

**Hixson Presbyterian Church
September 16, 2018**

Prelude

Greetings

Robert Johnson

Call to Worship Psalm 86:8-10

Prayer of Preparation & Confession

†To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

Chorus

Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

†Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.
The cross has saved us so we pray, "Your kingdom come."

Chorus: Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done, so that everyone might know Your Name.
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth, till Your sovereign work on earth is done.
Let Your kingdom come.

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till our dying breath. (Chorus)
Let Your will be done, so that everyone might know Your Name.
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,
till Your sovereign work
on earth is done. Let Your kingdom come!

Responsive Reading Psalm 32:1-6

†Softly And Tenderly

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me

See on the portals He's waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

Chorus

Come home come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling O sinner come home

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading
Pleading for you and for me
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies
Mercies for you and for me

Time is now fleeting the moments are passing
Passing from you and from me
Shadows are gathering death-beds are coming
Coming for you and for me

O for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Tho we have sinned He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me

Prayer of Intercession

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Please fill out the friendship folder found at the end of the pew
Children Pre-K through 1st grade are invited to Children's Church

Offertory *Instrumental*

Sermon

"Rethinking the Story"
Acts 14:8-20

Brian Fikkert

†Across the Lands

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began;
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

Chorus: You're the Author of creation,
You're the God of every man,
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of Heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
with a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered, that the guilty may go free. (Chorus)

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave
And ascended into Heaven, leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home. (Chorus twice)

Benediction

Postlude

Why Do We Do That?

Introduction - Why do we do what we do on Sunday?

Why do we do what we do during our corporate worship service on Sunday? Each element is a part of our worship because we believe they show honor to God in the way he wants to be honored. These aren't just made up elements. Whether it is preaching, prayer, singing, the benediction, or the call to worship, they are all pieces in a story that is told each Sunday, with each piece either commanded or exemplified in scripture. God has determined the way in which we should approach Him. As a church we try to be faithful to what God has revealed and to how the church has interpreted that revelation for millennia. Throughout the rest of this year we'll be filling in the blanks below about the various elements in our service (also called the Liturgy).

Sermon Notes - Brian Fikkert

“Rethinking the Story”

Acts 14:8-20

1. The message of Jesus Christ is the kingdom of God: the renewal of the entire cosmos
2. Jesus communicated this message in both words and deeds among the poor
3. Consistent with the restorative nature of His kingdom, Jesus’ deeds moved people closer to human flourishing
4. The church is called to continue Jesus’ mission: using words and deeds that move poor people closer to human flourishing

Announcements for the week September 16, 2018

- **TASK:** Tutoring After School Kids has begun and we are still in need of volunteers who are able to commit to tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30. Our capacity is determined by the number of volunteer tutors that return each year. We serve children in grades 1st through 5th. Please pray for the Lord to raise up additional tutors for this year. If you would like to be a part of our TASK ministry, please fill out the tear off and place it in the plate or see Reid Scott.
- **Muffins with Mom:** Join us on September 19th and 20th from 8:45 am - 9:30 am for an outreach opportunity to greet and meet parents and students of the Little Seekers Day School. We will enjoy muffins with the moms during this time.
- **Ladies Walk & Talk:** Saturday, September 22 at 2:00 pm at Greenway Farm in Hixson. All ladies are invited.
- **Church-wide Potluck and Bonfire:** Saturday, Sept. 29th. Dinner will begin at 5:15 with a bonfire to follow. We will supply the entrée and ask you to help with the rest. You can choose between foods like baked beans, s'more fixins, potato salad, and cole slaw (we have an easy recipe) and a few other things. Please sign up early. We have a table in the foyer with the sign up sheets. You may also sign up online or by using the tear-off.
- **Women of Influence, Women of Impact!** 2018 HPC Women's Retreat. November 9th-11th at Steiner Bell Lodge in Gatlinburg. Registration is now open. Please stop by the table in the foyer for more information. Registration ends in October.

