

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### O Worship the King #1

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- December birthdays: Audrina Jonilionis 9<sup>th</sup>; Sadie McPheeters 15<sup>th</sup>; Matt Skiffington 19<sup>th</sup>; Caid McPheeters 20<sup>th</sup>
- Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at our regular time.

#### HYMN

### Nearer, My God, to Thee #357

#### MESSAGES

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

- If John 15:14
- Religion Today Judges 21:25

#### CLOSING HYMN

### Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness #217

I need constantly to remind myself that “all things are of God.” Let me not preach sovereignty and then complain of my lot in life. Let me not talk of Divine purpose and then spend my days murmuring about my trials and troubles. It is totally inconsistent with faith in the sovereign Christ for me to question His good providence. Paul called covetousness idolatry and said, “I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content” (Phil. 4:11). I pray for submission, for with it comes peace and rest.

- Henry Mahan (1926-2019)

Faith is necessary for salvation. But we do not look to our faith to save us; rather, in faith, we look to Christ. Repentance is necessary for salvation. But we do not look to our repentance to save us; rather, in repentance, we turn to Christ. There are graces, which God works in us as He saves us. But these graces are never to be the object of our trust, confidence or hopeful gaze. All the graces God gives us in salvation are to be used to look to, turn to, appreciate, and lay hold of Christ, who is our salvation!

- Joe Terrell (1955-2024)

#### Our Citizenship

Have you ever lived out of this country? We lived in a foreign country for over 25 years. We lived there. Paid bills there. Had friends there. Had our children there. But all that time, our citizenship was here in this country. We knew that though we went through heartaches, trials, troubles, and conflicts, we were going to leave and come back to this country. It was not our home. Not legally nor emotionally.

We were bound by the laws of that country. But there were so many things that made us different. It was not hard to tell that we did not belong there. We were foreigners. We were in that country, but we were not of that country.

When it rained on that country, we got wet. When the sun shined, it shined on us. But we lived in a way that did not bring reproach on our home country. We lived there during the administrations of Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, and Bush, but we never talked against our president.

We did what we could to keep a low profile. When we went to town, we tried to dress in such a way that we did not stand out. We did not mix in the politics of the country. We did not try to persuade people to our way of thinking. We did what we thought was right, and left the rest alone. We left Mexico to the Mexicans.

So in this world believers are subject to the ups and downs of this world. We are sick just like the people of this world. We have tribulation just like all the rest. When there is no food we get hungry like the rest. In this world we submit to those in authority. We lead orderly and peaceable lives. We are simply passing through. Bless it in your travel, but do not yoke yourself with its affairs. You may wish all things were different, but remember you are in a foreign country. When possible, we help those among whom we live. We do what we can to point them to Christ – to point them to eternal life. You cannot make the world like Heaven, so do not make it a dwelling place for your soul.

-pastor Milton Howard

*“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*

Romans 12:2

**"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law"**  
**(Deuteronomy 29:29)**

There are many things that I do not understand, cannot comprehend, and God has not revealed. But He understands, comprehends, and knows them. I may not know what He is doing, but He does, and I trust Him. He is and whatever He does is right because He is God! And we leave it there! Not with a sullen resignation, but with joy and confidence in Him! "The secret things belong to the Lord."

But there are also the things which are revealed. Whatever He has revealed we are bound to believe and obey. He has revealed that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rather than grappling with questions that we cannot answer, we are to call on His Name to save us. That can be said regarding all that He has revealed. We are called upon to trust Him in what we do not see, and obey Him in what we do see. Oh, for grace to trust Him in what we do not see and obey Him in what we do see!

*-pastor Todd Nibert*

“The sinful creature remains dead until Christ comes and gives life, and when he does give life, the unworthy, ungodly, dead, corrupt creature lives, and knows it by experience and the revealed Word of God.”

– *Tommy Robbins (1948-2011)*

## Notes:

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*“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”*

## *Revelation 22:17*

December 7, 2025

## Service Times

Sunday Bible Study - 10:15 AM  
Sunday Service - 11:00 AM  
Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." - *Matthew 11:29*