

FAITH CHURCH

NOVEMBER 9TH, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR MICHAEL BROWN

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 47:1-2

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

INVOCATION

PASTOR DON WALTERMYER

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Ancient of Days

Robinson | Thompson | Farren | Reeves

Verse 1

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

Chorus

None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days

Verse 2

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Verse 3

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour king
Then my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

CONFESSION OF SIN

1 JOHN 2:14-15

I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR DON WALTERMYER

VERSE 3 OF "WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU AS WE OUGHT"

BY THOMAS BENSON POLLOCK

We have not loved thee as we ought, nor cared that we are loved by thee; thy presence we have coldly sought, and feebly longed thy face to see. Lord, give a pure and loving heart to feel and own the love thou art. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ROMANS 4:7-8

Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft | Cook

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Verse 3

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Boswell | Papa | Bleecker

Verse 1

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Verse 2

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Verse 3

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Verse 4

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-2

Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

If the Lord is leading you to give, we offer two ways to do so: there are two black boxes in the foyer immediately as you exit the sanctuary, or you can give online at www.faithrpc.org/connect/give.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LEN BROWN

Children may go to children's church if desired. First-time visitors, please escort your children out of the sanctuary for check-in.

SERMON

LUKE 17:20-37

"Ready When Jesus Returns"

Pastor Michael Brown

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

For All The Saints

How | Miner

Verse 1

For all the saints
Who from their labours rest
Who Thee by faith
Before the world confessed
Thy name O Jesus be forever blest
Alleluia, allelu

Verse 2

Thou wast their Rock
Their Fortress and their Might
Thou Lord their Captain
In the well fought fight
Thou in the darkness drear
Their one true Light
Alleluia, allelu

Verse 3

O may Thy soldiers
Faithful true and bold
Fight as the saints
Who nobly fought of old
And win with them
The victor's crown of gold
Alleluia, allelu

Verse 4

The golden evening
Brightens in the west
Soon soon to faithful
Warriors cometh rest
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest
Alleluia, allelu

Verse 5

But lo there breaks
A yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant
Rise in bright array
The King of Glory
Passes on His way
Alleluia

Verse 6

From earth's wide bounds
From ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl
Streams in the countless host
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia, allelu

BENEDICTION

SERMON TEXT & NOTES

Luke 17:20-21. ²⁰ Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, ²¹ nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

I. The Kingdom Will Not Come As You Expect

II. The Kingdom of God is in Our Midst

Luke 17:22-30. ²² And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. ²³ And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them. ²⁴ For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. ²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶ Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, ²⁹ but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— ³⁰ so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

III. All Will Know When Jesus Comes Again (No Secret Rapture)

IV. Suffering Comes First

- You're not ready for the second coming unless you've reckoned with the cross. Without the cross of Jesus and without our faith in Him and in what He has done for us, the second coming would be bad news for everyone. With the cross, those who trusted in Jesus who is coming as the King and Judge, for them, the second coming is good news. *Ligon Duncan*

V. Be Ready! Jesus' Coming Will Be Unexpected

SERMON TEXT & NOTES

Luke 17:31-37. ³¹ “On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. ³² Remember Lot’s wife. ³³ Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. ³⁴ I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. ³⁵ There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”

VI. Possessed by Possessions

- There is a great deal of difference between the desires of heaven in a believer and in an unbeliever. The believer prizes heaven above this world. The unbeliever prizes heaven only over hell. To the ungodly, there is nothing that seems more desirable than this world, and therefore he only chooses heaven over hell but not heaven over this world. And therefore he will not have heaven upon such a choice. *Richard Baxter*

VII. One Taken, One Left

- **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.** ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

VIII. Where, Lord?