

CORNERSTONE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

First Sunday of Lent

14 February 2016

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

God built within His people an innate desire to celebrate, to mark seasons and events, to set up “stones of remembrance” so that we do not forget His goodness and promises. One method that the Church has used over time is dividing each year according to the events in the life of Christ—a reminder of redemptive history. Although the Church Calendar is not prescribed by Scripture, it can be a useful framework or tool to help walk our hearts through the Gospel every year.

The major divisions of the liturgical year are:

- **Advent**—The four Sundays leading to Christmas; preparation for the coming of Christ and the need for a Savior
- **Christmas** and the Twelve Days—Celebration of the Incarnation and the Gift of Christ, our Redeemer
- **Epiphany**—January 6; Coming of the Magi for Christ is the Light of the World; Hope for the Gentiles; Kingship of Christ
- **Lent**—from Ash Wednesday to Easter; repentance and reflection; recognition that our sinfulness leads to the cross; intentional time to exercise the disciplines of grace
- **Holy Week**—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday; Jesus as King, Priest, Prophet; The remembrance that the shedding of blood was necessary for the forgiveness of sins
- **Easter**—Resurrection of the Living Lord; the conquering of death and sin
- **Ascension**—Christ in Power at the right hand of the Father; Christ interceding as the Mediator
- **Pentecost**—Coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church; God sends out His people as the Church
- **Ordinary Time**—The weeks between Pentecost and Advent; Living in light of the Gospel as the Church

If you are reading this in worship, I want you to know something—you *are an answer to prayer*. Each Sunday before worship, I ask God to bring into our midst exactly who He desires would be there. Since you are with us today, I believe God has a blessing in store for you. I am prayerful as we worship together today, that blessing will be received and enjoyed.

To that end, this service of worship has been designed that we might know God and the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ. From the summons to worship at the beginning to the sending out into the world at the benediction, that you might know God, the truth and joy of salvation, and be equipped to answer the call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Following the service, feel free to approach one of our elders (the men who help serve the Lord’s Supper) with any prayer needs or questions you may have. I believe you will find them to be warm, inviting, and eager to serve. Please know I would personally enjoy getting to meet you this morning following the service, so please stop by and see me at the front door of the chapel.

It is my sincere prayer that your experience today at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is one that blesses you spiritually and strengthens your faith in the Lord.

Grace & Peace,
Rev. Nate Shurden

Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

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—Behold the Glories of the Lamb, Vs I

Be - hold the glor - ies of the Lamb A - midst His Fa - ther's throne. Pre -

pare new ho - nors for His name, And songs be - fore un - known.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1688; Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

Call to Worship—Psalm 95:1-6

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Pastor: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

All: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Hymn of Praise—Come, Thou Fount



Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of
Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer; Hith - er by thy help I'm come; And I
O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con-strained to be; Let that
mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me
hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus
grace now, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to
some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the
sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God: He, to
wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my
mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

+++*Latecomers Please Wait to be Seated*+++

The Ten Commandments

Elder: For You are the Lord our God,
who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
And You spoke these words, saying:

**All: You shall have no other gods before me.
You shall not make for yourself a carved image.
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

Elder: O Lord, Your law is holy.

**All: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Honor your father and your mother: that your days may be long in the land
that the Lord your God is giving you.**

Elder: O Lord, Your law is holy. Christ is our only righteousness.

**All: You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.**

Elder: O Lord, Your law is holy. Christ is our only righteousness.

**All: You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness.
You shall not covet.**

Elder: O Lord, Your law is holy. Christ is our only righteousness,
for where sin increases, grace abounds all the more (Rom 5:20).

+++*Latecomers are Welcome to be Seated*+++

Psalm of Praise—Psalm 139: Lord Thou Hast Searched Me

Lord, Thou hast searched me and dost know Where - 'er I
My words from Thee I can - not hide, I feel Thy
Where can I go a - part from Thee, Or whith - er
If I the wings of morn - ing take, And far a -
If deep - est dark - ness cov - er me, The dark - ness

rest, — where - 'er I go; Thou know - est all that
power — on ev - 'ry side; O won - drous know - ledge,
from — Thy pre - sence flee? In Heav'n? It is Thy
way — my dwell - ing make, The hand that lead - eth
hid - eth not from Thee; To Thee both night and

I have planned, And all my ways are in Thy hand.
aw - ful might, Un - fa - thomed depth, un - mea - sured height.
dwell - ing fair; In death's a - bode? Lo, Thou art there.
me is Thine, And my sup - port Thy power di - vine.
day are bright, The dark - ness shin - eth as the light.

Text: Psalter, 1912; Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Jonah I:1-16

1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” 3 But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

4 But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. 6 So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

7 And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. 8 Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from?”

What is your country? And of what people are you?" 9 And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." 10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

11 Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. 12 He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." 13 Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. 14 Therefore they called out to the Lord, "O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." 15 So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. 16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—Jonah: Salvation Belongs to the Lord, Pt I

You Can Run But You Can't Hide

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Quick Facts on Jonah

Format:

4 chapters, 48 verses

Authorship & Date:

Similar to a number of other Minor Prophets (Obadiah, Nahum, Habakkuk), Jonah identifies no precise date concerning the events recorded. There is, however, an important clue to the context and timing of Jonah's ministry embedded in 2 Kings 14:25. In a passage speaking of Jeroboam II's reign in Israel, there is a passing reference to "Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet." With that historical reference, it's safe to assume that Jonah lived and ministered sometime during Jeroboam's reign (782-753 BC).

