

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

10:00 AM Sunday School
10:35 AM Congregational Prayer
11:00 AM **Morning Service**

— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

*Psalter Hymn #23C **Psalm 23:1-6**
RESIGNATION

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory **“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Scripture Reading **Romans 8:1-17**

Choral Anthem **Psalm 14**

Within his heart the fool speaks, he says, "There is no God."
In malice, they do vile deeds; not one of them does good.
The LORD looks down from heaven to see the sons of men.
If one for God is seeking, if any understands.

They all have strayed and wandered, corrupt they have become;
Not one shows any goodness, no, not a single one.
Within such evildoers, is there no knowledge stored?
Like bread they eat my people, not calling on the LORD.

There they will be in terror, for God is with the just.
Though you would shame the needy, the LORD remains his trust.
May rescue come from Zion, and joy to Israel bring!
The LORD will free His captives, with joy will Jacob sing.

Pastoral Prayer

*Supplement Hymn #10 **“Be Still, My Soul”**
FINLANDIA

Sermon **“The Witness of the Spirit”**

Although temporary believers, and other unregenerate men, may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes and carnal presumptions of being in the favour of God and state of salvation, which hope of theirs shall perish; yet such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love him in sincerity, endeavouring to walk in all good conscience before him, may in this life be certainly assured that they are in the state of grace, and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, which hope shall never make them ashamed.

This certainty is not a bare conjectural and probable persuasion grounded upon a fallible hope, but an infallible assurance of faith founded on the blood and righteousness of Christ revealed in the Gospel; and also upon the inward evidence of those graces of the Spirit unto which promises are made, and on the testimony of the Spirit of adoption, witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God; and, as a fruit thereof, keeping the heart both humble and holy.

This infallible assurance doth not so belong to the essence of faith, but that a true believer may wait long, and conflict with many difficulties before he be partaker of it; yet being enabled by the Spirit to know the things which are freely given him of God, he may, without extraordinary revelation, in the right use of means, attain thereunto: and therefore it is the duty of every one to give all diligence to make his calling and election sure, that thereby his heart may be enlarged in peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, in love and thankfulness to God, and in strength and cheerfulness in the duties of obedience, the proper fruits of this assurance; -so far is it from inclining men to looseness.

True believers may have the assurance of their salvation divers ways shaken, diminished, and intermitted; as by negligence in preserving of it, by falling into some special sin which woundeth the conscience and grieveth the Spirit; by some sudden or vehement temptation, by God's withdrawing the light of his countenance, and suffering even such as fear him to walk in darkness and to have no light, yet are they never destitute of the seed of God and life of faith, that love of Christ and the brethren, that sincerity of heart and conscience of duty out of which, by the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may in due time be revived, and by the which, in the meantime, they are preserved from utter despair.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XVIII
“Of the Assurance of Grace and Salvation,” Sections 1-4

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM **Evening Service**

— PRELUDE —

*Hymn #27 **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**
FAITHFULNESS

*Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading **Psalm 145:1-21**

Announcements

Offertory **“Fairest Lord Jesus”**

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

*Hymn #675 **“A Wonderful Savior”**
KIRKPATRICK

Sermon **“The Glory of God's Goodness”**

The Lord our God is but one only living and true God; whose subsistence is in and of himself, infinite in being and perfection; whose essence cannot be comprehended by any but himself; a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; who is immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, every way infinite, most holy, most wise, most free, most absolute; working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him, and withal most just and terrible in his judgments, hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter II
“Of the Perseverance of the Saints,” Section 1

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —