



PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

Sunday, January 29, 2023

In the beginning it pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the manifestation of the glory of his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, to create or make the world, and all things therein, whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days, and all very good.

The Second London Baptist Confession of Faith (1689)

Announcements & Call to Worship

Prelude **Glen Harper**

Special Music **Adult Choir**
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" by Watts/Moore

Hymn **All Creatures of Our God and King (11)**

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

4 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn Jesus Shall Reign (120)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honor and glory to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud "Amen"!

Hymn Across the Lands (198)

You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry 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!
You're the author of creation;
You're the Lord of ev'ry 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!
You're the author of creation;
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

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!
You're the author of creation;
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:24-31

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹ And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Offertory Prayer and Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Sermon **Dr. Blair Waddell**
'The Sixth Day: The Pinnacle of Creation' Genesis 1:24-31

Hymn **In Christ Alone (177)**

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in All;
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh;
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Sermon Outline

'The Sixth Day: The Pinnacle of Creation' Genesis 1:24-31

- I. Recap of the Pattern of a Creation Day
- II. Focus on the Sixth Day
 - a. Two Creation Accounts?
 - b. God speaks to 'us'- 'our'
 - i. The Heavenly Court? (1 Kings 22:19-22; Job 1:6, 2:1; Psalm 29:1-3; Isaiah 6:8; Luke 2:8-14; Revelation 4 & 5; see Genesis 3:22 & 11:7)
 - ii. The Trinity? (John 1:2; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2)
 - c. The Image of God (or *Imago Dei*; Psalm 8) contra 'according to their kind'
 - i. To be his regent/representative
 - ii. To be in relationship with God (anything more is conjecture)
 - iii. First Poem in the Bible- distinct genders as a gift (Genesis 2:18-25)
 - d. Has the Image been lost by the fall?
 - i. Distorted, but not lost (Genesis 9:6; Ecclesiastes 7:29; James 3:9)
 - ii. Redemption in Christ leads to a progressive recovering of God's Image (Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:15-16; Colossians 3:10; 2 Corinthians 3:18)
 - iii. At Christ's return complete restoration of God's image (1 Cor. 15:49; Col. 1:15; 1 John 3:2)
- III. Purpose to rule the earth for the glory of God- to multiply, to fill, to steward, and to use
- IV. Applications (2 Corinthians 4:1-6)

K Group Questions for February 1

Genesis 1:24-31

1. What evidence in Scripture do you see that indicates the sixth day is the pinnacle of creation?
2. What is the 'image of God'? How does it relate to our Psalm (8) of the year?
3. The pastor said the image of God in humanity has been distorted, but it can be restored. How can that be?
4. How do we steward and use the earth for the glory God? What does that look like practically?
5. When we have a new heaven and earth that is fully redeemed, what are you looking forward to the most as you 'rule/have dominion' for God's glory?

Announcements

Singing Fellowship – Today @ 4:30 PM

Ryan and Anna Wolfe invite you to a singing fellowship with a New Year's focus this afternoon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring along an instrument and/or Scripture passage if you'd like. Afterwards those that want to stay, please bring food for a potluck supper. If you have any questions, text 256-808-0503 or ryanannawolfe@gmail.com.

Prayer for our Church Plant - Sunday, February 5 @ 4:30 PM

Join us for prayer as we are seeking God's direction and timing in planting a new church in our community. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Ministry Discipleship Workshop – Friday, February 10 @ 6:30 PM

The Women's Ministry will host this discipleship workshop in the Fellowship Hall with dinner provided. Informational pamphlets are in the foyer. Please sign-up in foyer or online using the QR code on the pamphlet to let us know you will be attending. If you have any questions, please call Hannah Ring (856-766-9274) or Sue Carter (256-682-6582).

Churchwide Luncheon and Welcome – Sunday, February 12

Mark your calendars and prepare to join us for food and fellowship as we extend a PBC Welcome to Pastor Daniel Weaver and his family. Bring a dessert to share. *More details soon!*

Weekly Happenings ...

Tues/Thurs	Next Step Farms @ 9:00 AM Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays	K Group Youth @ 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall
	K Groups Adults @ 6:00 PM Host Homes
Thursdays	Ladies Bible Study @ 9:30 AM Youth Room

Upcoming Dates ...

January 29	Singing Fellowship
February 5	Lord's Supper
February 5	Prayer for Church Plant
February 7	Elders Meeting
February 10	Women's Discipleship Workshop
February 12	Churchwide Luncheon
February 21	Elders Meeting