

THE LORD'S DAY

March 16, 2014

WORSHIP SERVICE

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

PRELUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
OLIVET

†CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Psalm 118:22-24, 29

²² The stone *which* the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This was the LORD's doing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This *is* the day the LORD has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

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²⁹ Oh, give thanks to
the LORD, for *He is good!*
For His mercy *endures forever.*

Psalm 118:22-24, 29

ADORATION

[†]*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Hymn 6
ELLACOMBE

†CONGREGATIONAL READING

Colossians 1:9-18

The congregation will read text in italics.

⁹ For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not
cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with
the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual
understanding;

¹⁰ *that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him,
pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the
knowledge of God;*

¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious
power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹² giving
thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the
inheritance of the saints in the light.

¹³ *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed
us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have
redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all
creation.

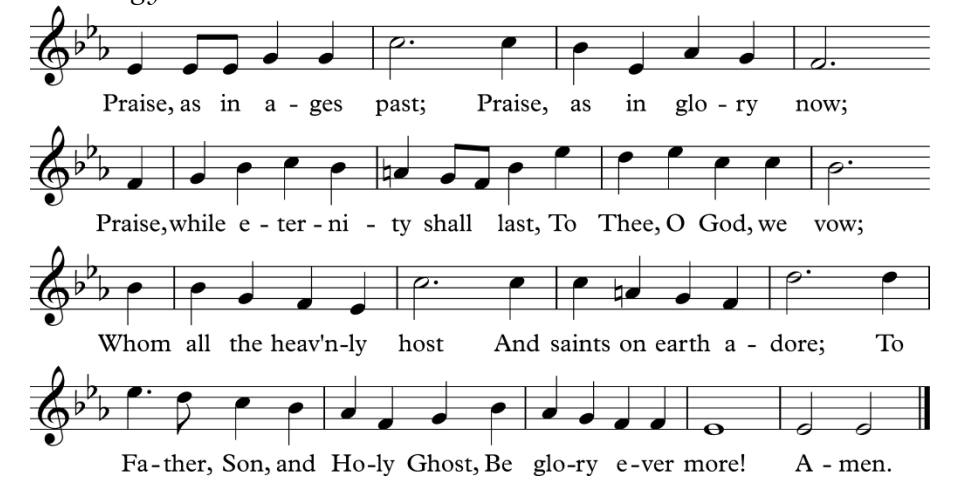
¹⁶ *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are
on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or
principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for
Him.*

¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

¹⁸ *And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the
preeminence.*

†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

Our Great Savior

Hymn 177
HYFRYDOL

THANKSGIVING

†*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Hymn 20
JOYFUL SONG

PETITION

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

MINISTRY OF THE WORD
 SCRIPTURE READING Luke 8:22-39

Ministry of Music Jonathan McLean, Horn Solo

THE SERMON
 The Preeminence of Christ
 Colossians 1:15-18

†Fairest Lord Jesus Hymn 162
 CRUSADER'S HYMN

† PRAYER & BENEDICTION

† Congregation will stand (if able)



All are invited to remain after the service
 for our monthly fellowship meal.

(No evening service.)



THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST *from* COLOSSIANS 1:15-19
 Pastor George Stiekes

Epaphras trusted Christ as Lord and Savior through the ministry of the Apostle Paul, who was preaching and teaching in Ephesus. Not only did he become a faithful witness in the area, but he took the gospel back to Colosse and saw to it that a church was established there. The Apostle Paul wrote the Epistle of Colossians to this church to encourage the saints to stand on a firm foundation. The false teachers wanted the saints to shift their foundation to their pagan teaching. Not only was Paul's admonition to stand firm appropriate, but it was illustrated by the fact that Colosse sat on an earthquake zone.

I. The Preeminence of Man

- A. False Teachers in Paul's Day
- B. False Teachers Today

II. The Preeminence of Christ

- A. Planned by the Father (Colossians 1:18; Philippians 2:9-11)
- B. Proved in Creation (1:16)
- C. Promoted in the Scriptures (John 5:39, 46; I Peter 1:10-11)
- D. Purpose of the Holy Spirit (John 16:13-14)
- E. Proclaimed by the Angels (Revelation 5:11-14)
- F. Practiced by Jesus Christ (Matthew 8:2,3; 9:18; 14:33; 28:9, 17; Revelation 4:10-11)



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*Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,
 Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.
 Fellowship Dinner 3rd 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.*

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 Stiekes 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
Deacons Meeting 8:30pm

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

	Mar 9	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$3,968	\$3,577	\$37,678	\$35,769
Missions			\$145	
Deacons Fund	\$150		\$1,661	
Building Fund	\$50		\$1,097	\$33,778

KIDS4TRUTH Q&A AND MEMORY VERSE FOR NEXT WEEK
Q. What is our good God like?
A . God is holy, loving, and perfect in all He is and all He does. He is true, noble, just, pure, and praiseworthy. It is because of God that we even know what "good" is. **Psalm 34:8** --Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! (301)