

September 16th, 2018

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Greeting (Sharing God's Welcome)

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Moments of Meditation

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

“The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice.
He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”

John 10:3

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

arr. Pethel

Call to Worship

Revelations 4:8, 11

***Hymn of Praise**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

No. 295

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise;
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

***Prayer of Invocation**

New City Catechism Question # 1

What is our only hope in life and death?

That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God
and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 11:1-9
Pew Bible Page 15

Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, we thank You that You have led us into the light. We thank You for sending the Savior to call us from death to life. We confess that we were dead in sin before we heard His call, but when we heard Him, like Lazarus, we arose. But, O Father, the grave clothes bind us still: old habits that we cannot throw off, old customs that are so much a part of our lives that we are helpless to live the new life that Christ calls us to live. Give us strength, O Father, to break the bonds; give us courage to live a new life in You; give us faith to believe that with Your help we cannot fail. All this we ask in the name of the Savior who has taught us to come to You. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

Join All the Glorious Names

No. 301

Tune: Darwall; *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow'r,
that ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:
all are too poor to speak His worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless Thy name:
by Thee the joyful news of our salvation came,
the joyful news of sins forgiv'n of hell subdued and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside:
His pow'rful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

Thou art my Counsellor, my pattern, and my Guide,
and Thou my Shepherd art; O keep me near Thy side;
nor let my feel e'er turn astray to wander in the crooked way.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqu'ror and my King,
Thy scepter and Thy sword, Thy reigning grace, I sing:
Thine is the pow'r, behold I sit in willing bonds beneath Thy feet.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

Brethren We Have Met to Worship

arr. Hayes

*Chorus of Preparation

In the Cross Alone I Glory

1. In the cross a - lone I glo - ry, re - cog - ni - tion lay - ing
2. In the cross a - lone I glo - ry, ev - er reach - ing for the
3. In the cross a - lone I glo - ry, hold - ing fast the word of
4. Nev - er will I seek the glo - ry that was nev - er meant for

down. Great - est treas - ures count as worth - less
prize. Press - ing on and lay - ing hold of
life. Toil - ing not in vain, but be - ing
me. Al - ways heav - en - ward re - flect - ing,

stand - ing next to Heav - en's crowns, stand - ing next to Heav - en's
that for which my Sav - ior died, that for which my Sav - ior
poured out as a sac - ri - fice, poured out as a sac - ri -
all to Je - sus to re - ceive, all to Je - sus to re -

crowns. _____ In the cross a - lone I glo - ry; Noth - ing
died. _____ In the cross a - lone I glo - ry; Noth - ing
fice. _____ In the cross al - lone I glo - ry; Noth - ing
ceive. _____ In the cross a - lone I glo - ry; Noth - ing

of my own to give. On - ly that which Christ has of - fered
of my own to give. On - ly that which Christ has of - fered
of my own to give. On - ly that which Christ has of - fered
of my own to give. On - ly that which Christ has of - fered

for my soul that I may live. for my soul that I may live.
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**Parents of 3 year olds through Kindergarten may bring their children to Children's Bible Time in the Blue Classroom for the duration of the service.

Sermon

E Pluribus Unum in:

Revelations 5:1-13
Pew Bible Page 1918

Sermon Outline:

1. The lion
2. The kingdom
3. The worship

*Hymn of Response

By the Sea of Crystal

No. 549

By the sea of crystal, saints in glory stand,
myriads in number, drawn from every land.
Robed in white apparel, washed in Jesus' blood,
they now reign in heaven with the Lamb of God.

Out of tribulation, death and Satan's hand,
they have been translated at the Lord's command.
In their hands they're holding palms of victory;
hark! the jub'lant chorus shouts triumphantly:

“Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
and the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone.
God has wrought salvation, He did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol You, holy King of kings!

*Benediction

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

***Postlude** *We’re Marching to Zion* arr. Scriveyner
*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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Piano Denise O’Neal
Scripture Reading & Intercessory Prayer: Bruce Stoltzfus, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 9/16	8:00 AM	Worship Committee Meeting
	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
		High School Youth Ministry/SS class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Hospitality & Fellowship Committee Meeting
WED 9/19	9:30 AM	Ladies’ Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Ladies’ Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Schoon Care Group
THURS 9/20	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
SAT 9/22	8:00 AM	GSPC Men’s Study
SUN 9/23	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
		High School Youth Ministry/SS class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Announcements

☞ **Sunday School:** Sunday School for all ages began last week. Adult and High School Sunday School meet together in the sanctuary for a program called ***Gospel-Shaped Living***, led by Bruce Hrivnak, Bryan O'Neal, and Bruce Stoltzfus.

☞ **All Members and Regular Attendees:** Please pick up your copy of the *Gospel-Shaped Living* handbook which is on the table in the narthex. One handbook was ordered for each member and regular attendee. If you don't attend the Sunday School class or a Care Group, the daily devotions are excellent as are the weekly Bible studies. The Session ordered enough for everyone because we all want and need to grow in our faith and walk with the Lord. Also, please pick up *The New City Catechism* book found on the table in the narthex. One book per family was ordered by the Session and these questions and answers will be referred to in our worship service and you are encouraged to study these in your family devotions.

☞ **Nomination for Officers:** During September, nominations will be taken for the office of elder and deacon. There are openings for each office. Bruce Hrivnak (elder) and Jerry DeGroot (deacon) must rotate off, as they are completing their second consecutive 3-year terms. Bob Elder (elder) must also be replaced as he moved out of the area. Nelson Schoon (elder) and Jason Lash and Jim Martin (deacons) are completing the end of their first terms and are eligible for reelection. If you wish to nominate someone, submit the name in writing to one of our elders.

☞ **30th Annual Walk for Life:** This Saturday, September 22, at 9 am, the Women's Center of NW Indiana is sponsoring their annual fundraiser. There are four walk sites. You are not required to register, however, there is a pledge form on the table in the narthex. For more details, check out www.friendsofthewc.org or call (219) 663-5300.

Serving the Lord

	<i>9/16</i>	<i>9/23</i>	<i>9/30</i>
S.S. Nursery	B. Schoon	L. Hrivnak	B. Hrivnak
AM Nursery	Y. Lindborg, Sara M.	V. Lash, Chrissa M.	L. Hrivnak, Grace V.
Greeters	O'Neal	Hale	Sederberg
Bring Treats	Lindborg	J. Rogers	O'Neal
Server & Clean-Up	Lindborg	Lash	O'Neal
Children's Bible Time	B. Stoltzfus, Emily S.	L. Hrivnak Cordie A.	M. Stoltzfus, Emily S.
	U.1, S.10 Esther	U.1, S.11 Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego	U.1, S.12 Jonah and the Big Fish
Audio	B. Armstrong / Jim	Jackson G.	L. Marshall
Elder of the Week	Stoltzfus	Hrivnak	Schoon
Deacon of the Week	Martin	DeGroot	Stechly

Offering

Last 4 weeks 08/19/18 – 09/09/18	Year to Date 01/01/18 – 09/09/18	
\$16,839	Offering	Budget
	\$111,748	\$120,427 (\$8,679)

Building Fund

Last 4 Weeks 08/19/18 – 09/09/18	Since Campaign Began 10/20/2013 – 09/09/18
\$0	\$535,500