

HOW WE KNOW WE CAN FOLLOW THE GOOD SHEPHERD



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Call to Worship:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait

Hymn of Praise: #66 To God be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **[Refrain]**

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **[Refrain]**

Prayer for God's Blessing

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, merciful and mighty, You love the world so much you sent your only Son to save it from itself.

May the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you.

You give yourself to your people, so that with us the cities and towns of the world might glimmer with the glory of your mercy and justice.

Jesus, many are my distractions from your dream to drench the earth with your glory. Kindle in me a truer love for you and for others.

Holy Spirit, wash over us with renewing grace.

When I think about helping others who are hurting, I am gravely tempted to keep my light hidden, not to say, "I'll help." I am overwhelmed at the brokenness in the world; I am saturated with the busyness of my life.

Holy Spirit, wash over us with renewing grace.

Lord, I have sinned against you and against others by the things I have done and by the things I have left undone.

Holy Spirit, our hard and weary hearts are no match for your renewing grace. Take us back to our first love, when you loved us before we loved you.

Reorient us to the joy of your light, and turn our hearts outward in love.

Hymn of Meditation: Abide with Me

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, abide with me

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee
On to the close Lord, abide with me

I need Thy presence, every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me

Assurance of Pardon:

Take courage. Jesus spent three days buried in the earth and rose to conquer the grave. He is the risen one with the power of an indestructible life; the Scripture calls him Faithful and True.

He is my daily bread, and his Father is my Father.

His Holy Spirit is given to anyone and everyone who asks for him. God has promised to shine through you into the world

Our God is the living God, whose Son is the light of the world, He is stronger than every darkness and destroys every idol that leads me away from him.

His mercy and justice have saved us. His mercy and justice emanate on the earth as he lives among us.

One day the whole earth will be drenched in his glory, and I am a part of that story. Even now, by his grace, the glory of God glimmers in the light of our eyes.

Hymn: #385 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Hymn: #195 Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **John 10:11-21** (NASB 1995 Version)

Sermon: How We Know We can Follow the Good Shepherd

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. "He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. "He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd. "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words. Many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?" Others were saying, "These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?"

Isaiah 54:5

For your husband is your Maker, Whose name is the LORD of hosts; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth.

Colossians 1:16

For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Exodus 3:4-6

When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Numbers 20:9-12

So Moses took the rod from before the LORD, just as He had commanded him; and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, "Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?" Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank. But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them

1 Samuel 16:6-7

When they entered, he looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before Him." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the

height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.

1 Samuel 17:26

For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?

1 Chronicles 22:7-9

David said to Solomon, "My son, I had intended to build a house to the name of the LORD my God. "But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have waged great wars; you shall not build a house to My name, because you have shed so much blood on the earth before Me. 'Behold, a son will be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side.

Hymn: #461 He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. **[Refrain]**

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **[Refrain]**

And when my task on earth is done,
when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. **[Refrain]**

Benediction

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Thanks to all who shop at Kroger and list FBC for rewards. We received a check for \$30.35.

Women's Bible Study on Monday at 10 am at the Christian Center.

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

Last day to return Christmas Shoebox-- Nov. 16th.

"Our monthly prayer list is starting fresh! You can add requests anytime. At the end of the month, we'd appreciate an update to the office or Christy to help us celebrate answered prayers and continue to lift up needs."

A SALUTE TO ALL VETERANS!

Courage is almost a contradiction in terms.

It means a strong desire to live, taking
the form of readiness to die.

G. K. Chesterton

Do we have any volunteers to be in charge of the "Hanging of the Greens" aka decorating the church for Christmas? If interested, please let the office know.