

TO
GOD
BE ALL THE
GLORY
FOREVER



Call to Worship:

Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the LORD, And my just claim is passed over by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

**The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth,
Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.**

He gives power to the weak,
And to *those who have* no might He increases strength.

**Even the youths shall faint and be weary,
And the young men shall utterly fall,**

But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,

They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Hymn: #125 Joy to the World

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we come confessing. Behold, Your hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or Your ear dull, that it cannot hear;

But our iniquities have separated us from our God, and our sins have hidden His face from us.

We look for light, but there is darkness. We hope for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

We grope for the wall like the blind; We grope like those who have no eyes.

We stumble at noon as at twilight, among those in full vigor we are like dead men.

We hope for salvation, but it is far from us.

For our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us.

For our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities.

We have sinned, and denied the Lord, and turned back from following our God.

Lord, forgive us.

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me
And from my smitten heart with tears
Two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness

I take, O cross, thy Shadow
For my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain nor loss
My sinful self my only shame
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Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel:

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:

Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;

Though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

“Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob;

He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.”

Hymn: #124 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn: #136 The First Noel

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **Isaiah 40: 1-11**

Sermon: The Glory of the Lord

God's People Are Comforted

¹ "Comfort, yes, comfort My people!"

Says your God.

² "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her,

That her warfare is ended,

That her iniquity is pardoned;

For she has received from the Lord's hand

Double for all her sins."

³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord;

Make straight in the desert

A highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be exalted

And every mountain and hill brought low;

The crooked places shall be made straight

And the rough places smooth;

⁵ The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

And all flesh shall see it together;

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

⁶ The voice said, "Cry out!"

And he said, "What shall I cry?"

"All flesh is grass,

And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades,

Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it;

Surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the word of our God stands forever."

⁹ O Zion,

You who bring good tidings,

Get up into the high mountain;

O Jerusalem,

You who bring good tidings,
Lift up your voice with strength,
Lift it up, be not afraid;
Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand,
And His arm shall rule for Him;
Behold, His reward is with Him,
And His work before Him.

¹¹ He will feed His flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs with His arm,
And carry them in His bosom,
And gently lead those who are with young.

John 1:14

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:5

⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Psalms 137:1

¹ By the rivers of Babylon,
There we sat down, yea, we wept
When we remembered Zion.

Psalms 19:1

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;

Colossians 1:16-17

¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Isaiah 40:26

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high,
And see who has created these *things*,
Who brings out their host by number;
He calls them all by name,
By the greatness of His might
And the strength of *His* power;
Not one is missing.

Exodus 33:18

¹⁸ And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

Exodus 33:22

²² So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.

Numbers 14:1-3

¹ So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night.
² And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! ³ Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?"

Hebrews 1:1-3

¹ God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Isaiah 9:2

² The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;

Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.

Matthew 11:28-29

²⁸ Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 5:44-45

⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Communion

Hymn: #123 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Benediction

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Just in case you missed the email, we will be decorating the church after the service this morning.

Women's Bible Study is focusing on "Relying on the Holy Spirit" by Charles Stanley. Join us on Mondays at 10 am at the Christian Center.

Men's Bible Study at 9 am Monday at the church.

Praise God – the FBC Food Pantry has truly been blessed this year. We picked up canned and boxed items from Radius Aerospace as their employees are donating items to Pantry Pals during the month of Dec. We have had more food donated in 2025 than any of the last three years. God is great!

Our monthly mission for December is RMMO(Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering). For your convenience, envelopes are in each foyer. They can just be dropped in the offering plate located at the sound booth. Thank you.