

FEBRUARY 16, 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

***Psalter Hymn #96A** **Psalm 96:1-8**
CORONATION

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory **“Amazing Grace”**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

Scripture Reading **John 12:1-33**

Choral Anthem **“O God Beyond All Praising”**

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
And we through Him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn #427** **“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”**
ABERYSTWYTH

Sermon **“Mary’s Yielded Heart”**

Good works are only such as God hath commanded in his Holy Word, and not such as without the warrant thereof are devised by men out of blind zeal, or upon any pretence of good intentions.

These good works, done in obedience to God’s commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith; and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that having their fruit unto holiness they may have the end eternal life.

Their ability to do good works is not at all of themselves, but wholly from the Spirit of Christ; and that they may be enabled thereunto, besides the graces they have already received, there is necessary an actual influence of the same Holy Spirit, to work in them to will and to do of his good pleasure; yet they are not hereupon to grow negligent, as if they were not bound to perform any duty, unless upon a special motion of the Spirit, but they ought to be diligent in stirring up the grace of God that is in them.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XVI
“Of Good Works,” Sections 1-3

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM **Evening Service**

— PRELUDE —

***Psalter Hymn #84B** **Psalm 84:7-12**
MELITA

*Prayer of Invocation

Hymn #421 **“Rock of Ages”**
TOPLADY

Scripture Reading **Hebrews 5:1-14**

Announcements

Offertory **“Be Thou My Vision”**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

***Hymn #552** **“O Jesus, I Have Promised”**
ANGEL'S STORY

Sermon **“When Christians Aren’t Growing”**

They who in their obedience attain to the greatest height which is possible in this life, are so far from being able to supererogate, and to do more than God requires, as that they fall short of much which in duty they are bound to do.

We cannot by our best works merit pardon of sin or eternal life at the hand of God, by reason of the great disproportion that is between them and the glory to come, and the infinite distance that is between us and God, whom by them we can neither profit nor satisfy for the debt of our former sins; but when we have done all we can, we have done but our duty, and are unprofitable servants; and because as they are good they proceed from his Spirit, and as they are wrought by us they are defiled and mixed with so much weakness and imperfection, that they cannot endure the severity of God’s punishment.

Yet notwithstanding the persons of believers being accepted through Christ, their good works also are accepted in him; not as though they were in this life wholly unblameable and unreprouable in God’s sight, but that he, looking upon them in his Son, is pleased to accept and reward that which is sincere, although accompanied with many weaknesses and imperfections.

Works done by unregenerate men, although for the matter of them they may be things which God commands, and of good use both to themselves and others; yet because they proceed not from a heart purified by faith, nor are done in a right manner according to the word, nor to a right end, the glory of God, they are therefore sinful, and cannot please God, nor make a man meet to receive grace from God, and yet their neglect of them is more sinful and displeasing to God.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter I
“Of Good Works,” Sections 4-7

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing