

FEBRUARY 23, 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**

**\*Hymn #19** “O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord”  
IRISH

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**Offertory** “Abide with Me”

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide:  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes:  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

**Scripture Reading** John 13:1-30

**Choral Anthem** “Thee Will I Love”

Thee will I love, my strength, my tow'r; Thee will I love, my joy, my crown!  
Thee will I love with all my pow'r, in all my works, and thee alone;  
Thee will I love, till thy pure fire fills all my soul with chaste desire.

I thank thee, uncreated Sun, that thy bright beams on me have shined;  
I thank thee, who hast overthrown my foes and healed my wounded mind;  
I thank thee, whose enlivening voice bids my freed heart in thee rejoice.

Thee will I love, my joy, my crown; Thee will I love, my Lord, my God!  
Thee will I love, beneath thy frown or smile, thy scepter or thy rod.  
What though my flesh and heart decay? Thee shall I love in endless day!

**Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn #53** “Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah”  
RIPLEY

**Sermon**

God hath decreed in himself, from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably, all things, whatsoever comes to pass; yet so as thereby is God neither the author of sin nor hath fellowship with any therein; nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established; in which appears his wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness in accomplishing his decree.

Although God knoweth whatsoever may or can come to pass, upon all supposed conditions, yet hath he not decreed anything, because he foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass upon such conditions.

In this divine and infinite Being there are three subsistences, the Father, the Word or Son, and Holy Spirit, of one substance, power, and eternity, each having the whole divine essence, yet the essence undivided: the Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son; all infinite, without beginning, therefore but one God, who is not to be divided in nature and being, but distinguished by several peculiar relative properties and personal relations; which doctrine of the Trinity is the foundation of all our communion with God, and comfortable dependence on him.

*London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter III*  
“Of God's Decree,” Sections 1-3

**Benediction**

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM **Evening Service**

— PRELUDE —

**\*Hymn #505** “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”  
ALL THE WAY

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymn #533** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”  
WHAT A FRIEND

**Scripture Reading** Ephesians 2:1-22

**Announcements**

**Offertory** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

**\*Hymn #436** “O Mystery of Love Divine”  
MANOAH

**Sermon** “The Role of Ministers”

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the church, in whom, by the appointment of the Father, all power for the calling, institution, order or government of the church, is invested in a supreme and sovereign manner; neither can the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof, but is that antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the church against Christ, and all that is called God; whom the Lord shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.

In the execution of this power wherewith he is so intrusted, the Lord Jesus calleth out of the world unto himself, through the ministry of his word, by his Spirit, those that are given unto him by his Father, that they may walk before him in all the ways of obedience, which he prescribeth to them in his word. Those thus called, he commandeth to walk together in particular societies, or churches, for their mutual edification, and the due performance of that public worship, which he requireth of them in the world.

To each of these churches thus gathered, according to his mind declared in his word, he hath given all that power and authority, which is in any way needful for their carrying on that order in worship and discipline, which he hath instituted for them to observe; with commands and rules for the due and right exerting, and executing of that power.

The work of pastors being constantly to attend the service of Christ, in his churches, in the ministry of the word and prayer, with watching for their souls, as they that must give an account to Him; it is incumbent on the churches to whom they minister, not only to give them all due respect, but also to communicate to them of all their good things according to their ability, so as they may have a comfortable supply, without being themselves entangled in secular affairs; and may also be capable of exercising hospitality towards others; and this is required by the law of nature, and by the express order of our Lord Jesus, who hath ordained that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.

*London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XXVI*  
“Of the Church, “Sections 4-5, 7, 10

**Benediction**

— POSTLUDE —

\*congregation standing