

December 28, 2025  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-3

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods

Hymn: Our God Our Help in Ages Past

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Invocation

The Law of Christ:

1Peter 3:8-11

Pastor: The Apostle Peter summarized the moral law of God by saying,

**Congregation: Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it.**

Pastor: Beloved we have not done this as we ought; therefore, let us confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin:

**Heavenly Father, as we are about to begin a new year, we call to mind the past that is full of sin and selfishness. We have heard your Word, but we have not done it. We have not done the things you have commanded us to do, but instead we have done things you have forbidden. We have not loved you or our neighbor as we should have.**

**We humbly seek your forgiveness. Thank you for the redemption purchased for us by the Lord Jesus Christ. Set our feet on a good and righteous path for this new year. May we serve you and others with the blessings you have granted us.**

**Through Christ our Savior and Redeemer, Amen.**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Leviticus 16:30 On that day, the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord.

**Congregation: We give praise to God who has atoned for our sins and cleansed us from them all.**

Pastor: How has He made atonement for you?

**Congregation: He has placed our sins on the Lamb of God, who was slain for us.**

**All: Praise and glory be to God the Father, Christ the Lamb, and the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: 1 John 2:1, 29; 5:12

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. If you know that He is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him. The one who has the Son has life.

**Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our life, and in You we live. Thank you for causing us to be born again by your Holy Spirit so that we might live in Your love. Help us see and overcome**

**the destruction we work to our bodies, our minds, and our hearts; strengthen us to pursue the good and thankful use of this world, rather than to abuse it; and animate us to pursue earnestly Your upbuilding and life-giving love and peace for those around us.**

Response:

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. ( Ps 92:1 )

**Congregation: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts! (Ps 92:4-5)**

Hymn: How Firm a Foundation

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Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q 16

16. Q. Why must He be a true and righteous man?

**A. He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin. He must be a righteous man because one who himself is a sinner cannot pay for others**

Song: Everlasting

Oh God our Redeemer  
Our Savior our friend  
Creator of the universe  
Your goodness knows no end  
And our voices join  
With the thousands who  
Know mercy because of the Cross  
All sinners washed  
In Your precious blood  
Forever we will sing

From everlasting to everlasting  
Praise be to You  
From everlasting to everlasting  
Praise be to You  
Oh God

Oh God our Deliverer  
And Lord of all grace  
How can I stand in silence  
When the heavens sing Your praise  
And our voices join  
With the thousands who  
Know mercy because of the Cross  
All sinners washed  
In Your precious blood  
Forever we will sing

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Matt 15:21-39

Psalter: Ps 64 (Tune Vox Dilecti, #304)

Hear Thou my voice, O God, when I  
Make my complaint to Thee;  
From terror of the enemy  
Do Thou my life keep free.  
Hide me from secret plots of men  
That evildoers be,  
From throng and tumult of the men  
That work iniquity.

Their tongues they have already whet  
To make them sharp as swords;  
And as their arrows they have aimed  
Their sharp and bitter words,  
That they may at the innocent  
From ambush aim their shot;  
They without warning shoot at him,  
And, feeling safe, fear not.

They have devised injustices;  
A cunning plot they keep;  
Because the inward thought of man,  
His very heart, is deep.  
But God will shoot a shaft at them  
And wound them suddenly;  
For their own tongue shall them confound,  
And all who see shall flee.

And then all men will stand in awe,  
The work of God declare;  
And they will thoughtfully observe  
What these his doings are.  
The righteous in the Lord will joy,  
In Him will refuge take;  
And all who are upright in heart  
Will boasts of triumph make.

Epistle: Heb 12:15-24

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

**that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.**

For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

**For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest**

and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

**For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned."**

Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear."

**But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,**

and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

**and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

Sermon: The Promise to Judah

Lord's Supper

Bread: Throned upon the Awful Tree (Tine Toplady #499)

Cup: Selected Scripture

Offering:

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer

Closing Song: **May the Grace of Christ Our Savior**

May the grace of Christ our Savior

And the Father's boundless love,

With the Holy Spirit's favor,

Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union

With each other and the Lord,

And possess, in sweet communion,

Joys, which earth cannot afford.

Benediction

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