

Morning Worship

01.10.10

Preparation for Worship

When All Thy Mercies, O My God

Lyrics: Joseph Addison, 1712; Music: Stephen Barnes, 1997

When all Thy mer - cies, O my God,
My ris - ing soul sur - veys,
Trans - por - ted with the view, I'm lost
In won - der, love, and praise
Un - num - bered com - forts to my soul
Thy ten - der care be - stowed,
Be - fore my in - fant heart con - ceived
From Whom those com - forts flowed.
REFRAIN
Through all e - ter - ni - ty to Thee
A joy - ful song I'll raise For oh, e - ter - ni -
ty's too short To ut - ter all Thy praise!

When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou with health renewed my face
And when in sins and sorrow sunk renewed my soul with grace
Ten thousand, thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy [REFRAIN]
Through every period of my life Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew. [REFRAIN]

Welcome & Announcements

Reflection

Faith is the refusal to panic. Do you like that sort of definition of faith? Does that seem to be too earthly and not sufficiently spiritual? It is the very essence of faith. Faith is a refusal to panic, come what may. Browning, I think had that idea when he defined faith like this: 'With me, faith means perpetual unbelief kept quiet, like the snake 'neath Michael's foot.' Faith is unbelief kept quiet, kept down.

– David Martyn Lloyd-Jones

His love in times past, forbids me to think, he'll leave me at last, in troubles to sink. By prayer let me wrestle, and he will perform, with Christ in the vessel, I smile at the storm.

– John Newton

Prelude

The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 95: 1–2

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Lyrics: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: Traditional Spanish melody

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Come Chris-tians join to sing, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men.' The second staff continues the melody with a '5' above the first measure. The lyrics are: 'Loud praiseto Christ our King, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men.' The third staff continues with a '9' above the first measure. The lyrics are: 'Let all with heart and voice, Be - fore His'.

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throne re - jice. Praise is His gra - cious choice,

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Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
 Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
 He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
 His love shall never end, Alleluia! Amen! [REFRAIN]

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
 Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
 On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,
 Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!" [REFRAIN]

Call to Confession of Sin

Galatians 3: 10–11

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

Prayer of Confession of Sin

[Please pray the italicized portions aloud together.]

O Lord, I have a wild heart, and cannot stand before you. I am like a bird before a man. How little I love your truth and ways! I neglect prayer. My mind is a bucket without a bottom, with no spiritual understanding. My conscience is without conviction or contrition, with no sins to acknowledge. My heart is without affection, and full of leaks. Give me a broken heart that yet carries home the water of grace.

Silent Prayers of Confession of Sin

Hymn of Confession of Sin

By Thy Mercy (Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory)

Lyrics: James J. Cummins, 1839; Music: Greg Thompson, 2004

Je - sus, Lord of life and glo - ry, —
bend from heav'n thy gra - cious ear;
While our wait - ing souls a - dore thee,
friend of help-less sin - ners, hear.
From the depth of na - ture's blind - ness,
from the hard'n'ing pow'r of sin, From all mal ice
and un - kind - ness, from the pride that lurks with in.
REFRAIN
By thy mer - cy, — O de - liv - er us, good
Lord; — By thy mer - cy, — O de -
liv - er us, good Lord, — good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's pow'r
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace [REFRAIN]

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain
 When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain
 In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day
 May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay [REFRAIN]

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1: 13–14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hymn of Pardoning Grace

Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand

Lyrics: Henry Alford, 1867; Music: Chris Miner, 1997

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Ten thou - sand times ten - thous - and in spark - ling rai - ment - bright, The ar - mies of the ran somed saints throug, Up the steep of - light: 'Tis fin - ished, all is - fin - ished, their fight with death and sin: - Fling o - pen wide the gol - den gates, and let the vic - - tors in.

