

January 19th, 2020

*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.

Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Martin

“Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.”
Psalm 95:1, 2

Welcome and Announcements

Moments of Meditation

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

arr. Hildebrand

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

***Call to Worship**

Isaiah 49:15

***Hymn of Praise**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 30

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139

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Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are becoming apathetic in our efforts to defend the unborn children of this country. We have tried and tried, but none of our labors seem to amount to the change we desire to see. So help us to trust you, O Lord, as the maker of heaven and earth. All things are in your control, especially the things that we cannot understand. Please protect those unborn children and the mothers who are carrying them. And where the sin of abortion has been carried out, we ask that your mercy would abide and that all those involved would know the forgiveness of Jesus Christ, that covers over all sins. Show us how to help and show us how to love and how to forgive. In Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 103:8-14

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

No. 499

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 12 - 14

Q. 12 What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created?

A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

Q. 13 Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Q. 14 What is sin?

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Held

My Shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed
beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

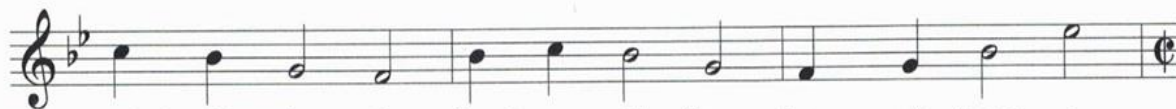
*Hymn of Preparation

Heaven's Gift

by James Boice



1. When far from God and lost in sin I took God's book and
2. That gift Christ won at dread-ful cost: pro - pi - ti - a - tion
3. Now in Christ's right - eous - ness a - lone I stand be - fore God's
4. Christ paid the price to set me free: His blood poured out on
5. All mer - it, boast - ing set a - side, by faith a - lone I'm



looked with - in, I found a gift from heav - en's throne, a
for the lost. My sub - sti - tute, con - demned He died, and
awe - some throne, and grasp what on - ly God could do: be
Cal - vary's tree. Now noth - ing as my own I'll call, for
jus - ti - fied. Be - fore the throne I take my place and



right - eous - ness from God made known.
turned God's wrath from me a - side.
just and jus - ti - fi - er too.
all is Christ's and Christ my all.
rest in God's a - maz - ing grace.

Sermon

How We Got Here and How We Get Out

Genesis 1:26
Pew Bible Page 3

Sermon Outline

1. Ideas have consequences

2. Love is an action (and an emotion)

3. Toward an action plan

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. How did abortion on demand become legal in your country? Do you know the history behind this Roe vs Wade? Do some historical research into some of the cultural and medical trends that led to abortion on demand.
2. What does it mean to be made in the image of God? How does this impact your thinking about human beings? Do we deserve greater respect than the rest of God's creation? How so?
3. Where is the nearest crisis pregnancy center to you? How can you get involved?
4. Who do you vote for? What is their stance on abortion? How important is a candidate's stance on abortion to you when you vote?

***Hymn of Response**

Be Thou My Vision

No. 642

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r:
raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

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**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. Kellner

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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Alto Sax

Alanna Tuitman

Viola

Alan Tuitman

French Horn

Becky Schoon

Organ

Sandy Schoon

Intercessory Prayer

Bruce Stoltzfus, Elder

Serving the Lord

	1/19	1/26	2/02
AM Nursery	F. Armstrong, Cordie A.	C. Tuitman, Alanna T.	L. Martin, Grace M.
Greeters	J. Faber	Stoltzfus	C.L. Yonker
Treats	J. Rogers	Lindborg	O'Neal
Serve/Cleanup	Lindborg	Lindborg	O'Neal
Audio	B. Armstrong	B. Armstrong	J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Stoltzfus	Lindborg	Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 1/19	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Schoon Care Group
SUN 1/26	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	5:00 PM	Youth Bible Study

Important Upcoming Events

WED 1/29	6:30 PM	Annual Corporation Meeting
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Announcements

☞ **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday:** Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is nationally recognized on the Sunday, in January, that falls closest to the day on which the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions were handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court on January 22, 1973. The 2019 annual report shows Planned Parenthood aborted 345,672 unborn babies, an increase of 3.88% over the abortions it did on unborn babies the year prior. However, praise God that a total of 36 abortion facilities closed nationwide in 2019. Pray for the Women's Center of Northwest Indiana as they counsel mothers and fathers who are considering abortion (see flyer inserted in today's bulletin).

☞ **Baby Bottles:** The Women's Center of Northwest Indiana is having its annual fundraiser. Please fill the baby bottles that are available in the narthex with change, bills, or a check, and pray for the child named inside. Please return the bottles to the box in the narthex by Sunday, February 9.

☞ **The Annual Corporation Meeting:** This annual meeting will be held next Wednesday, January 29, at 6:30 pm. The 2020 budget will be presented and voted on. **Please pick up a budget booklet today on the table in the foyer (one per family).** All members should plan to attend this important meeting.

☞ **Communicants Classes:** While children of believers are considered part of the visible church, they are non-communing members (do not participate in the Lord's Supper) until they personally own and profess faith in Jesus. If your child is interested in taking this class, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. The six classes are scheduled for Sunday, February 2 through March 8 at 12:30 pm at the Gretzinger's house. At least one parent is expected to accompany the child(ren) to the class.

☞ **Ladies' Bible Study:** The next Ladies' Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, February 5. They will be studying *Trusting God* by Jerry Bridges. Christianbook.com's summary states, "Does trusting God come easily to you - until adversity strikes? Amid troubles and tribulation do you sometimes doubt whether He cares? Exploring three essential truths about God - His complete sovereignty, His infinite wisdom, and His perfect love." Please sign up in the narthex by Monday, January 20. See Jenni Gretzinger, Lucy Hrivnak, or Valerie Lash if you have any questions.

☞ **Dave Ramsey Class:** Good Shepherd is hosting its fourth installment of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University starting Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 pm. This 9-week biblically-based class teaches individuals and families how to budget, payoff debt, save for retirement, and give responsibly. Please contact Jason or Valerie Lash if you have any questions. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending, the online link to register is: <https://www.financialpeace.com/groups/1109171?c=ccf>. Hope to see you there!

☞ **Newlywed Game and Dinner:** Save the date of Saturday, February 15, for an evening of fellowship at the church from 5:30-7 pm. Dinner will be served with the Newlywed Game to follow. The cost will be \$10 each (a fancy pizza meal). Sign up on the sheet in the foyer. More details to follow.