Genre:

Though widely disputed among modern scholars, the traditional perspective is that Jonah is a prophetic narrative that is based on historical events. But far more than a retelling of events, it is clear that the author wants to teach his readers a theological lesson. Because of these two features, it seems best to classify Jonah as didactic history.

Implied Purpose:

To tell a story in which two plots unfold together, leading to a spiritual lesson. At a human level, the story exposes bad attitudes of a religious person who has much of his theology right but a bad heart. The divine story focuses on God's universal love that extends across national and cultural boundaries.

Unifying Features:

The story line itself is unifying. Within the storyline, the central figure of Jonah and his frequently expressed bad attitudes and behavior is central. We also see the evidences of God's salvation to all people (sailors and Nineveh) as well as the world of elemental nature (storm, fish, vine) all provide unifying aspects for the book.

Resources:

- *Jonah* by T. Desmond Alexander (Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries)
- *Jonah: A New Translation, Introduction, Commentary, and Interpretation* by Jack Sasson (The Anchor Bible)
- *Jonah & Micah* by Rick Phillips (Reformed Expository Commentary)
- *A Gracious & Compassionate God: Mission, Salvation, and Spirituality in the Book of Jonah* by Daniel C. Timmer (New Studies in Biblical Theology)
- *Jonah* by Leslie Allen (The New International Commentary of the Old Testament)

Quotes:

"Jonah is the most beautiful story ever written in so small a compass."—Charles Reade

"The main conflict of the story is that Jonah is a great nationalist, but God is an internationalist."—Anon.

"When you run away from the Lord you never get where you are going, and you always pay the fare."—Donald G. Barnhouse

"Lord, make me less like Jonah and more like Jesus. Save me from being the kind of person who cares more about my comfort, my reputation, and my success than I do about the people You are calling me to serve. Help me to keep all of my dreams on Your altar and be ready at all times to respond with faith and obedience to Your call."—Colin Smith

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 Lord, and know my heart Try me, O Lord, and
The spot-less Lamb of God was slain No sin but mine to
know my thoughts Seek out the grievous ways of sin
stain His heart He paid the grievous ways of sin
And lead me in the paths of ever-lasting love.
And leads me in the paths of ever-lasting love.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Father, we come to you confessing. You call us to flee from sin and to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness (1 Tim 6:11) but yet we wander from Your commandments (Ps 119:10). Give us grace to seek You with our whole hearts and to hold on to the truth that we have attained through Christ (Phil 3:16).

Pastor: Father God, listen to the prayers of Your people.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, we wander away like sheep and do not follow You, the Good Shepherd (Zech 10:2). Our fear of sacrifice and the cost of following you cause us to turn away from listening to the truth and to wander into myths that support our own agenda (2 Tim 4:4). Keep us in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life (Jude 1:21).

Pastor: Lord Jesus, listen to the prayers of Your people.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, be our Keeper (Ps 121:5) and guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:7). We are prone to wander, but give us the grace to flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart (2 Tim 2:22) and to take hold of the eternal life to which we have been called (1 Tim 6:12).

Pastor: Holy Spirit, listen to the prayers of Your people.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Romans 7:25-8:1; I Timothy 1:2; I Thessalonians 5:23

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. And now grace, mercy, and peace are yours from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. The God of peace Himself will sanctify you completely so that your whole spirit and soul and body may be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en. And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

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

Celebration of First Communion—Asher McClung, Son of Kevin & Holly McClung

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—O Thou In Whose Presence



O Thou _____ in whose pre - sence my soul takes de - light, On whom in af -
Where dost _____ Thou at noon - tide re - sort with Thy sheep, To feed on the
O, why _____ should I wan - der an a - lien from Thee, And cry in the
He looks, _____ and ten thou - sands of an - gels re - joice, And myr - i - ads
Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet



flic - tion I call, My com - fort by day, and my song in _____ the
past - ures of love? Say, why _____ in the val - ley of death should _____ I
des - ert for bread? Thy foes _____ will re - joice when my sor - rows _____ they
wait for His word; He speaks, _____ and e - ter - ni - ty, filled with _____ His
sound of Thy voice. Re - store _____ and de - fend me, for Thou art _____ my



night, My _____ hope, my sal - va - tion, my all.
weep, Or a - lone in the wild - er - ness rove?
see, And _____ smile at the tears I have shed.
voice, Re - - - ech - oes the praise of her Lord.
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - joice.

Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, 1813.