What rush of alleluias, fill all the earth and sky
 What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph night
 O day, for which creation and all its tribes were made
 O joy, for all its former woes, a thousandfold repaid

O then what rapturous greetings on Canaan's happy shore
 What knitting severed friendship, up where partings are no more
 Then eyes with joy shall sparkle, that brimmed with tears of late
 Orphans no longer fatherless, nor widows desolate

Bring near Thy great salvation, Thou Lamb for sinners slain
Fill up the roll of Thine elect, then take Thy power, and reign
Appear, Desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home
Show in the heaven Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come

Epistle Reading

Romans 2:25-29

Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. If those who are not circumcised keep the law's requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker. A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: *Thanks be to God!*

Offering

Missions Spotlight

Scott Bull

Doxological Response

Gloria Patri

Lyrics: *Gloria Patri*, 2nd cent.; Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The musical notation is written on four staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff contains the first four measures of the melody. The second staff starts at measure 5 and contains the next four measures. The third staff starts at measure 9 and contains the next four measures. The fourth staff starts at measure 13 and contains the final two measures, ending with a double bar line.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the
5 Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is
9 now, and ev - er shall be, world with out end. A -
13 men, A - - - - men.

Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

Prayers of the People

(Please pray the italicized portions aloud together.)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: Let us pray.

We extol you our God and King. You exist in the mystery of the Trinity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

You live independent of all that you have created.

You uphold and govern your creation by your wise and holy providence.

Your wisdom is unsearchable, and your thoughts are higher than ours.

Your justice is absolute and perfectly fair.

There is none like you, the Holy One of Israel.

Yet, as our great God and King, You show mercy and compassion to your creatures.

You dwell with the meek and lowly.

Your tender mercies are over all of your works.

The broken spirit and the contrite heart you do not despise.

You live with us in grace as our Father.

We come to you now through our Lord Jesus Christ to plead for your care for the Church.

We pray for the churches in Metro Atlanta which proclaim your gospel.

We pray for your blessing on the churches of the Georgia Foothills Presbytery,

And especially for our church here at Ivy Creek.

We pray also for your help and blessing for our city.

Grant your help and protection to our city leaders.

Please bring financial prosperity to our city.

Make Lawrenceville a more just and merciful and peaceful community.

Help your people to benefit our city and to reflect your grace in our callings.

Father, we thank you for the mercy and kindness you have shown to us in this country.

We pray for wisdom in the use of our wealth.

We ask for purity in the use of our freedoms.

We ask that our leaders might serve with humility, compassion and justice.

We pray for your Kingdom to come in this world.

Give grace and help to Cheryl Erb and the medical team that will be going to Trinidad on January 16-23.

We pray that You would use the mobile medical clinics to minister to the people who come both medically and spiritually.

We ask for your help with team preparations before going and for adjustments back to the U.S. after the trip.

Our Savior, we appeal to your great compassion for help to those among us who are suffering.

We pray for those who are sick.

We pray for those who are discouraged and depressed.

We pray for those who are struggling financially.

We pray for those who are grieving.

We pray for those who are suffering in guilt and doubt.

[You are invited to bring your requests to God in silent prayer at this time.]

Our great God, we ask you to hear us and to work in us that which is pleasing to you, as we pray in the words our Savior taught us:

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.

Greeting of Peace

Leader: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

At this time, during our 11:00 a.m. worship service, children, ages **four and five**, are invited to attend CHILDREN'S WORSHIP, a specially designed program to help train them for worship. Teachers will meet the children at the back of the auditorium and escort them to class. If you would like to keep your child(ren) with you in the auditorium during worship, we welcome you to do so.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 48:1-22

