

# THE LORD'S DAY

March 23, 2014

## WORSHIP SERVICE

*Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.*

### PRELUDE

*Hiding in Thee*  
HIDING IN THEE

### †CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Romans 12:1–2

### ADORATION

†*My Hope Is in the Lord*

Hymn **336**  
WAKEFIELD

†CONGREGATIONAL READING  
*The congregation will read text in italics.*

Psalm 96:1–9

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup>*Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.*

<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

<sup>4</sup>*For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.*

<sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>*Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

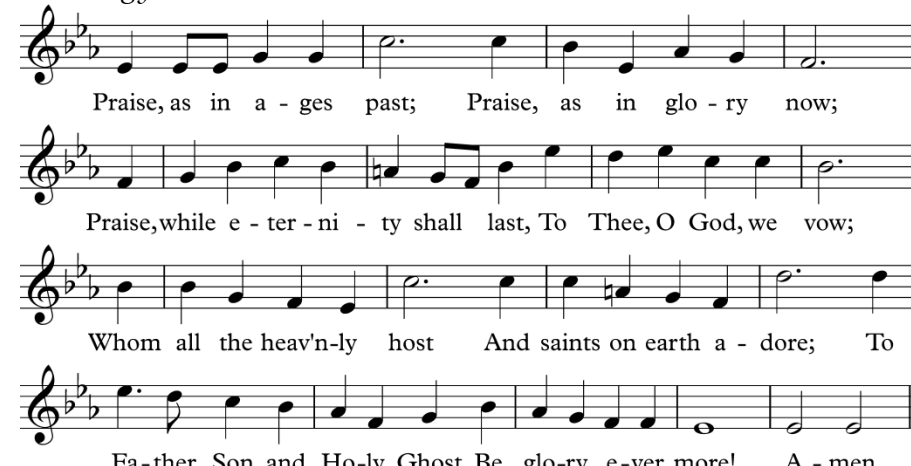
*Romans 12:1–2*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers,  
by the mercies of God, to present  
your bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable to God, which  
is your spiritual worship. Do not  
be conformed to this world, but be  
transformed by the renewal of  
your mind, that by testing you  
may discern what is the will of  
God, what is good and acceptable  
and perfect.

<sup>8</sup>*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!*  
<sup>9</sup>*Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!*

### †Doxology

DIADEMATA



Praise, as in a - ges past; Praise, as in glo - ry now;  
Praise, while e - ter - ni - ty shall last, To Thee, O God, we vow;  
Whom all the heav'n-ly host And saints on earth a - dore; To  
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost, Be glo-ry e-ver more! A - men.

### CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Hiding in Thee*

Hymn **462**  
HIDING IN THEE

### THANKSGIVING

†*Blessed Assurance*

Hymn **463**  
ASSURANCE

Testimonies

### PETITION

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:40–56

*Ministry of Music*  
"Holy Is He"

Kaitlynn Tompkins  
Sarah Herbster

THE SERMON  
Acceptable Worship  
Hebrews 12:18-29

ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP—Hebrews 12:18-29 (CONTINUED)  
Pastor Greg Stiekas



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Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,  
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.  
Fellowship Dinner 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month & no evening service.  
Wednesday Evenings: Awana, Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Study  
Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.

†Before the Throne of God Above

Text: Charitie Lee Bancroft (1841-1923)

Tune: DUKE STREET, John Hatton (c. 1710-1793)

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2. My name is grav - en in His hands, My name is  
3. When Sat - an tempts me to de - spair, And tells me  
4. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - iour died, My sin - ful  
5. Be - hold Him there! the ris - en Lamb! My per - fect,  
6. One with Him - self, I can - not die, My soul is

strong, a per - fect plea, A great High Priest, whose  
writ - ten on His heart; I know that, while in  
of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look and  
soul is count - ed free; For God the Just is  
spot - less right - eous - ness, The great un - change - a -  
pur - chased by His blood; My life is hid with

name is love, Who e - ver lives and pleads for me.  
heav'n He stands, No tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
see Him there Who made an end of all my sin.  
sat - is - fied To look on Him, and pard - on me.  
ble I Am, The King of glo - ry and of grace!  
Christ on high, With Christ, my Sav - iour and my God.

† PRAYER & BENEDICTION

† Congregation will stand (if able)



Choir Practice, 5:00 PM

Evening Prayer Service, 6:00 PM

The author of Hebrews calls upon believers not only to be faithful to God, but most importantly to *draw near* to God in *worship*. In this wonderful text which draws together many of the theological themes of Hebrews, we are exhorted to “come to God” (vv. 18, 22), not to “refuse him” (v. 25), but to offer to God “acceptable worship” (v. 28). What is “acceptable” worship?

Formerly . . .

1. Worship that is grounded in new spiritual realities (18-24)
  - a. The Old Worship at Mount Sinai (18-22)
    - (1) We have not come to something physical or temporal.
    - (2) We have not come to something fearful.
    - (3) We have not come to something aloof or inaccessible.
  - b. The New Worship at Mount Zion (22-24)
 

*In contrast to the fearful worship at Sinai, believers have “come to” seven new spiritual realities:*

    - (1) To Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem
    - (2) To an innumerable company of angels in joyful assembly
    - (3) To the church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven,
    - (4) To the Judge who is God of all
    - (5) To the spirits of righteous ones made perfect,
    - (6) To Jesus the Mediator of a new covenant,
    - (7) To the sprinkled blood that speaks better than (the blood of) Abel

Today . . .

2. Worship that bows to the absolute sovereignty of God (25-27)
3. Worship that is fitting for so great an object (28-29)
  - a. Joyful praise, for we have received an eternal kingdom.
  - b. Reverent awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

**To Our Guests:** We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a *guest card* which you may give to Pastor Stiekas personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 6:45 PM, AWANA; Adult Bible Study, 7:00; Teen discipleship class, 7:00 @ St. Jacques

TUESDAY, MARCH 25: Watchmen's Meeting @ 7:00pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 Chicora Voices Spring Concert 7:30pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 5- Matt and Tiffany's wedding @ 3:00pm

	Mar 16	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$3,519	\$3,577	\$41,197	\$39,346
Missions			\$145	
Deacons Fund			\$1,661	
Building Fund			\$1,097	\$33,778

KIDS4TRUTH Q&A AND MEMORY VERSE FOR NEXT WEEK

Q. Who gives us all good things?

A. God gives us all good things. **Psalm 84:11** --For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. (302)

