

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

December 31, 2017 - 10:30 AM

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Arr. by Molly iJames

Please take this time to quietly meditate on the following Scripture passage as you prepare your heart to worship the Lord.

Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise you glorious name.

1 Chronicles 29:12-13 (ESV)

Biblical worship is always a response to God's gracious revelation of Himself to his people. Therefore, all our worship services begin with a scriptural "Call To Worship" (that is, the content of the "call" comes from God's own Word). In this "call" we are reminded that God always takes the initiative. He always comes toward His people first, in grace. Our worship is a reflexive and deliberate response to His gracious call. We are promised that when we worship Him correctly, He is glorified and the brokenness of our lives is healed.

*CALL TO WORSHIP **Jeremiah 9:23-24; Ephesians 2:8-9; Psalm 34:2-3 (ESV)**

As God's Word calls us to worship, let's shout these words to one another recognizing that our worship is a response to God's gracious call.

Leader: Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches,

People: **but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."**

Leader: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

People: **not a result of works, so that no one may boast.**

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

ALL: **Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #659 *Let Us Praise God Together*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*SONGS OF PRAISE *You Are God Alone Glorious Day*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

After the public confession below, you are encouraged to confess your sins silently to God.

O gracious and gentle and condescending God, God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you, O long-suffering Father. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL **Romans 8:32-34 (ESV)**

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him, graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

**The congregation stands.*

***GREETING OF PEACE**

2 Peter 1:2 (ESV)

Please take this opportunity to greet those around you, offering them the right hand of fellowship and the peace which is only found in Christ.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)

[Pray] *at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.*

To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Please take a moment to sign our "Fellowship Pad" and pass it along to those worshiping with you. Thank you!

The offering is a vital part of our response to God and God's Word. It helps us connect our adoration for God with our life of discipleship.

Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:31-33 (ESV)

OFFERTORY

He Will Hold Me Fast

by Keith and Kristyn Getty

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

REFRAIN

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last!

SCRIPTURE READING (page 786 in pew Bible)

Habakkuk 2:12-14

SERMON

"Accomplishment And Pride"

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

HYMN OF RESPONSE #642** (stanzas 1-2 & 4) ***Be Thou My Vision

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. by Larry Shackley

Spring Hills Presbyterian Church is committed to:

CHANGED HEARTS through the power of the Gospel of Grace,

CHANGED LIVES through Biblical preaching, teaching, fellowship and discipleship, and a

CHANGED COMMUNITY, where the community is so impacted by the Gospel that it becomes predominately Christian and committed to the worship and service of our Triune God.