

Worship Guide Sunday, February 23, 2025

Call to Worship

As the fountain of all truth, goodness, and beauty, God deserves our trust, honor, and adoration. The call to worship invites us to consider whether we are making God the object of our worship, and stirs us to recenter our lives on him alone.

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

- 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah
- 8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.
- 10 "Be still, and know that I am God.
 I will be exalted among the nations,
 I will be exalted in the earth!"
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

Song of Adoration - "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

The song of adoration expresses our awe at God's love, power, and goodness.

1

A mighty fortress is our God, / a bulwark never failing; Our helper he, amid the flood / of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe / does seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, / and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

2

Did we in our own strength confide, / our striving would be losing, Were not the right Man on our side, / the Man of God's own choosing. You ask who that may be? / Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth* his name, / from age to age the same; and he must win the battle.

3

And though this world, with devils filled, / should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God has willed / his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, / we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, / for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

4

That Word above all earthly powers / — no thanks to them! — abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours / through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, / this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: / God's truth abideth still;

His kingdom is forever!

^{*}Sabaoth is Hebrew for military forces, often translated "hosts." In the Old Testament, God is often referred to as the Lord of hosts, meaning that he has command over all forces in heaven and earth.

Words of Confession & Assurance

Confession means we are completely honest with God and others about our flaws and failures. Instead of hiding in shame or pride, we admit our sin, and open ourselves to God's mercy available through Christ alone.

Joel 2:12-13 - "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Isaiah 1:18 - Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Ezekiel 36:26 (*NLT*) - And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.

Song of Confession - "Jesus Paid It All"

1

I hear the Savior say, Thy strength indeed is small Child of weakness, watch and pray Find in Me thine all in all."

Chorus

Jesus paid it all, / All to Him I owe Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow.

2

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone Can change the leper's spots / And melt the heart of stone. Chorus

3

For nothing good have I Whereby Thy grace to claim I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Chorus

4

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.

Chorus

Prayer

Prayer is talking to God—declaring our desire for his glory, confessing our sins, thanking him for his boundless grace, and bringing to him our concerns for ourselves, others, the church, and the world. Scripture teaches us to make "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings ... for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way" (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

Missionary: Karen Hall (Papua New Guinea)

Civil Servant: Matthew Walsh (Deputy City Manager of Development)

Choir - "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

Throughout Scripture, God's people have used choirs to lead in worship. King David appointed hundreds of singers to minister musically to the Lord morning and evening (1 Chronicles 23:30). The choir serves in this same spirit today, testifying to God's goodness, love, and power, and helping stir our hearts to praise.

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 53:3-5

He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Song of Assurance - "Hallelujah! What a Savior"

The song of assurance reminds us that forgiveness of our sins, comfort in our trials, and hope for future blessings, God fully and gladly gives us through Jesus Christ.

1

"Man of Sorrows," what a name / For the Son of God who came Ruined sinners to reclaim! / Hallelujah! what a Savior!

2

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, / In my place condemned He stood Sealed my pardon with His blood / Hallelujah! what a Savior!

3

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we, / Spotless Lamb of God was He Full redemption—can it be? / Hallelujah! what a Savior!

4

Lifted up was He to die, / "It is finished!" was His cry; Now in heaven exalted high / Hallelujah! what a Savior!

5

When He comes, our glorious King / All his ransomed home to bring Then anew this song we'll sing / Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Song of Preparation - "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

The song of preparation helps center our hearts and minds on God's Word, reminding us to receive his truth with humility and faith, so that we may respond in obedience and worship.

