

Order of Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Kevin Caldwell

— **Glorify Thy Name**

Call to Worship: Calvin Mitchell

738 We Will Glorify
682 To God Be the Glory
 — **Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted**

Bread: Shaun Holt
 Fruit of the Vine: Kwesi Asiedu
 Giving: Mike Wilson

— **In Need**

Scripture Reading: *Philippians 4: 1-9*
 Kweku Asiedu

572 Send the Light

Sermon: Ricky Cook

179 God is Calling the Prodigal

Prayer Requests/Announcements

277 I Have Heard of a Land

Closing Prayer: Mike Wilson

Usher 1: Reggie White
 Usher 2: Yaw Asiedu
 Projectionist: Carl Wamble

Our songs today are from *Songs of Faith and Praise and the Supplement.*

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Jonathan McMillion

718 We Shall Assemble
S-66 Come Let Us Sing

Call to Worship: Bernard Foster

719 Love One Another
71 As the Deer
364 Come Share the Lord

Bread: Jerry Prestridge
 Fruit of the Vine: Kerry Clark
 Giving: Antoine Johnson

S-16 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Scripture Reading: *Philippians 4: 1-9*
 Andrew Brown

290 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Sermon: Ricky Cook

S-73 Break My Heart

Prayer Requests/Announcements

749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Closing Prayer: Antoine Johnson

Usher 1: Neal Wilkins
 Usher 2: Joe Ford
 Projectionist: Chuck Morris

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Guest Guide:

- Nursery and Training room are upstairs.
- Children's classes are downstairs.
- Looking for a church home? We'd love to tell you about this congregation.
- Please fill out a guest card and give it to one of the ushers.
- Communion cups are on the welcome table in the foyer.

Serving Next Week: March 10th

8:00 Service

Brother of the Month	Jeff Watson
Song Leader	Kwesi Asiedu
Call To Worship	Carl Wamble
Bread	Byron Vaughan
Fruit of the Vine	Reggie Oliver
Giving	Steve Jones
Scripture Reader	Calvin Mitchell
Closing Prayer	Steve Jones
Usher 1	Kevin Hogg
Usher 2	LeRoy Bell
Projectionist	Kevin Caldwell

10:30 Service

Brother of the Month	Joe Ford
Song Leader	Aaron Springer
Call to Worship	Michael Wilkins
Bread	Rodney Philyaw
Fruit of the Vine	Jesse Frerot
Giving	Mark Williamson
Scripture Reader	John Birus
Closing Prayer	Mark Williamson
Usher 1	John Jones
Usher 2	Bob Ozomah
Projectionist	Allen Pratt



Where Faith Meets Life!

Life Groups Meet Today

We would like the men scheduled to serve in the worship service meet in the copier room at 7:45 and 10:15 to prepare for the service.

Wednesday, March 6th

Song Leader	Carl Wamble
Devotional Leader	Bernard Foster
Closing Prayer	Shaun Holt



March 3, 2024

Sunday:

Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am
 Bible Classes: 9:30 am

Wednesday:

Bible Classes: 7 pm

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Be Strong and of Good Courage

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:9

The people of God have never been commanded to deny the rigors of this life. We are exhorted to remember the reality of this life. The Bible witness is that this life has its troubles and trials (*Job 14:1; Romans 8:18*). Yet, the Bible also articulates that the power, providence, and grace of God are greater than our adversities – *2 Corinthians 12:9* “And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

Joshua was a man well acquainted with troubles and trials. He was commissioned to lead Israel in the subduing of the Promised Land. This in and of itself was an imposing task. Consider further that he also assumed the mantle of leader after Moses. Moses was one of the greatest leaders Israel had at any point in their history (*Hebrews 3:1-6*). As imposing as it was to lead Israel in conquering the land of Canaan, surely following on the heels of Moses would have been imposing as well.

Consider God's message to Joshua. Joshua was not to be swayed by the enormity of the task he had been called to complete. Neither was he to focus on the obstacles and impediments that he would face. He was charged to remember that the Lord was always with him. The fact of God's presence and power did not make Joshua's task easy. It did make his task possible. In fact, Joshua's success was assured if he walked with God. The same is true for us today. God's presence and power do not remove all the rigors or every adversity from life. They do assure our success if we walk with Him – *Romans 8:37-39* “Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,
 Ricky Cook