Hymn of Communion—Jesus, Faithful Friend of Sinners



Je - sus, faith - ful Friend of sin - ners, God in - car - nate, pure and sin - less;
Je - sus, ten - der Shep - herd faith - ful, God in full - ness here be - low;
Je - sus, Ser - vant, prec - ious trea - sure, Gave your life my life to win.
Je - sus, Sav - ior, blessed Re - deem - er— Filled with mer - cy ov - er - flow - ing,



I am full of all that hin - ders— Emp - ty, lone - ly, lost and friend - less.
I am anx - ious, dull, un - grate - ful, Prone to wan - der, full of woe.
I am vain, pur - su - ing plea - sure, Full of hun - ger, self and sin.
I'm for - giv - en with - out mea - sure— Friend of sin - ners, glor - ious King!



Emp - ty, lone - ly, lost and friend - - - less.
Prone to wan - der, full of woe.
Full of hun - ger, self and sin.
Friend of sin - ners, glor - ious King!

Text: Douglas Bond, 2014; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2014

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—Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1861.

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—II Thessalonians 2:16-17

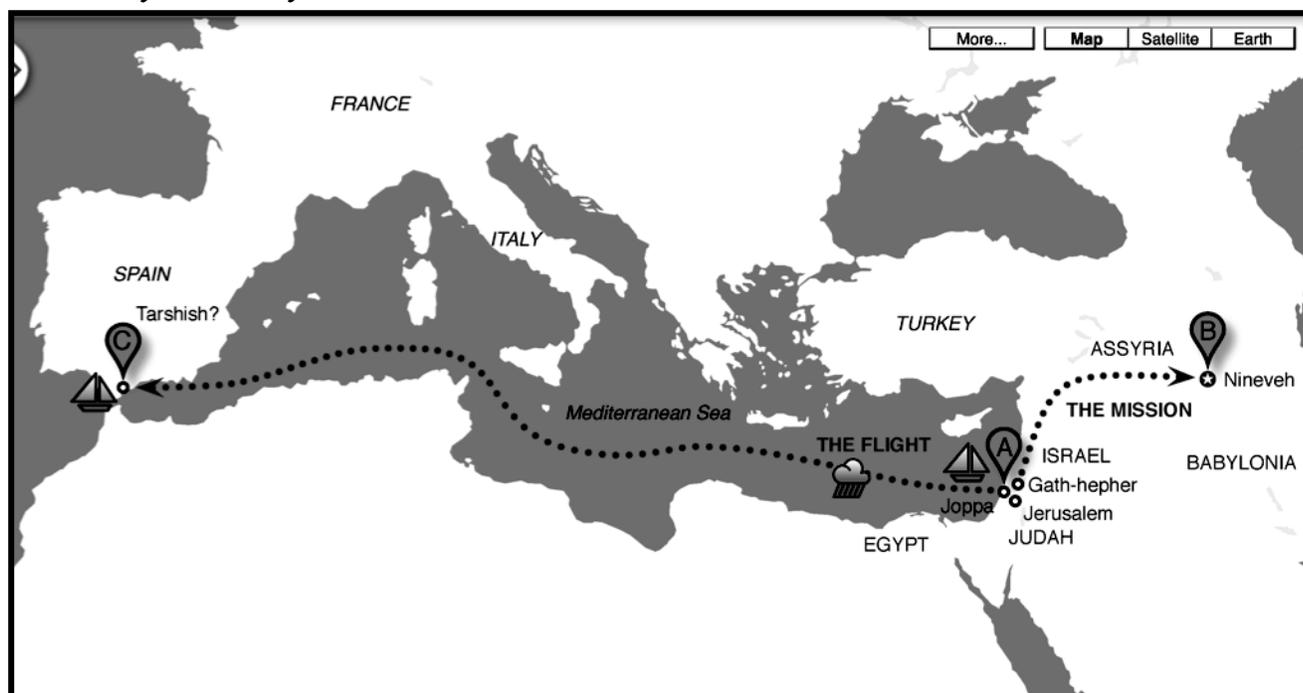
Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Barocha (Numbers 6:24)

The Lord bless you and keep__ you. The Lord make His face shine up - on__ you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er. The
Lord be gra - cious to__ you. The Lord turn His face__ to - ward__ you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.
And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.

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MAP OF JONAH'S JOURNEY



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Today we begin a four week series entitled, “**Jonah: Salvation Belongs to the Lord.**” In today’s message, we consider Jonah’s resistance to God’s call and God’s pursuit of Jonah to answer His call. Please take time to reflect on the application questions below with your family or Home Fellowship Group.

The book of Jonah is in large part the story of a runaway prophet who stubbornly resists the call of God on his life.

- *Take a moment to share about a time in your life when you were running from God and his call on your life. In your sharing, identify as best you can why you ran from God and his call and what consequences you experienced for doing so.*

We see in the first chapter that though Jonah runs from God, he can’t outrun God.

- *Sometimes in our running from God we wind up running into God? The reason that happens is God pursues His straying children. What does God’s chasing down Jonah with a fierce storm teach you about the character of our God? In what way is this sobering? In what way is this comforting?*

God often uses our waywardness to bring glory to himself. God is so sovereign that Jonah’s faithless misadventure winds up leading the pagan sailors to place their trust in God.

- *Talk about a time when you saw God use your (or someone’s) foolishness as a means to bring glory to himself. How does this truth speak to the very reality of the gospel itself (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)?*

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