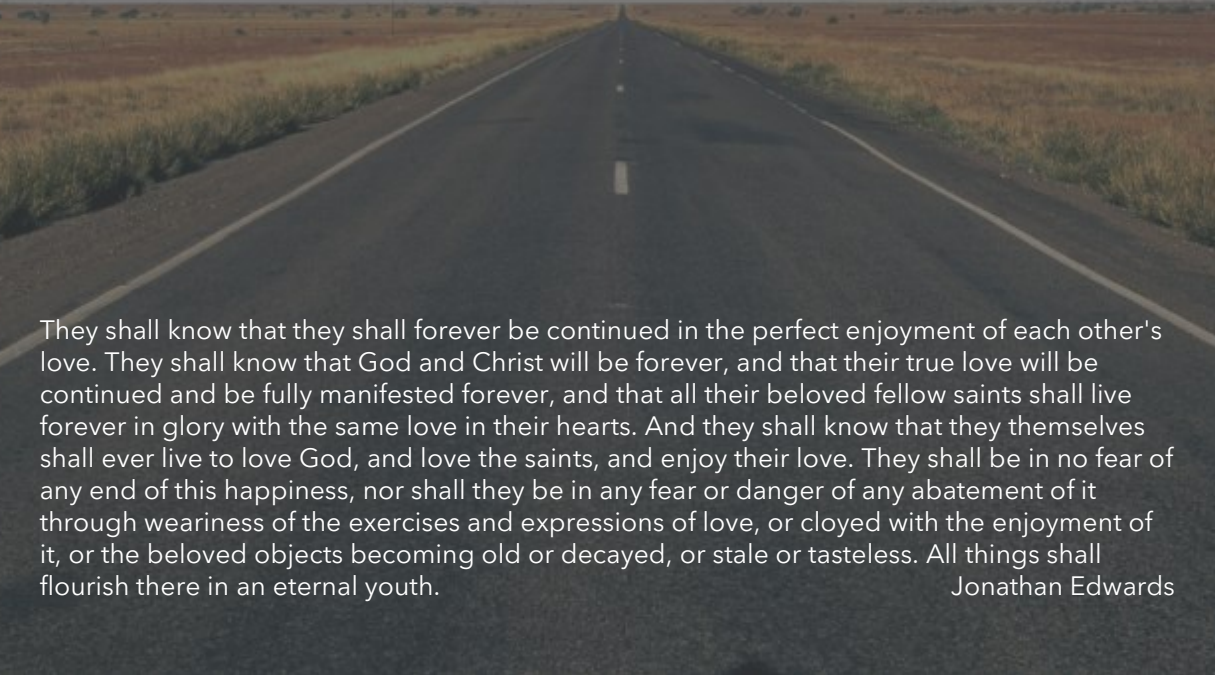

WHERE IS YOUR DESTINATION?



They shall know that they shall forever be continued in the perfect enjoyment of each other's love. They shall know that God and Christ will be forever, and that their true love will be continued and be fully manifested forever, and that all their beloved fellow saints shall live forever in glory with the same love in their hearts. And they shall know that they themselves shall ever live to love God, and love the saints, and enjoy their love. They shall be in no fear of any end of this happiness, nor shall they be in any fear or danger of any abatement of it through weariness of the exercises and expressions of love, or cloyed with the enjoyment of it, or the beloved objects becoming old or decayed, or stale or tasteless. All things shall flourish there in an eternal youth.

Jonathan Edwards

ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 17, 2024

The playing of the chimes is a signal that the hour of our corporate worship has begun.
During this time, we invite you to silently prepare your hearts to praise our Triune God to
whom belongs all glory, power, and majesty.

(Please silence all phones and non-medical electronic devices.)

Hearing support is available. Please, ask an usher, audio technician, or Deacon Norm Marks.

Welcome

PASTOR POST

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude — Psalm 150 (Bob Chilcott)

O praise God. O praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let ev'ry thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

CHANCEL and
GRACE AND PEACE
Choirs

❖ GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

PASTOR POST

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

Pastor: Let us worship God. “He is our refuge and our fortress, our God,
in whom we trust.”

People: Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,”

Pastor: and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

People: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Pastor: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,

All: confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and
in truth.

❖ Hymn (Trinity #168) — I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
(music next page)

❖ PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by the Lord's Prayer)

PASTOR BARBER

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 the evil one. For Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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Who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age. Gal. 1:4

1. I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art, my on - ly
 2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace, reign - ing om -
 3. Thou art the Life, by which a - lone we live, and all our
 4. Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness, no harsh - ness
 5. Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee; our faith is

trust and Sav - ior of my heart, who pain didst un - der -
 nip - o - tent in ev - 'ry place: so come, O King, and
 • sub - stance and our strength re - ceive; O com - fort us in
 hast thou and no bit - ter - ness: make us to taste the
 built up - on thy prom - ise free; O grant to us such

go for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 our whole be - ing sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 • death's ap - proach - ing hour, strong - heart - ed then to face it by thy pow'r.
 sweet grace found in thee and ev - er stay in thy sweet u - ni - ty.
 strong - er hope and sure that we can bold - ly con - quer and en - dure.

❖ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,

but belong—

body and soul,

in life and in death—

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood.

and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way

that not a hair can fall from my head

without the will of my Father in heaven;

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,

Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready

from now on to live for him.

❖ **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament readings — Ecclesiastes 2:14–17; Revelation 21:5–8
(Pew Bible, p. 704; 1327)

Ecc. 2:14 The wise person has his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I perceived that the same event happens to all of them. ¹⁵ Then I said in my heart, “What happens to the fool will happen to me also. Why then have I been so very wise?” And I said in my heart that this also is vanity. ¹⁶ For of the wise as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. How the wise dies just like the fool! ¹⁷ So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a striving after wind.

Ecclesiastes 2:14-17

Rev. 21:5 And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

Revelation 21:5-8

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ELDER CHUCK
HEIDEL

PASTOR BARBER

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN
(followed by Private Confession of Sin)

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus name.

Assurance of Pardon

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28–30 (Pew Bible, p. 1037)

WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

Reception of New Members

Greg, Jennifer, & Emily Hostetler • Joe & Debbie Trincia

PASTOR EVANS

Baptism

Emily Hostetler

WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



You can also give online on our website, through the app Vanco Mobile, or mail a check to the office (if it is for the Deacons Fund, please note on the memo).

KEVIN BOTBYL

Offertory Response — With All My Heart (Babbie Mason)

In this quiet place with You, I bow before Your throne. I bare the deepest part of me to You and You alone. I keep no secrets, for there is no thought You have not known. I bring my best, and all the rest, to You and lay them down.

With all my heart I want to love you, Lord. And live my life each day to know You more. All that is in me is Yours completely. I'll serve You only, with all my heart. You faithfully supply my needs according to Your plan. So help me, Lord, to seek Your face before I seek Your hand. And trust You know what's best for me when I don't understand. Then follow in obedience in ev'ry circumstance.

❖ Song — Trust in God

Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. Children 2 and 3 years old may go to Beginner Bible in room 100; children 4 years to 2nd grade may depart during the last verse to the Fellowship Hall for Junior Church. Parents please pick up children after the service.

Original Words by
Fanny Jane Crosby

Add'l. Words and Music by
Brandon Lake, Chris Brown,
Mitch Wong and Steven Furtick

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine.
 (2. Per - fect sub) - mis - sion, all is at rest.

4
 He's been my fourth man in the fi - re ___ time af - ter ___ time.
 I know the au - thor of to - mor - row has or - dered my ___ steps.

8
 Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood,
 So this is my sto - ry, and this is my song.

12
 and what He did for me on Cal - v'ry is more than e - nough.
 I'm prais - ing my ri - sen King and Sav - ior ___ all the day ___ long.

16
 I trust in God, my Sav - ior, the One ___ who will nev - er fail. ___

22
 ___ He will nev - er fail. ___ I trust in God, my Sav - ior, the One

27
 ___ who will nev - er fail. ___ He will nev - er fail. ___ 1. ___
 2. Per - fect sub -

34 2.

I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered. I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered.

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I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered. That's why I trust Him, that's why I trust in

42

God, my Sav - ior, the One who will nev - er fail. He will nev - er

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fail. I trust in God, my Sav - ior, the One who will nev - er

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fail. He will nev - er fail.

GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

PASTOR POST

Where Is Your Destination? — Isaiah 25:6-8; Revelation 21:1-4
(Pew Bible, p. 745; 1326)

Is. 25:6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
7 And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
8 He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken. Isaiah 25:6-8

Rev. 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and
the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the
holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice
from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.
He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will
be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying,
nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”
Revelation 21:1-4

❖ Hymn (Trinity #358) — For All the Saints (music next pages)

❖ GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

GRACE & PEACE Choir Rehearsal — 4–5pm
FAMILY SKATE NIGHT — 5:45–7:45pm, at Christiana Skating Center

They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them. Rev. 14:13

Unison

1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3. O may thy sol - diers faith - ful, true, and bold,
 4. The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
 5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day;
 6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,

who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old,
 soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;
 the saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
 through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 and win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
 the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating G major. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note, and the second staff ends with a fermata over the final note. There is a small number '7' above the final measure of the second staff.

William Walsham How, 1864, 1875

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.a.
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Tune from the *English Hymnal* by permission of Oxford University Press.



OUR MISSION We exist to change lives through sharing Christ.
We carry out this mission in three ways:

GATHER — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP—10:45AM
PALM SUNDAY FAMILY PROGRAM—March 24, 6:00pm
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE—March 28, 7:00pm
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE—March, 31, 10:45am

DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES—9:30AM
WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP—Wednesdays at 9:15-11:30AM and 6:30–8:00PM
MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Thursdays, 8–9AM in Room B202 and online. “Sojourners and Exiles”
JR. & SR. HIGH SPRING RETREAT—April 19-21. For more information and to register go to the "Youth Group" page on our website. **Registration deadline is Sunday, March 31st!**

SEND — we are all Christ’s ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally

MISSIONARIES—Richard & Robyn Crane—MTW: Cuba (see our Missionary Highlight in this week’s online EPiC Newsletter)
FAMILY SKATE NIGHT—Tonight, 5:45-7:45pm at Christiana Skating Center
EASTER EGG HUNT—March 23, 10:00-11:30am
EASTER FOR THE WORLD—Host an international student at your Easter dinner table. Contact Rick Gray for more information.

Attendance and Financial Information for March 10, 2024

SS: 146 - AM: 263 - PM: 13

General Fund

Weekly Gifts Received \$ 31,786.57
Weekly Budgeted Requirements \$ 22,240.00
Year-to-Date Gifts Received \$203,110.56
Year-to-Date Requirements \$222,400.69
Year-to-Date Expenses \$192,446.69

Deacons Fund

Deacons Fund Receipts (Feb.) \$ 3,317.88
YTD Deacons Fund Receipt \$ 7,556.88
YTD Deacons Fund Expenses \$27,344.06
Deacons Fund Ending Balance \$14,796.83



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