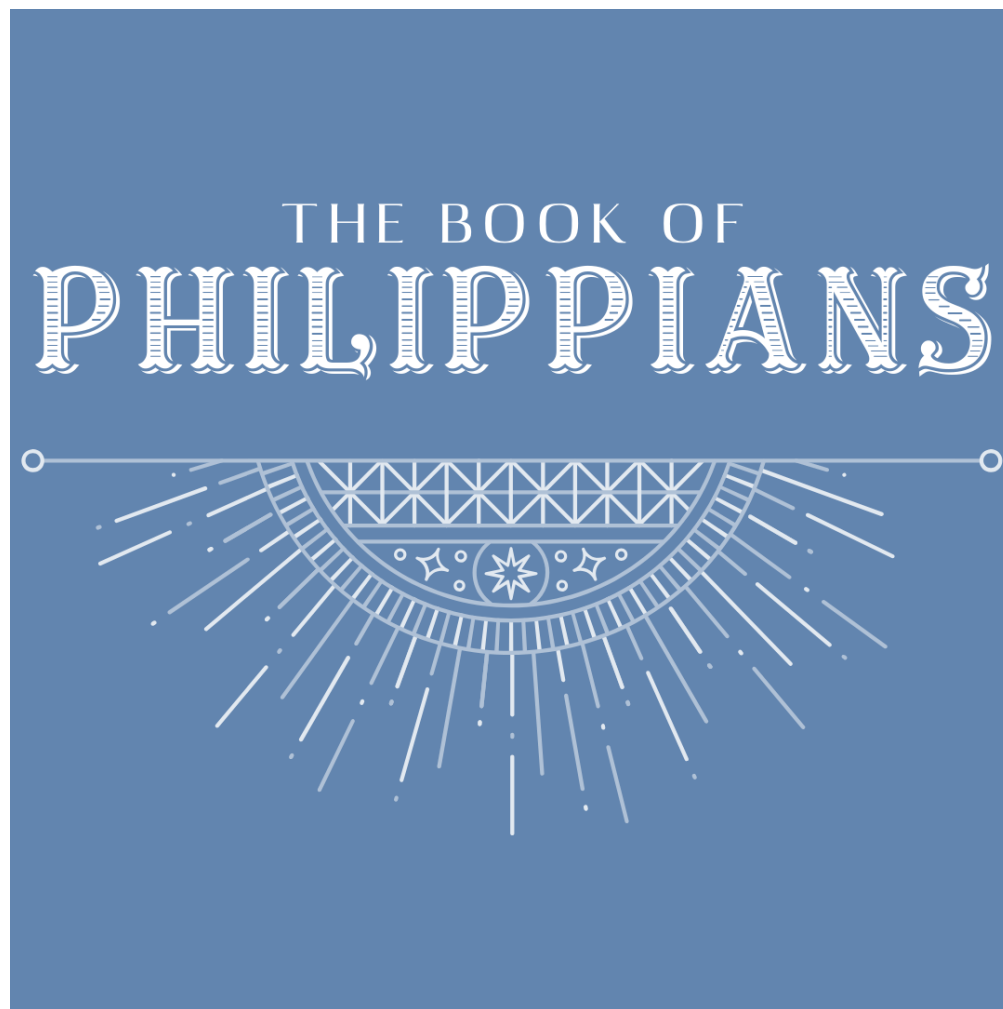




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SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

*Third Sunday in Epiphany*

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# GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

*God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.*

## Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

### Introit—O Splendor of God's Glory Bright, Vs I

O Splendor of God's glo - ry bright, O thou that bring - est light from light, O  
Light of light, light's liv - ing spring, O Day, all day's il - lum - in - ing.

Text: St. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621.

### Call to Worship—from Psalm 33:I, 4-5, 8-9, 18-22

Pastor: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

All: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Pastor: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

All: Let all the earth fear the LORD;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Pastor: For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.  
Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

All: that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Pastor: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

All: For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Pastor: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

### Hymn of Praise—Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -  
Je - sus, the Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love; When  
His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n, The  
He sits at God's right hand till all His foes sub - mit, And  
Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the Judge, shall come, And

joyce, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more; Lift up your heart, lift  
 He had purged our stains He took His seat a - bove; Lift up your heart, lift  
 keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n; Lift up your heart, lift  
 bow to His com - mand, and fall be - neath His feet: Lift up your heart, lift  
 take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home. Lift up your heart, lift

up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
 up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
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Text: Charles Wesley, 1746; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770.

### Hymn of Praise—O Christ, Our Hope

O Christ, our hope, our heart's de - sire, Re - demp-tion's on - ly spring; Cre - a - tor of the  
 But now the bonds of death are burst, The ran - som has been paid; And thou art on thy  
 O Christ, be thou our pre - sent joy, Our fu - ture great re - ward; Our on - ly glo - ry

world art thou, Its Sav - iour and its King. How vast the mer - cy and the love Which  
 Fa - ther's throne In glor - ious robes ar - rayed. O may thy mighty love pre - vail Our  
 may it be To glo - ry in the Lord! All praise to thee, as - cend - ed Lord; All

laid our sins on thee, And led thee to a cru - el death To set thy peo - ple free.  
 sin - ful souls to spare, O may we come be - fore thy throne And find ac - ceptance there!  
 glo - ry ev - er be To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost Through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin Hymn, 8<sup>th</sup> Century, Tr. By John Chandler, 1837; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Song

## New Testament Reading—Ephesians 2:4-10

<sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

*The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

### Sung Response—Search Me, O God

Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day;  
Lord, take my life, and make it whol - ly thine;

try me, O Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray.  
fill my poor heart with thy great love di - vine.

