

# FAITH CHURCH

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

## INVOCATION

DANIEL KREIDER

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Dyke | Beethoven | Hodges

### Verse 1

Joyful joyful we adore Thee  
God of glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee  
Opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

### Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee  
Center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest, vale, and mountain  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee

### Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving  
Ever blessing, ever blest  
Wellspring of the joy of living  
Ocean depth of happy rest  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother  
All who live in love are Thine  
Teach us how to love each other  
Lift us to the joy divine

### Verse 4

Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
Which the morning stars began  
Father love is reigning o'er us  
Brother love binds man to man  
Ever singing, march we onward  
Victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music lifts us sunward  
In the triumph song of life

## CONFESSION OF SIN

HOSEA 14:1

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

EPHESIANS 1:7-10

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### Angels We Have Heard On High

Barnes | Chadwick

#### Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

#### Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

#### Chorus

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

#### Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ, whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King

#### Verse 4

See Him in a manger laid  
Whom the choirs of angels praise  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid  
While our hearts in love, we raise

## King of Kings

Ligertwood | Ligertwood | Ingram

### Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

### Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

### Verse 3

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

### Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

### Chorus

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, Three in One  
God of Glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings

## GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

EXODUS 35:4-5

Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that the Lord has commanded. Take from among you a contribution to the Lord. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the Lord's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze...

*If the Lord leads you to give, 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](http://www.faithrpc.org/connect/give).*

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

BOB RUSH

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

## SERMON

PSALM 100

*"Blessedness"*

Pastor Devin Kahan

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

Boswell | Papa

## Verse 1

You made the starry hosts  
You traced the mountain peaks  
You paint the evening skies  
with wonders  
The earth it is Your throne  
From desert to the sea  
All nature testifies Your splendor

## Chorus

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Sing His greatness all creation  
Praise the Lord, raise your voice  
You heights and all you depths  
From furthest east to west  
Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord

## Verse 2

You reached into the dust  
In love Your Spirit breathed  
You formed us in Your very likeness  
To know Your wondrous works  
To tell Your mighty deeds  
To join the everlasting chorus

## Verse 3

Let symphonies resound  
Let drums and choirs ring out  
All heaven hear the sound of worship  
Let every nation bring  
Its honors to the King  
A roar of harmonies eternal

## Chorus 2

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Sing His greatness all creation  
Praise the Lord, raise your voice  
You heights and all you depths  
From furthest east to west  
You distant burning stars  
All creatures near and far  
From sky to sea to shore  
Sing out forevermore  
Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord

# BENEDICTION

# SERMON TEXT & NOTES

**Psalm 1.** <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; <sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. <sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; <sup>6</sup> for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

## Blessedness Comes From Righteousness

### I. Blessed are Those who Dwell with Righteous People (v. 1)

- Blessedness: It's first relational. It's sometimes material.
  - A permanent state of being under the smile of God
  - The overflowing life for the pleasure of God

### II. Blessed are Those who Delight in Righteous Words (v. 2-3)

- Meditating – a murmuring of the truth throughout the day
- **Deuteronomy 6:4-9.** <sup>4</sup> “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

# SERMON TEXT & NOTES

- 5 Strategies for when your “Ought-To’s” don’t match your “Want-To’s” (Piper)
  - Reinterpret the Ought-To’s
  - Ignore the Ought-To’s
  - Just Do the Ought-To’s
  - Confess as you Do the Ought-To’s
  - Consume for the Ought-To’s

## III. Blessed are Those Who Do Righteous Deeds

- Derek Kidner:
  - “Counsel of the Wicked” – Thoughts
  - “Seat of Scoffers” – People
  - “Way of Sinners” – Behavior
- Righteous Deed (Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 16)
  - A right action
  - A right motivation
  - A right goal