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Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, January 24, 2021

*During the prelude, please prepare your heart
to worship our gracious, Almighty God together.*

Meditation

THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

"They, whom God hath accepted in His Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by His Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved."

Prelude

JAQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

"With a Prayer" Arr. Frick

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

REVELATION 19:11-16

Leader: Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

People: **His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.**

Leader: He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

People: **And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.**

Leader: From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

People: **On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.**

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 101

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

1 Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

3 Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

4 To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 175

"A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord"

1 A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, a wonderful Savior to me; he hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, where rivers of pleasure I see.

Refrain:

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land; he hideth my life in the depths of his love, and covers me there with his hand, and covers me there with his hand.

2 A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, he taketh my burden away; he holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved; he giveth me strength as my day. [Refrain]

3 With numberless blessings each moment he crowns, and filled with his fullness divine, I sing in my rapture, O, glory to God for such a Redeemer as mine! [Refrain]

4 When clothed in his brightness, transported I rise to meet him in clouds of the sky, his perfect salvation, his wonderful love, I'll shout with the millions on high. [Refrain]

Confession of Sin

BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. *Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon:

PSALM 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

MARSHA GLOVER / PIANIST

"Come to Jesus" by Chris Rice

Dismiss Children For Children's Church (3 & 4 year olds)

Reading of Holy Scripture

LUKE 8:4-15 (NIV)

4 While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: 5 "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. 6 Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and

choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."

When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

9 His disciples asked him what this parable meant. 10 He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

"though seeing, they may not see;
though hearing, they may not understand."

11 "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. 14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. 15 But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

"The Seed and the Sower"

Hymn of Response *

N^o. 146

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea; throughout the sacred page I seek thee, Lord; my spirit pants for thee, O living Word.

2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as though didst bless the bread by Galilee; then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All in all!

3 Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me, thy holy Word the truth that saveth me; give me to eat and live with thee above; teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.

4 O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me, that he may touch mine eyes

and make me see; show me the truth concealed within thy Word, and in thy Book revealed I see the Lord.

Offertory Prayer

Doxology *

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Benediction

* Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Luke 8:4-15

"The Seed and the Sower"

1. The Perspective on Fighting for Fruitfulness
2. The Precariousness of Fighting for Fruitfulness
3. The Principles of Fighting for Fruitfulness
4. The Preservation of Fighting for Fruitfulness

Announcements

Communion: Prepare your heart to celebrate the Lord's Supper on Feb 7th.

Women's Winter Bible Study: Wednesdays, February 3-March 10, 6:15pm - 7:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to safely gather together and grow in our knowledge and love for the LORD as we continue to trace biblical themes throughout the Bible. We will trace the following themes: From Chaos to Cosmos, Redemptive Reversals, and Work. You have the option of participating in-person (safely distanced) or virtually via Zoom. Can't wait to see all of you!

Workbooks will be ready to pick up in the church office on January 24. Any questions, please let Rebekah Dawson know.

Our Daily Bread: Pick up your copy of the March-May issue in the breezeway.

2021 Offering Envelopes: Offering Envelopes are in the breezeway.

Flowers: 2021 calendar is on the bulletin board downstairs. If you have a date you prefer please sign up early to reserve that date. Feel free to call the church office to sign up.

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00): Jan 17	55
Live Views	26
Total Online Views	43
Sunday School	52
Last Week's Offering:	\$ 6,152.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$ 11,225.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving	\$ 21,483.00 (-\$10,258)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by Jim and Melinda Neill.

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 AM — 12:30 PM

IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Rodney and Jana Davila (Costa Rica)
- **Ministry of the Month:** Covenant Seminary
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jackie Thompson and Chris Groebe
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Georgia Williams
- **College Student of the Week:** Will Tolar
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



- **Sam Heath:** recovering from COVID-19; has lingering cough.
- **Robbe Mahaffey:** recovered from COVID-19.
- **Marsha Glover's Mother:** recovered fully from COVID-19.
- **Ken Bramlett:** having a CT scan to see if he has fluid in brain area; having a difficult time with balance; pain in his legs is ongoing but manageable at this time.
- **Taylor** (Ken & Nancy Bramlett's grandson): doing fine and back at work.
- **Debbie Ford** (Beeg Ford's daughter-in-law): had heart surgery Dec 3rd; improving; Doctors are still working to regulate her heart.
- **Jean Beasley** (Jeanne Monsour's neighbor): passed away on Jan 14th.
- **Cindy Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): had open heart surgery; slowing improving; more awake now but does have breathing problems and some memory loss; husband, Gary, is still not allowed to see her due to COVID regulations in WI.
- **Jennifer McDonald** (Julie Rogers' daughter): recovered from COVID-19; still having issues with her sense of smell.
- **Elsa Davis** (Earl Davis' Mother): passed away on Dec 31st.
- **Bob Booth:** has ALS; receiving physical, occupational and respiratory therapies, as well as, home health.
- **Bill Glover:** still experiencing many problems due to Parkinson's; hopeful of seeing his doctor soon.
- **Jerry Moore:** please pray for him to regain strength and for his new medications to be effective.
- **Daisy Lucas** (Kathy & Jim Smith's niece): chronic liver disease; continues to improve; doctors have been able to further reduce her steroids and other medications; she is feeling much better.
- **Brandi Brock:** had gastric sleeve surgery on Nov 9th; hopes she can lose enough weight to be eligible for a kidney transplant.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 15th birthday, Jan 18th.
- **Will Glover** (Marsha & Bill Glover's Son): cancer has reappeared on the brain stem; has been unable to walk and continues to have trouble swallowing and with speech; recently evaluated for PT.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; Dec 15th scan was stable,
- **Kala Richardson** (Kerri Matthews' friend): small cell lung cancer; metastasized to her liver; recently began treatment.
- **Robin Marbury Morris** (Jeanne Monsour's Niece): liver & colon cancer; continuing chemo but getting weaker.
- **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' Uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking; receiving treatment.
- **Gib Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' Father): esophageal cancer; slowly getting worse, starting to have more bad days; sees the oncologist in January.
- **Sarah Parks Martin** (relative of Bob and Carol Booth & PCA pastor's wife): breast cancer; through with Chemo, doing well.
- **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's Nephew): Desmoplastic small round cell tumor (DSRCT); approved for clinical trial at MSK and 6 week treatment began on Nov 9th; Praise the Lord! Please pray for shrinkage of the tumors and successful management of the concerning fluid build up.
- **Steven Bell** (Tiffany Glover's brother): liver/colon cancer; doing well.
- **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor); Jerry Long, Batesville Pres (kidney cancer).



- **Service members:** Glenn Stewart (S. Korea; Sam Heath's nephew); Isaac Jay (Army, Fort Polk; Elton & Sonia Jay's grandson); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Matthew Hellier (Japan); S.T. Heath; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew)



- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Ken Bramlett, Evelyn Culpepper, Bob & Jody Nelson, Laverne Parks, Laverne Roberts

Women's Winter Bible Study

"Telling the Story of Chaos to CoSMoS, Redemptive Reversals, and Work"

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Wednesdays, 6:15pm - 7:30pm

February 3 - March 10

**Led by: Michelle Smith, Lisa Hellier and
Rebecca Thompson**

We will meet at BPC in the Fellowship Hall. Tables will be spread throughout the entire Fellowship Hall to accommodate social distancing requirements. No food will be served. Masks are to be worn.

**Workbooks will be available for pickup in the
church office beginning January 24.**

If you would like to listen in via Zoom -
please let Rebekah D. or one of the leaders know.