

SERMON NOTES:

1. To whom does our risen Lord draw near? (24:13-24)

2. How does He draw near? (24:25-32)

3. Why does He draw near? (24:28-35)



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This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, July 16		
9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Children’s Church	Children’s Wing
10:15 AM	Sunday School	
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	Children’s Church	Children’s Wing
5:15 PM	Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary

Monday, July 17		
9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School	Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector
	Women’s Prayer Ministry	Session Room
5:15 PM	Diaconate Monthly Meeting	Nell Davis

Tuesday, July 18		
9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School	Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
5:45 PM	Bonded in Fellowship	Fellowship Lounge
6:30 PM	High School Summer Bible Study	Student Center
	Summer Women’s Bible Study	Tower 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor

Wednesday, July 19		
6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School	Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call	Connector
	World Missions Prayer Time	Tower 303
5:30 PM	Rapha Fellowship	SS 209 & SS 210
6:00 PM	MS Youth Summer Bible Study	Student Center

Thursday, July 20		
9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School	Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM	Balance Exercise Class	Student Center
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, July 21		
9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School	Fellowship Hall
10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor

*The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of a month.*  
*Prayers for Healing take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of a month.*  
*The Sacrament of Communion takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.*

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in Chattanooga, North America, and around the world,  
to the glory of the Triune God.*

The Lord’s Day  
SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023  
11:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PERSONAL WORSHIP REFLECTION  
The opening of the Scriptures, the opening of our eyes,  
and the opening of our minds are three great blessings  
that we should all desire from our resurrected Lord.  
– James Montgomery Boice

PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION  
O gracious Father,  
How often we become discouraged in our walks.  
Grant to us this day a clear vision  
of our risen and reigning Lord.  
For He is the One to Whom all Scripture testifies,  
and the One Who mysteriously walks among us.  
Open our eyes to gaze upon His beauty,  
and inflame our hearts  
to truly absorb Your living Word  
and feast at Your table.  
Through our worship, may we become more convinced  
that it is true—Jesus Christ is Risen. Amen.

PRELUDE  
*“Jesu meine Freude” by J.S. Bach*  
*(“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”)* Patrick Rice, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP  
*“Offertory” by John Ness Beck*



The text of the Choral Call to Worship is based on Micah 6:6-8.

- 6 “With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?
- 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
- 8 He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?”

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 4:16 ESV  
Pastor: Let us then with confidence  
draw near to the throne of grace,  
People: That we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help in time of need.

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

“O Love of God, How Strong and True” No. 81 (vv. 1-4)  
“Amazing Grace” No. 460 (vv. 1-6)

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed  
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick\* and the dead;  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*living \*\*universal

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“Come Home” by Craig Courtney

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

†GLORIA PATRI

No. 735

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

Luke 24:13-35—“The Risen Christ Draws Near”  
Rev. Dr. Richard Cain

THE TABLE FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God,  
Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we are unworthy of Your pardoning grace.  
For we have not believed Your promises,  
nor trusted in You, our Living Lord.  
Through worldliness of spirit,  
we have not discerned Your presence with us.  
Through discouragements and disappointments,  
our hearts have not burned within us  
as we have heard Your Word.  
We have forgotten the joy of Your victory over death,  
and ignore the things that belong to our peace.  
So now in humility we come to You, asking forgiveness.  
Mercifully grant us release from all our sins  
and restore to us the joy of Your salvation,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 4:25 ESV  
[Jesus Christ] was delivered up for our trespasses  
and raised for our justification.

COMMUNION

- Communion, also called the Lord’s Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians when we recall Jesus’ cross, relive His anguish, and renew our vows to live as His followers.
- We invite all to participate in this meal:  
who profess faith in Jesus Christ,  
who are members of a gospel-proclaiming church,  
who are endeavoring to live at peace with God and others,  
and who seek strengthening grace to live more faithfully for Jesus.

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- If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, we encourage you to spend this time considering Jesus’ broken body and shed blood. Pray and ask Him to forgive your sins and to give you eternal life.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place” No. 469 (vv.1-6)

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 3:16 ESV  
Pastor: Now may the Lord of peace Himself  
give you peace at all times in every way.  
The Lord be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross” arr. Susan Whitacre  
String Quartet

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
Sam and Margaret Venable.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers  
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

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