¹ "Listen to this, O house of Jacob, you who are called by the name of Israel and come from the line of Judah, you who take oaths in the name of the LORD and invoke the God of Israel – but not in truth or righteousness- ² you who call yourselves citizens of the holy city and rely on the God of Israel – the LORD Almighty is his name: ³ I foretold the former things long ago, my mouth announced them and I made them known; then suddenly I acted, and they came to pass. ⁴ For I knew how stubborn you were; the sinews of your neck were iron, your forehead was bronze. ⁵ Therefore I told you these things long ago; before they happened I announced them to you so that you could not say, 'My idols did them; my wooden image and metal god ordained them.' ⁶ You have heard these things; look at them all. Will you not admit them? "From now on I will tell you of new things, of hidden things unknown to you. ⁷ They are created now, and not long ago; you have not heard of them before today. So you cannot say, 'Yes, I knew of them.' ⁸ You have neither heard nor understood; from of old your ear has not been open. Well do I know how treacherous you are; you were called a rebel from birth. ⁹ For my own name's sake I delay my wrath; for the sake of my praise I hold it back from you, so as not to cut you off. ¹⁰ See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. ¹¹ For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will not yield my glory to another. ¹² "Listen to me, O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I am he; I am the first and I am the last. ¹³ My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I summon them, they all stand up together. ¹⁴ "Come together, all of you, and listen: Which of the idols has foretold these things? The LORD's chosen ally will carry out his purpose against Babylon; his arm will be against the Babylonians. ¹⁵ I, even I, have spoken; yes, I have called him. I will bring him, and he will succeed in his mission. ¹⁶ "Come near me and listen to this: "From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there." And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, with his Spirit. ¹⁷ This is what the LORD says – your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. ¹⁸ If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your righteousness like the waves of the sea. ¹⁹ Your descendants would have

been like the sand, your children like its numberless grains; their name would never be cut off nor destroyed from before me." ²⁰ Leave Babylon, flee from the Babylonians! Announce this with shouts of joy and proclaim it. Send it out to the ends of the earth; say, "The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob." ²¹ They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; he made water flow for them from the rock; he split the rock and water gushed out. ²² "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon

Charles Garland

The Table

Confession of Faith

The Belgic Confession¹

We believe that we have no access to God except through the one and only Mediator and Intercessor: Jesus Christ the Righteous.

He therefore was made man, uniting together the divine and human natures, so that we human beings might have access to the divine Majesty. Otherwise we would have no access.

But this Mediator, whom the Father has appointed between himself and us, ought not to terrify us by his greatness, so that we have to look for another one, according to our fancy. For neither in heaven nor among the creatures on earth is there anyone who loves us more than Jesus Christ does....

We should not plead that we are unworthy – for it is not a question of offering our prayers on the basis of our own dignity but only on the basis of the excellence and dignity of Jesus Christ, whose righteousness is ours by faith.

¹The Belgic Confession (1561) was written for the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands during a time of intense persecution. Its principal author was Guido de Brès, a Dutch pastor who died a martyr to the faith in 1567.

Invitation and Prayer

[Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. 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 using the prayers provided as guidelines. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.]

Words of Institution

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!*

Minister: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

[As you are ready please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. The goblet with the ribbon contains non-alcoholic grape juice for those who do not wish to drink wine. We partake in the Supper by intinction, that is, we dip the bread into the cup.]

Communion Hymn

There Is a Fountain

Lyrics: William Cowper, 1771; Music: Karl Digerness, 1997

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins. And sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains; and sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains." The score includes measure numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 11.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never loose its power
'Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more
'Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die

Hymn of Response

His Love Can Never Fail

Lyrics: E.S. Hall, 1897; Music: Chris Miner, 2004

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread; But only that my soul may feed up-on the living Bread. 'Tis bet-ter far that I should walk by faith close to His side; I may not know the way I go, but oh, I know my Guide. His love can nev-er fail, His love can nev-er fail. My soul is sat is fied to know his love can nev-er fail; My soul is sat-is fied to know his love can nev-er fail. The word 'REFRAIN' is written above the music at the beginning of the 15th staff.