1

Turn your eyes upon Jesus Look full in His wonderful face And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace

2

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy
embraced
There the Son of God gave His life
for us
And our measureless debt was
erased

Chorus

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our
Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning And see Christ the Lion awake What a glorious dawn, fear of death

is gone

For we carry His life in our veins

Chorus

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our
Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

4

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue
will shout
"All glory to Jesus alone"

Chorus (repeated)

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:1-14

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. 3 But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. 5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not become partners with them; 8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. 13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Sermon: From Darkness to Light

Ephesians 5:3-8

I.	The Habits of Darkness
II.	The Heart of Darkness

III. The Defeat of Darkness

A recording of this sermon will be found at youtube.com/TrinityBaptistChurchMedia or on Spotify (access via tbcnh.org)

Song of Response - "Just As I Am"

1

Just as I am, without one plea, / but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, / O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2

Just as I am, and waiting not / to rid my soul of one dark blot, To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, / O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3

Just as I am, though tossed about / with many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, / O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, / wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because thy promise I believe, / O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Benediction

The benediction declares the reality of God's favor and presence with us as we prepare to leave.

"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

Resources

- **covenanteyes.com** In addition to accountability software and filtering tools, Covenant Eyes offers books, courses, and articles on overcoming pornography biblically.
- **regenerationrecovery.org** A Christ-centered, 12-step discipleship program helping people overcome all kinds of addictions, including pornography.
- **ccef.org** Many resources for a variety of life challenges

Action Steps

Find yourself in the stranglehold of addictive sin? Here are some action steps.

- 1. **Tell the truth about the problem.** Stop making excuses. You can't fix a problem if you're not willing to admit it to yourself and others (Psalm 51:6).
- 2. **Realize that sinning means giving control to an evil force greater than yourself.** Sin tricks you into thinking that you can control something to solve your problem, when in fact it is controlling you and making the problem worse (John 8:34; Romans 6:16; Hebrews 3:13).
- 3. **Repent**. Renounce your habit not just as something that harms you, but as sin that offends God. Change starts with a heart that desires holiness (Ps. 51).
- 4. **Accept the forgiveness and healing that Christ offers.** You don't have to stay stuck. Jesus took your sin on the cross so you could be forgiven, healed, and set free. The Holy Spirit gives you the power to change (Romans 6:6-7; 8:1-16).
- 5. **Get help.** Open up to someone you trust who knows the Bible and loves God. Sin grows in the darkness but withers in the light (Galatians 6:1-2).
- 6. **Cut off sources of temptation.** Pay attention to when, where, and why you're tempted—then change those things, even when it is painful (Matt. 5:29-30).
- 7. **Pray and meditate on Scripture.** Make prayer and Scripture meditation a non-negotiable part of your daily routine (Psalm 1; Colossians 3:16).
- 8. **Establish healthy habits for your body and mind.** Commit to going to bed and waking at regular times, eating well, and exercising regularly. A tired body is more susceptible to temptation (1 Timothy 4:8; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
- 9. **Press into community with other believers**. You need the heart-reshaping rhythm of worshiping God regularly with other believers in church. Absence and isolation leads to failure (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- 10. **Pursue holiness and serve others.** Sin makes your life small and self-focused. God calls you to something bigger—love and obedience (Ephesians 2:10).

Upcoming Events	Gathering Times
	Sunday
2/24-28 TCS Winter Break	Prayer Meeting 8:00 AM
2/26 Combined Prayer Meeting	Sunday Classes 9:00 AM
3/2 Members Meeting / LifeGroups 3/5 Women's Book Study	Worship Service 10:00 AM
3/6 Senior Saints Bible Study 3/7 Women's Bible Study 3/8 Maddy Thomas's Wedding Shower 3/9 CORE Classes Begin / Daylight	Wednesday GriefShare 5:30 PM Combined Midweek Gathering 6:30 PM
Savings Time 3/15 Youth Activity	Thursday Freedom That Lasts 7:00 PM
For more upcoming events, please visit	Adult Cunday Classes

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Preschool - Room 110 4-5 years - Room 115 1st-2nd Grade - Room 117 3rd-4th Grade - Room 119 5th-6th Grade - Room 118 Teens - Teen Room

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Adult Sunday Classes

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Teachers: Rotation Women: Room 210/212

Men: Room 215

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands

Teacher: Daniel Lehman Men & Women Combined Fellowship Hall

Foundations & Formation

Teacher: Jonathan Threlfall

Room 201

Weekly Giving Update: Weekly Budget:\$21,800 Last Week's Giving:\$22,916.87

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