

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

THE LORD'S DAY

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:20 AM Congregational Prayer
11:00 AM **Morning Worship**

— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

*Hymn #502 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”
MARION

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory “For All the Saints”

*For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Scripture Reading I John 2:1-27

*Hymn #427 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”
MARTYN

Choral Anthem “The Fruit of the Spirit”

*"He that abideth in me, and I in him,
the same bringeth forth much fruit:"
Love, joy peace, patience, tenderness,
goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control.*

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn #501 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
CWM RHONDDA

Sermon “Self-Examination and Assurance of Salvation”

They, whom God has accepted in His Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by His Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.

This perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ, the abiding of the Spirit, and of the seed of God within them, and the nature of the covenant of grace: from all which arises also the certainty and infallibility thereof.

Nevertheless, they may, through the temptations of Satan and of the world, the prevalency of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of the means of their preservation, fall into grievous sins; and, for a time, continue therein: whereby they incur God's displeasure, and grieve His Holy Spirit, come to be deprived of some measure of their graces and comforts, have their hearts hardened, and their consciences wounded; hurt and scandalize others, and bring temporal judgments upon themselves.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XVII
“Of the Perseverance of the Saints,” Sections 1-3

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM **Evening Service**

— PRELUDE —

*Hymn #421 “Rock of Ages”
TOPLADY

*Prayer of Invocation

Psalter Hymn #34B Psalm 34:11-22
STOCKTON

Scripture Reading Hebrews 11:1-22

Announcements

Offertory “How Firm a Foundation”

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?*

*When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.*

*Hymn #596 “Jesus Lives, and So Shall I”
JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT

Sermon “Models of Faith that Endures”

The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word, by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.

By this faith, a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God himself speaking therein; and acteth differently upon that which each particular passage thereof containeth; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but gets the victory: growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance, through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XIV
“Of Saving Faith,” Sections 1-3

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing