

# firstbaptistchurch

April 5, 2020

**Song**

“Ancient of Days”

**Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 64**

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“Speak, O Lord”

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**Matthew 10:16-39**

**Song**

“How Sweet and Aweful is the Place”

**Study**

**The Advance of the Gospel**

**Philippians 1:12-18**

**(listen)**

**Pastor Chad**

**12** I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, **13** so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. **14** And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

**15** Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. **16** The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. **17** The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.

**18** What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

**Discussion**

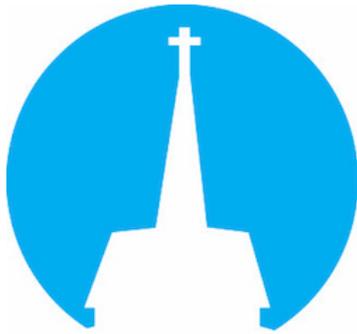
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## Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains:  
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me, I am not alone  
O His love is sure, and He knows my name  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

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Though I may not see what the future brings  
I will watch and wait for the Savior King  
Then my joy complete standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

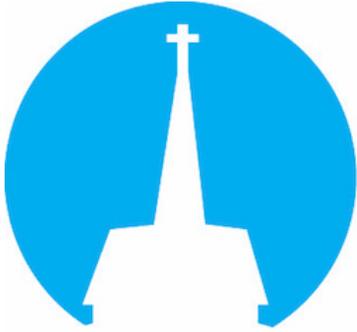
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## Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.



## **How Sweet and Aweful Is the Place**

How sweet and awesome is this place  
With Christ within the doors,  
While everlasting love displays  
The choicest of her stores!

While all our hearts and all our songs  
Join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues,  
"Lord, why was I a guest?"

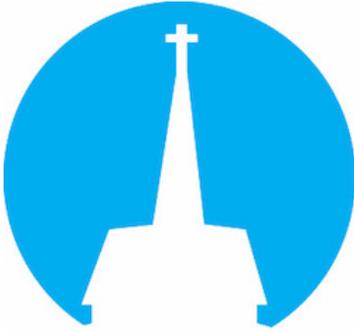
"Why was I made to hear Thy voice,  
And enter while there's room,  
When thousands make a wretched choice,  
And rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast  
That sweetly drew us in;  
Else we had still refused to taste,  
And perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God!  
Constrain the earth to come;  
Send Thy victorious Word abroad,  
And bring the strangers home.

We long to see Thy churches full,  
That all the chosen race  
May with one voice, and heart and soul,  
Sing Thy redeeming grace.

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### ***Study Questions:***

1.) How does v. 12 speak to our current situation? How is the gospel advancing in vv.13-14? What does Paul mean in v. 13 that his "imprisonment is for Christ?" According to Paul, what enabled these Christians to be bold in preaching the gospel? How do we know if the gospel is advancing through us?

2.) Who are the groups of people in vv. 15-18? What are the differences between these two groups of people? Why could Paul rejoice in prison and affliction? What are the two applications we learn from these verses? How can you apply these verses to our present situation?

### ***Prayer:***

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***Our Leaders:*** Alex Azar, United States Secretary of Health and Human Services

***Our Missionaries:*** David and Elisabet Barcelo/Spain

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