

Order of Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Kevin Caldwell

362 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Call to Worship: Vaughn Harvey

9 A Wonderful Savior

553 Rise Up, O Men of God

444 Nailed to the Cross

Bread: Carl Wamble
Fruit of the Vine: Shaun Holt
Giving: Eric Gilbey

434 More Holiness Give Me

Scripture Reading: Matthew 12:43-45
Calvin Mitchell

571 Seeking the Lost

Sermon: Ricky Cook

584 Softly and Tenderly

Prayer Requests/Announcements

523 Our God, He is Alive

Closing Prayer: Eric Gilbey

Usher 1: Kevin Hogg
Usher 2: LeRoy Bell
Projectionist: Aaron Springer

Our songs today are from Praise for the Lord.

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Jonathan McMillion

647 Soldiers of Christ, Arise

648 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Call to Worship: Allen Pratt

745 Humble Yourself

S-54 And Can It Be

S-91 In Christ Alone

Bread: Demetrius Morris
Fruit of the Vine: Steve Koziol
Giving: Rodney Philyaw

S-121 Hide Me Away, O Lord

Scripture Reading: Matthew 12:43-45
Emagii Graves

— Ancient Words

Sermon: Ricky Cook

948 I Am Resolved

Prayer Requests/Announcements

— There's a Stirring

Closing Prayer: Rodney Philyaw

Usher 1: Ethan Graves
Usher 2: Cornelius Morris
Projectionist: Chuck Morris

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



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: April 21st

8:00 Service

Brother of the Month	Steve Jones
Song Leader	Mike Wilson
Call To Worship	Jeff Watson
Bread	Kwesi Asiedu
Fruit of the Vine	Palmer Young
Giving	Chris Forand
Scripture Reader	TBA
Closing Prayer	Chris Forand
Usher 1	Carl Wamble
Usher 2	Yaw Asiedu
Projectionist	Byron Vaughan

10:30 Service

Brother of the Month	John Jones
Song Leader	Antoine Johnson
Call to Worship	Michael Wilkins
Bread	Kerry Clark
Fruit of the Vine	Andrew Brown
Giving	Jesse Frerot
Scripture Reader	Neal Wilkins
Closing Prayer	Jesse Frerot
Usher 1	Joe Ford
Usher 2	John Jones
Projectionist	Bruce Robins

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, April 17th

Song Leader Kevin Caldwell

Devotional Leader Jesse Frerot

Closing Prayer Kwesi Asiedu



Where Faith Meets Life!

Life Groups Meet Today



April 14, 2024

Sunday:

Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am,
Spanish service 12:15 pm
Bible Classes: 9:30 am
Spanish Bible Classes: 11:00

Wednesday:

Bible Classes: 7 pm

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Who Is He?

“He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.” Isaiah 53:3

The above passage is prophetic reference to Christ Jesus. This is not the statement one would expect to hear concerning the coming King of Kings. It was foretold that Jesus would be misunderstood by the world, and even by His own family. In our world today there are still many that do not genuinely appreciate who Jesus is. Some even go so far as to deny the historical reality of His life on earth.

It is no surprise then that true Christianity seems strange to many people today. This is true even of many that profess to be Christians. The apostle Peter declared that there were many that did not understand or regard the new life in Christ – *1 Peter 4:4* “In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you;” This was also the Master’s experience in His time in the flesh. The gospel accounts reveal that initially, Jesus had crowds and popularity. Yet, as His message became clearer, the crowds became thinner.

Jesus did not come to win popularity contests or to please man – *John 5:43-44* “I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will receive him. How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?” He stayed true to the Father and to His purpose. No wonder there is such praiseworthy declaration of His person – *Revelation 1:5-6* “and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood— and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Who is Jesus? He is Lord and Christ (*Acts 2:36*). To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,
Ricky Cook