

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Come, All Ye Faithful # 100

HYMN

Tell Me The Old, Old Story # 229

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be **no midweek service** this coming week, Wed the 27th.

CLOSING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation # 186

A man once said, "The early Christians did not say in dismay, "Look what the world has come to"; but rather in delight, "Look WHO has come into the world!"

Perhaps we need to be more like those early Christians. While it is impossible for those who walk in the light to ignore or be indifferent toward the "*works of darkness*," yet we should fix our hearts upon Zion's King, the Lord Jesus Christ, and rejoice with thanksgiving that such an One came into this sinful world and performed such an amazing, effectual work of love for those who were His natural enemies.

- Maurice Montgomery (1939-2015)

Private prayer is very important. Private devotion is very important. However, the gathering of God's people together to worship the Lord is far more important. Psalm 87:2 "*The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.*" Let us love what our LORD loves more than all else, our gathering together to worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

- John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

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"for I know whom I have believed,"

- 2 Tim. 1:12

Knowing facts is not salvation. Knowing solid biblical truths is not salvation. Knowing the five points of Calvinism is not salvation. Salvation is a person not a knowledge, understanding, or experience. Everyone saw the light on the road to Damascus, only Paul heard the voice. "*that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;*" Philippians 3:10.

- Caleb Hickman (Oley, PA)

Afflicted saint, when you are fretful and desponding – think what a lost soul, who had been in Hell but an hour, would give for a drop of that grace which you have in your heart! Think seriously of this and be thankful!

- Thomas Brooks (1608-1680)

While the world beholds only a baby in a manger, God's saints see what Simeon saw when he took the babe up in his arms, "*For mine eyes have seen THY SALVATION, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A LIGHT to lighten the Gentiles, and THE GLORY of thy people Israel.*" (Lu 2:25-32)

- R.C. Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

My spiritual life began in looking to Christ only. The way I persevere in the faith is by continuing to look to Christ only. My desire is that the last breath I take here on earth will be looking to Christ only. The employment of eternity, albeit without this sinful nature, will be looking to Christ only! "*We shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is*" (I John 3:2) and will still look to Him only.

- Todd Nibert (Lexington, KY)

