

THE LORD’S DAY WORSHIP

The Nineteenth Day of September, Two Thousand Twenty-One
Ten O’ Clock
Pastor — Rev. Richard Owens

It is in worship, through the preaching, the singing, and the sacraments, that our hearts are drawn from other “beauties” as our eyes are opened to see Jesus for who He really is.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“Revelation Song”

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain; Holy, holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come; with all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings; You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to You, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marv'lous mystery.

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The Call to Worship — (From Isaiah 55, Psalm 46 and 124)

Pastor: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

Congregation: He who has no money, come, buy and eat.

Pastor: Incline your ear, and come to the Lord; hear, that your soul may live.

Congregation: Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Congregation: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Pastor and Congregation: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

‡The Hymn – “Only A Holy God”

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven? Who else could make every king bow down? Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises? What other splendour outshines the sun? What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.

Chorus

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.

Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.

Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead? What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God. **(Chorus)**

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer His only Son?

Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God.

(Chorus)

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‡The Prayer of Invocation

Introduction of New Members:

Peyton and Catherine Fandel

The Sacrament of Baptism:

John Bennett Fandel and Jane Sojourner Fandel

Prayer.....Trey O’Brien

‡The Hymn No. 189 – “Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, He who died, heaven’s gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. **(Refrain)**

Jesus loves me, He will stay close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for Thee. **(Refrain)**

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9.....Mischa McCray

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

The New Testament Reading and Congregational Prayer

Matthew 3:13-17; 1 Corinthians 1:12-13; Romans 8:26-27.....Josh Reagan

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

1 Corinthians 1:12-13 What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

Romans 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

‡The Hymn – “The Church’s One Foundation” (RUF)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

The church shall never perish, her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy, Lord, gives us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.
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‡Offertory Prayer.....Mischa McCray

*Children dismissed for Little Worship at this time
(K4 – K5)*

Reading of the Holy Scripture: Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

The Sermon – “Luke Part 3: Jesus is Better”.....Rev. Richard Owens

‡The Hymn No. 648 – “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say, when the death dew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

‡Benediction

‡Congregation standing

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30 a.m. Music Team Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Prayer in the Fireside Room
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship: Rev. Richard Owens
Little Worship: Josh and Christina Reagan
11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
11:20 a.m. Sunday School
12:15 p.m. STARS Luncheon

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study Group Discussion (Wk 2)
Nursery Provided

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:15 p.m. Youth
Children's Ministry
Adult Bible Study

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study Group Discussion (Wk 2)
12:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study Group Discussion (Wk 2)
Nursery Provided for both

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:30 a.m. Music Team Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Prayer in the Fireside Room
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship: Rev. Richard Owens
Little Worship: Jeff and Brady Warren
11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
11:20 a.m. Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DELTA STARS (55+) will have their monthly luncheon today, September 19th immediately following Sunday School.

MISSION: SOCKS This year's Sock Drive is benefiting Tohatchi Baptist Church in Tohatchi, New MX and will be through the month of September! If you are wanting to participate, we will have boxes in the church office and fireside room. You can either donate new/appropriate socks or give online to their Venmo: @missionsocks

WPC LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: Leader/Teacher: Paige Benton Brown on the Book of Romans (8 Week Study) *Discussion Groups will meet through the week of November 8th, with no study October 11 Week for Fall Break.* Paige's Week 2 Livestream is now available & viewable until Tuesday night, Sept. 21. The livestream can be found at youtube.com/weccmedia. WPC Ladies, please watch Paige's lesson independently each week. Then small groups will meet at WPC weekly for discussion & reflection of that past week's video. See the calendar above for available discussion times!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: Ellen Hey 9/21; Parker Rozier 9/22; Jane Conrad 9/23; Betty Morgan 9/23; Elsie Elvin 9/24; Wayne Tollison 9/24; Kaylee McCool 9/25
Anniversaries: Jeff & Brady Warren 9/21; Kent & Cyndi Savage 9/23; Bob & Mary Ann Bryan 9/25

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Westminster's Mission of the Month for September is **Greenwood Food Pantry**. Please pray for all who are involved in this ministry.

SEPTEMBER USHER TEAM:

McLeod & Allison Meek (Lead), Wilkes Meek, John Downs, Todd & Stacey Hall, Jeff & Brady Warren, Julie Day Warren, Kathryn Warren, Brian & Sulee Blansett

WPC STAFF:

Rev. Richard Owens, Pastor
Mischa McCray, Director of Counseling Ministries
Josh Reagan, Ministry Assistant & Youth Director
Meredith Buford, Director of Children's Ministry
Anna Warren, Admin/Financial Secretary
Kathryn Dyksterhouse, Director of Media
Amy Coleman, Director of Music
Cyndi Savage, Pianist
Christine Hampton, Nursery Coordinator

NURSERY:

Ada Edwards
Delorise Griffin
Desie Scott
Sharonda Williams
Erma Jean Williams

LEADERS

SESSION

John W. Downs, *Clerk of the Session*
Lee Coleman
Corley Moses
Trey O'Brien
Richard Owens, *Moderator*
William Montgomery, *Elder Emeritus*
Gene Stansel, *Elder Emeritus*

DIACONATE

Joseph Gorman
Rob Joiner
Mischa McCray, *Chairman*
McLeod Meek
Wally Montgomery
Bob Morgan, *Treasurer*
John Patridge
Neil Pillow
John A. Smith, *Secretary*
Luke Uithoven
Matthew Waldrop

WIC COUNCIL

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Stevie Pillow, *Mercy Ministry*
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Georgianne Smith, *Organization*
Robyn Smith, *Mercy Ministry*
Amber Joiner, *Service Ministry*
Betty Boyd, *Flowers*



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