And if my feet would go astray, they cannot, for I know
That Jesus guides my falt'ring steps, as joyfully I go.
And though I may not see His face, my faith is strong and clear,
That in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near. [REFRAIN]

I will not fear, though darkness come abroad o'er all the land,
If I may only feel the touch Of His own loving hand.
And though I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail,
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail. [REFRAIN]

Benediction

Postlude

READINGS FOR 01/10/10 - 01/17/10

01/10 - Genesis 11; Matthew 10 ; Ezra 10; Acts 10
01/11 - Genesis 12; Matthew 11 ; Nehemiah 1; Acts 11
01/12 - Genesis 13; Matthew 12 ; Nehemiah 2; Acts 12
01/13 - Genesis 14; Matthew 13 ; Nehemiah 3; Acts 13
01/14 - Genesis 15; Matthew 14 ; Nehemiah 4; Acts 14
01/15 - Genesis 16; Matthew 15 ; Nehemiah 5; Acts 15
01/16 - Genesis 17; Matthew 16 ; Nehemiah 6; Acts 16
01/17 - Genesis 18; Matthew 17 ; Nehemiah 7; Acts 17

Ivy Creek Currents

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday morning, 9:30 – 11:15AM

Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 9:30am-11:15am in the sanctuary. The study, *His Hope: An Anchor For Our Souls* written and taught by Sarah Ivill, is a continuation from the fall on the book of Hebrews. Childcare is available.

Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Begins Tuesday, Feb. 2, 7:00 PM

The Tuesday Night Women's Bible study will start a new book on February 2. The group meets at the church on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. We will be studying through a John Piper book/DVD called *Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ*. Study guides are available for free online at www.desiringGod.org or can be purchased the first night for \$10. For more information contact: Elaine Dolan elainedolan@gmail.com or Rosie Witherspoon rosiewitherspoon@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events:

Gospel Man Conference

Friday & Saturday March 5, 6, 2010

Mark your calendars for the next Gospel Man Conference. For more information, flyers are available at the kiosk. To register online, visit www.thegospelman.com.

Important Notes

Lost & Found

We have accumulated a lot of stuff over the holidays – a box full of Bibles, many coats, gloves ... a nice girl's leather coat! Please check the Lost & Found at the Welcome Kiosk today for anything you may have left. February 1, we will be giving clothing, etc. to a local charity.

Baptisms at Ivy Creek

If you are a member of Ivy Creek Church and would like to have your child baptized, contact Denise Moor at dmoor@ivycreek.org or 770-962-9600. Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis – please note that they have to be scheduled several weeks in advance.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many different opportunities for you to get involved at Ivy Creek. For information about and help finding a way that YOU can get involved, please call Carol Knight at 770-995-1807.

Lawrenceville Co-Op

Ivy Creek is a supporting church of the Lawrenceville Co-Op, a food pantry that serves Lawrenceville and Dacula families in need. Thank you to everyone who has given food and money this year – please continue to remember the Co-op in your prayers and with ongoing contributions of non-perishable food.

FIND A COMPLETE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT WWW.IVYCREEK.ORG.

Biblical references, unless otherwise noted, are taken from the Holy Bible: New International Version (NIV).

Music: Most historic hymns are public domain.

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Weekly updates...



January Events:

SLAM – Wednesdays: 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

6:00pm-8:30pm, Snack provided

Boxland – 16th

D-Groups – 10th and 24th; 6:00pm-8:00pm

If you would like to learn more about ICC Student Ministries, feel free to call Scott Bull at 770-962-9600 ext. 103 or Melissa Perry at 770-962-9600 ext. 101 or visit us on the web at www.ivycreekstudents.org.

FINANCES AT-A-GLANCE

YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$227,703
YTD Actual Expenses	\$226,293
YTD Budgeted Giving	\$212,247
YTD Actual Giving	\$162,801
Fund Balances	\$ 63,598

Figures through November 30, 2009.

The full Ivy Creek Treasurer's Report is available for review upon request from the church office.
YTD = Year-to-date.

Offering and Expenses