See if there be some wick - ed way in me;  
Take all my will, my pas - sion, self, and pride;

cleanse me from eve - ry sin and set me free.  
I now sur - ren - der, Lord. In me a - bide.

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### Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 37:3-5, 7-8, 39-40

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You call us to trust in You and do good,

All: We have not delighted ourselves in You, Lord,  
and our hearts have not desired You.

Pastor: We have failed to commit our ways to You, nor have we trusted in You.

All: We are not still before You. We have not waited patiently for You, O Lord.

Pastor: Lord, teach us to refrain from anger and forsake wrath.

All: Turn our hearts from that which tends to evil.

Pastor: For the salvation of the righteous is from You, Lord,  
You are our stronghold in times of trouble.

All: Deliver us, O Lord. May we always take refuge in You.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon—Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God

### Hymn of Praise—He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the temp - ter would pre - vail,  
Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre - ious in his ho - ly sight,  
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied;

He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;  
He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;  
He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

# GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

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## The Reading of the Word—Philippians I:I-5

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

## Sermon—Press on Toward the Goal: A Study of Philippians, Part I

*Thanking God for Gospel Partnership*

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

## Sung Response—Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth, Vs I

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a soprano or alto clef, and the piano accompaniment is in a bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics for the first system are: "Teach me, O Lord, Thy way of truth, And from it I will not de - part; That". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "I may stead - fast - ly o - bey, Give me an un - der - stand - ing heart." The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern.

Text: Joseph P. Holbrook, ca. 1878; Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, ca. 1567.

## Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
    who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
    born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
    was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into Heaven  
    and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
    from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church,  
    The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

## Sung Response—Gloria

WOMEN



MEN



earth. Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace on earth. We praise



You! We bless You! We a - dore You! We glo - ri - fy!



We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks for Your glo - ry.

We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks.

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# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.*

## Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

### Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

*The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.*

*If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.*

*At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.*

## Hymn of Communion—Give Me Jesus

1. In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn -  
- ing when I rise give me Je - - - sus.

Chorus  
Give me Je - - - sus, give me Je - - - sus. You can  
have all this world, but give me Je - - - sus.

2. And when I am a - lone, oh, and when I am a - lone, and  
3. And when I come to die, oh, and when I come to die, and  
when I am a - lone give me Je - - - sus.  
when I come to die give me Je - - - sus.

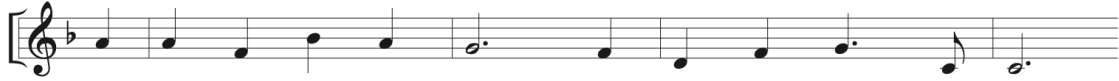
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## Hymn of Communion—I Hunger and I Thirst



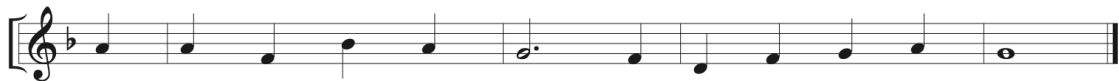
I hun-ger and I thirst, Je - sus, my man - na be;  
Thou true life - giv - ing Vine, Let me Thy sweet - ness prove;  
For still the de - sert lies My thirst - ing soul be - fore;



Ye liv - ing wa - ters, burst Out of the rock for me.  
Re - new my life with Thine, Re - fresh my soul with love.  
O liv - ing wa - ters, rise With - in me ev - er - more.



Thou bruised and bro - ken Bread, My life - long wants sup - ply;  
Rough paths my feet have trod Since first their course be - gan;  
I hun - ger and I thirst, Je - sus, my man - na be;



As liv - ing souls are fed, O feed me, or I die.  
Feed me, Thou Bread of God; Help me, Thou Son of Man.  
Ye liv - ing wa - ters, burst Out of the rock for me.

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### Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief.* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment.* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

# GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

## Hymn of Praise—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less



My hope is built on nothing less than Je - sus'  
When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on  
His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me  
When he shalt come with trum - pet sound, O may I



blood and righ - teous - ness: I dare not trust the  
his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and  
in the whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my  
then in him be found; dressed in his righ - teous -



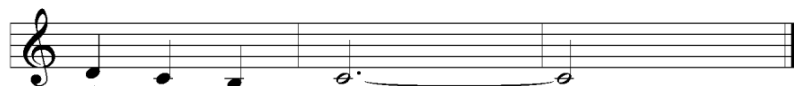
sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.



On Christ the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er



ground is sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand.

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# GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS


*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

## Benediction—Jude I:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. *Amen.*


## Sung Response—May You Be Strong (Colossians I:10-11)

Women




May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His ser-vice. May you lead lives


Men




May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy May you lead lives




wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His



wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er,



ser - vice. May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.



And find joy May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

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Today's message, "Thanking God for Gospel Partnership" is taken from Philippians I:I-5. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG)

- Paul introduces Timothy and himself as "servants of Jesus Christ." What does this description teach us about Paul's sense of identity? (see also I Cor. 6:20)?
- Paul writes to the "saints at Philippi." What does Paul's use of saint as a description of a Christian teach us about Paul's view of Christians? Though rarely used in this day, why is this term important for Christian identity?
- What does the phrase "partnership in the gospel" teach us about the nature of true Christian fellowship? How can such fellowship be cultivated among Christians?
- How can Paul be so certain that what's begun in the lives of the Christians in Philippi will come to completion? In what way is this assuring to you right now?
- What from today's message had a special ministry in your life? How is the Lord calling you to respond to today's message?

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