



February 5, 2023—11:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Welcome

Community Life

*Gathering Song

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven, where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets,
To look upon the one who bled to save me, and walk with Him for all eternity.

*There will be a day when all will bow before Him. There will be a day when death will be no more.
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again, Holy, holy is the Lord.*

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation. The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear.
In the end we'll see that it was worth it. When He returns to wipe away our tears.

And on that day we join the resurrection, and stand beside the heroes of the faith,
With one voice a thousand generations, sing "Lamb of God, forever He shall reign."

*So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven with angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave, Holy, holy is the Lord*

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*Call to Worship

from Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: We worship the Lord with gladness, and come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

People: We give thanks to him and praise his name.

Leader: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

People: his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Prayer of Adoration

** Please stand if you are able.*

Call to Confession (*unison*)

from The Book of Common Prayer

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Proclamation of the Gospel

1 John 1:6-10

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Song of Worship

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Church. One parent will need to escort the child to the Commons Area.

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will;
And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;
And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place;
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ, Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,
And let my song forever be my only boast is You.

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Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Exploring Prayer: Suffering Prayer* Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Communion Prayer

Based on The Valley of Vision prayer, "The Lord's Supper"

Leader: God of all good, You have prepared for us a feast;
and because we are unworthy in ourselves to sit down as guests,
we wholly rest on the merits of Jesus and hide ourselves in His righteousness.

**All: In this supper we remember the agony of the cross and the cost of redemption.
We rejoice in Your eternal love, boundless grace, and infinite compassion.**

Leader: We proclaim Your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

You may eat and drink the elements at any time.

Communion Songs

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile; and, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left thee, on to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need thy presence, every passing hour. What but thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory? I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross, before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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I love You Lord, oh your mercy never fails me. All my days, I've been held in your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God.

*All my life you have been faithful, all my life you have been so, so good!
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love your voice, you have led me through the fire. In darkest night you are close like no other.
I've known you as a father, I've known you as a friend, I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give you everything.
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.

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Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

*Parting Song

And on that day we join the resurrection, and stand beside the heroes of the faith,
With one voice a thousand generations, sing “Lamb of God, forever He shall reign.”

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*Benediction

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at the exits of the Fellowship Hall as you leave.*

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Electives: Barriers to Prayer— Begins Today at 9:45 am

Have you wanted to feel close to God in prayer but often feel like your prayers are going nowhere? Join us in the Learning Commons February 5, 12 and 19 as Next Generation Pastor Neel Skelton helps us think through what might be preventing us from connecting with God in prayer.

Missional Living Conference—February 24-26 A Growing Love for the Things God Loves

We are all missionaries of the gospel of grace, whether you live in another country or right here in Greenville. We each have been given the Spirit of Jesus to continue the mission of Jesus. We are all called to missional living. That means we must have *a growing love for the things God loves*. Come and see what His Spirit is up to around the world. Come and see how the Spirit moves in you to continue the mission of Jesus.

This Week's Prayer Focus

Loving Community: Pray that God would use MR to be a place where Christ-followers would gather to care for the church and Greenville through service, mercy, compassion, teaching, accountability, and friendship.
(Jn. 13:31-35)