

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & REPENTANCE: The Lord's Prayer

PASSING THE PEACE

Salutation: May the peace of Christ be with you

Response: And also with you

HOLY COMMUNION, BLESSING, & SENDING

Nicene Creed | Prayer of Consecration | Preparing the Bread & Cup
| Invitation to Receive | Blessing & Sending

Moral Divinity by Oswald Chambers

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. —
Romans 6:5

The proof that I have been through crucifixion with Jesus is that I resemble him in both attitude and behavior. Through his resurrection, Jesus has the authority to impart the life of God to me, and my outward life must be built on this basis. I can receive the resurrection life of Jesus Christ here and now, and it will show itself outwardly in holiness.

Romans 6:5 presents an idea that runs throughout the apostle Paul's writings: after I've made the moral decision to be identified with Jesus in his death, the resurrection life of Jesus fills every aspect of my human nature. Once I've decided my old self—the self defined by the heredity of sin—will be identified with the death of Jesus, the Holy Spirit invades me and takes charge of everything. The Spirit isn't a mere guest in the house; he fills every nook and cranny. My responsibility is to walk in the light and to obey everything he reveals to me.

When I've made the moral decision about sin, it is easy to conclude that, yes, I really am dead to sin, because wherever I look inside myself I find the life of Jesus there. Just as there is only one stamp of humanity, there is only one stamp of holiness: the holiness of Jesus Christ. God puts the holiness of his Son into me, and I belong to a new order of spirituality.



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Purpose Statement:

We exist to glorify God by serving as a conduit for the grace of God whereby faith the Love, Life, Lordship and Leadership of the Kingdom of Heaven is revealed and expanded to all nations.

Mission Statement:

We desire to be a multi-cultural, multi-generational conduit of the grace of God to be used to fulfil our purpose, for the glory of God.

Mailing address:

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Weekly Corporate Gatherings:

Sunday Worship Service- 10:00 AM
Discipleship Groups (Call the church office as times/locations vary)

Staff:

Rev. Michael Hammond, Sr – President & Senior Pastor
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Order of Worship

Sunday, December 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(**Congregation** responses spoken together appear in **bold** print.)

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice! Shout for joy, for the Lord is near! In the midst of troubles and stress, God is near offering compassion. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, praise ye the Lord!

Prayer - Lord, we come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. You are welcome in this place as we exalt your holy name. In the name of Jesus, we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**.

WORSHIP IN SONG (click the song title for a YouTube track)

[Shine Jesus Shine](#) [Great Is The Lord](#) [His Name Shall Be](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, Lord as we come before You today and we pray that You would give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding. Lord we pray for illumination of Your Word and that You would open our eyes to the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the great sacrifice He made. Lord we thank you. In Jesus' name we pray (and we all agree by saying) **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 54:1-17 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 31:1-11 (NASB95)

¹ How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!

² **How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit!**

³ When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer.** *Selah.*

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"; and You forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah.*

⁶ **Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him.**

⁷ You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. *Selah.*

⁸ **I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.**

⁹ Do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check, otherwise they will not come near to you.

¹⁰ **Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but he who trusts in the Lord, lovingkindness shall surround him.**

¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones; and shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

[Silent Night \(Heavenly Peace\)](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

GOSPEL READING: John 6:35-59 (NASB95)

