PROMISES

IV. DEFYING THE LORD

V. DEPENDENT RESPONSE



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