



November 26, 2023—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

“In a spirit of thankfulness let me recall the mercies you lavished on me, O my God. May I be flooded with love for you until my very bones cry out, ‘Who is like you, O Lord?’” -Augustine (Confessions, Book VIII)

Prelude *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* setting by Wayne Wold

*The prelude is a bridge from our busy lives into this hour of worship.
Feel free to greet one another during this time, or to quiet your heart in prayer and reflection.*

Community Life Update

*Call to Worship

Psalm 1
2023 Memory Passage

**All: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.
He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymns of Praise

Hymnal, 115
Kids Church Hymn of the Month

¹ All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

⁴ And all ye men of tender heart,

Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

⁵ Let all things their Creator bless,

And worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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* Please stand if you are able.

¹ Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Hymnal, 53

² Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

³ Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee.

⁵ Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; Gladly fore'er we adore him.

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*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Scripture Reading

James 1:2-8, 11-18

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Romans 8:37-39

...We are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Grace and Peace

Revelation 5:5, 22:1-5

And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals..." Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Choral Meditation

No Night There

God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid.

*There shall be no night there, no crying there.
God shall wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes.*

Even in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
Lo, I am with you always, even to the end.

God is with us, God is for us.
Do not be afraid, I am with you, I am for you.

No night there.

*Words: Matt. 1:23, 28:20, Rev. 21:3, Psalm 118:6, 23:4, Luke 1:13, 30, Matt. 1:20, Luke 2:10, Rev. 22:5, 21:4;
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*Hymn of Worship

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.

8:30 am—One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.

9:45 am—One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for the Promised Land,
I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for the Promised Land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

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Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Acts 27:37-38

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Gratitude: Paul

Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

*Hymn of Response

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore; Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord - His mercy is more, Stronger than darkness - new every morn.
Our sins they are many - His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor; Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us; His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford; Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Neel Skelton, Next Generation Pastor (8:30); Jason Cochran, Ruling Elder (9:45)

New Today? Welcome!

We're so glad you are here! Fill out a blue Connect Card and stop by and turn it in at the Welcome Desk for a free gift. Also, join us for coffee in the Welcome Center between 9:30 and 11:15 am. We would love to meet you. Learn more about our schedule, events and ministry here:

Sunday Schools
and Electives



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Events and
Registrations



“Angels in Advent”—Advent Season is Here!

We have been planning for the celebration of the Advent season and now it is upon us! See our full Advent Schedule on our website at mitchellroad.org/advent. Take time to consider unbelieving friends, neighbors, or co-workers who you could invite to hear the Good News of the birth of our Savior!

December Elective—The Promises of God, 9:45 in the Learning Commons

How would my life be different if I believed and rested in the power of God's promises? Join us for this three week December elective with Kenneth and Diane Parham as we answer this important question that shapes each of our lives.

Exploring Prayer 2023—This Week's Prayer

Give thanks for the community at Mitchell Road that God placed you in (Heb. 10:24-25)