

Hixson Presbyterian Church
May 6, 2018

Prelude

Greetings

Greg Baney

Call to Worship Romans 8

Prayer of Preparation & Confession

†A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He'
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him
who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

Responsive Reading from Psalm 8

†He Is Jesus

There's a treasure great in beauty,
far surpassing earth's great wealth.
He is Jesus, Prince of Glory, Source of all grace,
peace, and health.
There's a fountain ever flowing, Satisfying all who drink.
He is Jesus, spring of joy to all who hail Him as their King.

There's a power, holy power, breaking bonds of captive men.
He is Jesus, mighty Jesus, Holy warrior and sinner's friend.
There's a Savior rich in mercy, quick to pardon all our sins.
He is Jesus, great Redeemer, reconciling God and man.
There's a glorious Lord returning! All will bow to Him alone.
He is Jesus, King of nations, reigning from His gracious throne!
[There is One to whom our praises
will through every age ascend.

He is Jesus, King forever, Whose wondrous rule will never end!]

†My Soul Finds Rest

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to Him who hears me

Chorus

O praise Him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

Find rest my soul in God alone, amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go,
don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow, are harvested in heaven.

I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in Him completely;
With every day pour out my soul, and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His forever.

Prayer of Intercession & Offertory

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Please fill out the friendship folder found at the end of the pew
Children ages 4 & 5 are invited to Children's Church

Offertory *All Praise to Him*

Sermon

"An Open Door"
Colossians 4:2-6

Robert Johnson

†All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

Chorus: Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
could never come from me

Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

**Benediction
Postlude**

Why Do We Do That?

Benediction

At the conclusion of our morning worship the pastor typically has everyone rise to receive the benediction. When our pastor pronounces this he is speaking the blessing (which is what benediction means) of the Lord into our hearts just as Aaron was commanded to do in Number 6:22-26. Often people symbolize receiving that blessing by extending their hands as you would to receive a gift. This is a picture of the blessings we receive from the Lord and it reminds us of His faithful care as we leave to worship and serve in our daily lives.

Sermon Notes - Robert Johnson
"An Open Door"
Colossians 4:2-6

First, An Open Door For the Gospel

Second, Prayer

Third, Your Walk & Words

Finally, Praying For Open Doors

Announcements for the week May 6, 2018

- **Youth Dinner Auction Fundraiser:** Please stop by the dinner auction table and bid on a dinner after the worship service today. All proceeds help fund youth mission trips this summer.
- Tonight is the last Sunday Night Ministries for the summer.
- **Men of HPC:** We want your feedback on the Men's Ministry! Please fill out the 5-minute survey at the following link: <http://bit.ly/HPCMenSurvey>
- **Prayer Walk: Tuesday mornings from 8:30-9:30.** We will meet in the back parking lot of the church. All ladies are welcome. *The theme for this year's prayer walk is "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus".* Please see Denise Jennings for more information.
- **HPC Nursery is NOW HIRING!** If you are interested in being part of our paid nursery staff team, act now and apply today! Applications can be found on the website or in paper form at the welcome desk and children's welcome desk.

Current Sunday School Classes

Minor Prophets – (Now through May 27th) [Rm M-1](#). Taught by Greg Baney

Women's Sunday School Class - The study will meet through May 27th in [Rm M-2](#).

Angels and Demons - (April 8th - May 27th) Facilitated by Floyd Richardson. Meets in the church conference room.

Sunday School Coming Up this Summer...

The Gospel of John – June 3rd through August 12th "In the beginning was the Word..." The gospel of John has always been a rich study as many of the most familiar sayings of Christ are contained in the blessed pages of this gospel narrative.

This summer we will embark on an eleven-week study of the gospel of John as taught by Floyd Richardson. Please make plans to attend during the Sunday school hour (9:30 till 10:30 AM) in room M1.

Women's Sunday School – June 3rd through July 29th Gospel

Centered Life by Bob Thune and Will Walker will enable us to discuss and explore how the gospel is life changing. Lessons are self-contained with no homework. Women of HPC, come journey together with Carolyn Hays during the Sunday school hour (9:30 till 10:30 AM) in room M2.

Summer Events

Summer Study for Women

Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm, May 2 through June 6 in room M-2. Ladies, please join us as we study, "Living Victoriously in Difficult Times" facilitated by Marica Swearingen. The cost is \$8.00 to cover materials. There will be no childcare for this study.

Church-wide Summer Picnic

Sunday, June 3rd at 12:30pm at our pavilion. Please bring your own blankets or chairs. We are asking each family to bring something to share that will feed 10-12 people. If your name begins in A - L, bring a vegetable or salad. If your name begins in M - Z, bring a dessert. If your dish needs to be warmed or refrigerated, bring it to the kitchen prior to church that morning and we will take care of getting it to the pavilion. Sign up using the tear-off.

Summer Connection

Wednesday Nights Beginning June 6 (6:30-7:45)

Led by Pastors Robert & Greg

This is a great way to stay connected over the summer and dig deeper into the sermons. This Small Group will meet at the church for fellowship and to discuss the sermon from the preceding Sunday. A chance to dig deeper, talk about it and apply it in our lives.

VBS 2018

Thank you to everyone who signed up to volunteer for VBS coming in July! Believe it or not it is time to start our meetings! Below is a list of meeting times and you need to plan to attend ONE of them. There are several day/time options, however if it still doesn't work for you contact Alisa Gillis for an individual meeting time. All meetings will run a max of one hour and will take place in C-6, the Children's Library. Thanks so much and VBS 2018 will be awesome!

Sunday, May 6th at 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 9th at 5:30pm

Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 16th at 5:30pm

Thursday, May 17th at 10am

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 6

9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
5:00 - 6:30 pm Small Groups
Youth Underground
G.R.O.W. HPC Kids

Monday, May 7

Tuesday, May 8

8:30 am Prayer Walk
12:00 pm Primetimer's Lunch
3:30 pm TASK
6:00 pm Trail Life Meeting

Wednesday, May 9

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
6:30 pm Summer Study for Women

Thursday, May 10

3:30 pm TASK

Friday, May 11

Contributions Report

<u>General:</u> April 29, 2018		<u>Missions:</u> April 29, 2018	
Contributions	13,381.00	Contribution	2,685.00
Budget	15,200.00	Budget	1,876.00

<u>Month to Date</u>		<u>Month to Date</u>	
Contributions	75,856.00	Contributions	8,905.00
Budget	76,000.00	Budget	9,380.00

Building Fund Weekly	2,550	Month to Date	20,532
Weekly Goal	5,303	Monthly Goal	21,212