New Fall Sunday School Classes

The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark & Luke) - We have been given four accounts of the life and ministry of Christ, three of which reference many of the same events, but all of which were written for a specific purpose and audience in mind. Come join us this fall as we journey through the first three gospels and learn more about the life and teachings of Jesus our King. Allow God's Word to transform your hearts as we behold Christ in the gospels! Meets in M-1 August 19th - December 16th (Taught by Greg Baney).

Titus & Fruitful Christian Living - This class is especially designed for married couples. We will explore the topic of collective and individual mentoring in the lives of married couples, guided by a careful study of the epistle of Titus. Members of the class will share their experience both mentoring others and being mentored by others. Meets in M-2 September 9th - December 16th. (Taught by Steven Edging)

Three Generations Class (20's 30's 40's) - This class will continue to meet and discuss the book, "Uncomfortable". Copies of the book can be obtained in the church office. Meets in the Conference Rm. August 19th - December 16th (Taught by Thomas & Cindy DeMoss).

Ladies Prayer Walk: We meet every Tuesday morning from 8:30-9:30. The first Tuesday of each month we meet in the TASK room to write messages on cards for our church family. All ladies are welcome. Please see Denise Jennings for more information.

Wednesday Night Discussion Group On the Topic of Marriage, 6:15-7:30pm

There will be six weeks of discussion group meetings starting on August 19th, ONLY on the week following the sermons on marriage.

Upcoming Women's Bible Study

Thursdays from Sept. 6th - Nov. 15th, 6:30 to 8:00pm at Paula Bonner's home. Please join us for a time of fellowship, study, and prayer as we look at Titus 2 to discover how God is a relational God and how we are to respond to Him and others by living in community with one another! We will be studying the book "Adorned" by Nancy Wolgemuth as a guide and springboard for discussions led by Leigh Anne Grant. We hope you will join us! There is no childcare provided for this study.

Thursday morning bible study for women led by Karen Bennett begins on Sept. 27th. We will do an 8 week study by Peacemakers Ministry called "Living the Gospel in Relationships". Childcare is available but only by request until Sunday, Sept. 23rd. More details to come. Please use the tear-off to sign up.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 16

Rethinking Missions Conference (*see schedule on mission page*)
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Missions Conference Evening Session and Dinner

Monday, September 17

6:15 pm Trail Life

Tuesday, September 18

8:30 am Prayer Walk
3:30 pm TASK

Wednesday, September 19

6:15 pm Choir Practice
HPC Kids Mid-week
DIG for Youth

Thursday, September 20

3:30 pm TASK

Friday, September 21

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
6:00 - 8:00 pm HPC 101

Saturday, September 22

9:00 am - 12:00 pm HPC 101
2:00 pm Ladies Walk & Talk

Contributions Report

General:	Sept. 9, 2018	Missions:	Sept. 9, 2018
Contributions	11,538.00	Contribution	405.00
Budget	15,200.00	Budget	1,876.00

Month to Date		Month to Date	
Contributions	31,273.00	Contributions	2,905.00
Budget	30,400.00	Budget	3,752.00

Building Fund Weekly	4,115	Month to Date	7,280
Weekly Goal	5,303	Monthly Goal	21,212

Rethinking Missions Schedule

9:30 am Sunday School: Room C-8 children K-5 Robert and Shirley Woodson

Youth: John Mark Scruggs & Scott and Kristin Livermore

Room M-1: David Campbell and Sandra McKinney

Room M-2: Rick Morton and Michelle Barrett

10:45 am: Worship Service: Dr. Brian Fikkert

12:00 pm: Meet with the Missionaries on People Street.

5:00 pm: Praying with Missionaries Room M-1

5:30 pm: Small Groups adopt a Missionary presented

Children (our youngest missionaries) sing

Dinner Menu: Beef steak stroganoff, green beans, slaw, rolls, pies

Our speakers for the evening session will be: Marc Mailloux and Robert Woodson