

JANUARY 5, 2025

THE LORD'S DAY

10:00 AM Sunday School
10:35 AM Congregational Prayer
11:00 AM **Morning Service**
— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

***Supplement Hymn #22** **“How Firm a Foundation”**
FOUNDATION

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory **“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Thy glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne;
while all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
and ev'rywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Scripture Reading **Psalm 90:1-17**

Choral Anthem **“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”**

Lord Jesus, think on me, and cast away my sin.
From earthborn passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me with care and woe oppressed.
Let me your loving servant be, and know your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle's strife.
In my time of need be my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity guide me on your way.

Infant Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn #596** **“Jesus Lives, and So Shall I”**
JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT

Sermon

Those whom God hath accepted in the beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, and given the precious faith of his elect unto, can neither totally nor finally fall from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved, seeing the gifts and callings of God are without repentance, whence he still begets and nourisheth in them faith, repentance, love, joy, hope, and all the graces of the Spirit unto immortality; and though many storms and floods arise and beat against them, yet they shall never be able to take them off that foundation and rock which by faith they are fastened upon; notwithstanding, through unbelief and the temptations of Satan, the sensible sight of the light and love of God may for a time be clouded and obscured from them, yet he is still the same, and they shall be sure to be kept by the power of God unto salvation, where they shall enjoy their purchased possession, they being engraven upon the palm of his hands, and their names having been written in the book of life from all eternity.

This perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father, upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ and union with him, the oath of God, the abiding of his Spirit, and the seed of God within them, and the nature of the covenant of grace; from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof.

And though they may, through the temptation of Satan and of the world, the prevalency of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of means of their preservation, fall into grievous sins, and for a time continue therein, whereby they incur God's displeasure and grieve his Holy Spirit, come to have their graces and comforts impaired, have their hearts hardened, and their consciences wounded, hurt and scandalize others, and bring temporal judgments upon themselves, yet shall they renew their repentance and be preserved through faith in Christ Jesus to the end.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XVII
“Of the Perseverance of the Saints,” Sections 1-3

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM **Evening Service**

— PRELUDE —

***Hymn #26** **“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”**
ST. ANNE

*Prayer of Invocation

Hymn #520 **“Sometimes a Light Surprises”**
BENTLEY

Scripture Reading **Colossians 2:1-15**

Announcements

Offertory **“This Is My Father's World”**

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

***Hymn #681** **“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”**
MY REDEEMER

Sermon **“Complete in Christ”**

Those whom God effectually calleth, he also freely justifieth, not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone; not by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; but by imputing Christ's active obedience unto the whole law, and passive obedience in his death for their whole and sole righteousness by faith, which faith they have not of themselves; it is the gift of God.

Faith thus receiving and resting on Christ and his righteousness, is the alone instrument of justification; yet it is not alone in the person justified, but is ever accompanied with all other saving graces, and is no dead faith, but worketh by love.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XI
“Of Justification,” Sections 1-2

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing