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8:30 AM Worship Service

QUESTIONS
about
HEAVEN



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* Worship music is led by our praise team, The Lord's Crew

Pre-Service Music by the Lord's Crew

Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

Opening Praise

All The Heavens

✠ Scripture Reading

Psalm 19: 1—6

In Unison

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

Opening Prayer

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Praise

Bless The Lord

Give Thanks

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Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

When We All Get To Heaven

We Share In God's Peace - please be seated when you hear the music.

Joys and Concerns & Pastoral Prayer

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

Heaven: Part Three

Pastor David M. Burgeson

Holy Communion Liturgy (on screen)

Communion Song

Were You There

✠ Benediction Song

The Lord Bless Thee

Pastor David

Recessional

When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

The Bulletin Board

Join us for...

Coffee

TIME



Join us in Criswell Hall for

Coffee Hour hosted by:

All—Church Coffee Hour

Next Week's Host:

Mission Team



Altar Flowers

"In honor and memory of my Dad's birthday."

With love from Pam

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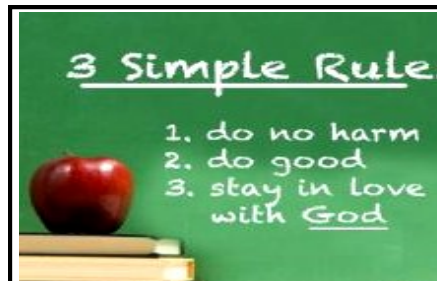
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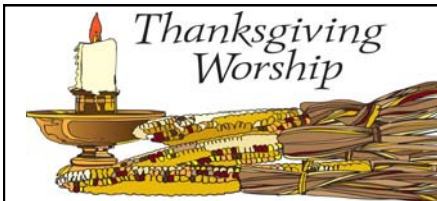
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Organ Prelude Psalm XV111 (B. Marcello)

Choral Introit

Call To Worship William Russell

* Please rise as you are able in body and/or spirit for our Call to Worship:

- One:** Here we have come to worship the living God
- Many:** God is the one for all time — God is the Alpha and the Omega.
- One:** God's love for us never ends. God is always with and for us.
- Many:** God is ruler over all the earth, and God's blessings are great and many.
- All:** Let us gather now in God's Spirit to give praise and thanksgiving to our eternal Lord.

* Please remain standing for our opening hymn.

† **Hymn No. 126** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Children's Moment

Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time to room 211. Junior & Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.

Call to Confession Pastor David

- One:** Please join me in our Call to Confession:
- All:** Every glimpse of Christ's glory reminds us of the hope we have in him both now and for the future. It also reminds us of our own inadequacy and insufficiency. Let us go to God in prayer to confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

- All:** Merciful and forgiving Savior, like Elijah, a review of our lives reveals a mixed bag. At times we've displayed courage, at other times fear. Faith is co-mingled with doubt. We are compassionate one minute and holding a grudge the next. Humility is nudged aside by pride. Contentment loses ground to envy. We rely on you in obedient submission only to turn around and discover that we've seized the reins of control to our lives. Worry steals the peace that passes understanding. Hopefulness dissolves into self-pity. We confess that we are broken and are powerless to change it. We need your mercy. We want to be made whole and new. We ask for your forgiveness and for you to do in us and for us what we cannot. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor David

One: Hear these words of Assurance and Pardon:
All things are possible with Christ. The old self dies with Christ and the same Spirit that renewed his life renews ours.
Friends, hear the Good News and believe; in Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Amen.

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayers & Thanksgiving The Lord's Prayer (in Unison)

*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

Prayer for Giving & Receiving of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Chancel Musings (C. Nordman)

✠ Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Prayer For Illumination

William Russell

One: Please join me in our Prayer for Illumination:

ALL: Holy Spirit, we take this moment to be still, to listen, to wait. Whisper truth into our hearts. Give us ears to hear the words of the Lord -- words that are life-changing, words that transform. Illuminate the Scripture that we read today that we may know and understand more fully the God who loves us, who has saved us, who will one day return to take us home with him. We are so grateful for you, Holy Spirit. Thank you for knowing our hearts. We open them to you. Amen.

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✠ Hymn No. 452

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

✠ Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

Alleluia, Amen! (C. Nordman)

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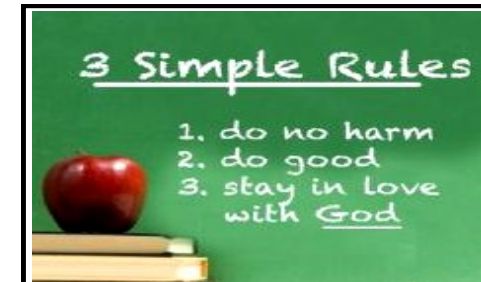
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Lift Up These People Who Are In Recent Need of Prayer:

- Health and healing for those who are ill, battling depression, isolation and the loss of loved ones.
- The People's Kitchen needs a serving space that is permanent.
- That we all would reach out to our community; show the love of Christ.
- Control for the Ebola outbreak.
- Gladys Paulsen—home with compressed discs and in severe pain.
- Tom Egan—begins new treatment. Prayer for comfort and success!
- Lucy Jacob—father, Weston, underwent a heart procedure.
- Juji Boyle—prayer for healing and strength in her cancer battle.
- Helen Moore - having leg pain.
- Pat Weimer's—Gracie who will have leg amputated on Oct. 20 and is undergoing chemo for aggressive cancer.
- Jared Springer—at AG Hospital with a brain hemorrhage.
- Bob Thronson—brother, Ron, had knee surgery and is healing.
- Sarah Burgeson's friend, Holly Evans' daughter Lexie returned home safely. Prayer for restoration and healing in the family.
- Sadie Barber (Burgeson) needs prayer after a recent mild concussion and for a cyst in her wrist.
- Jim Duffin—prayer for wisdom in mentoring Anthony & Raymond.
- Tina Moore's mom was in AG Hospital with a blood clot in her leg.

Praise the Lord! His Mercies Are New Every Morning!

- A warm welcome to our visiting friends. Welcome home to those who we have not seen for a while. It is good to have you with us!

Continued Prayer: Fenton McClure, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, Ayleen Melsheimer, Les Bradley, Mike Douglas, Richard & Adam Gainer, Wil Ogden, the Gandys, Rick Ventura, the Harveys, Lisa Graham, the Mark Moore Family, Cristy Van Hook, Ellie Asprion, Juji Boyle & Guy Oates.

Those In Care Facilities/Shut-ins: Bob Atwood, Bob Serby, Wayne Frisby, Doris Rice, Ruby Weddell, Madge Young, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman, the Bucktons, Sadie Krovious, Jerry Smith, Glen Hughes, Doug Craig, & Doris Leddy.

Covenant Missionary: Tim & Juji Boyle (Japan)

Remember in Prayer: Our pastor and his family; church family and friends; those with the unspoken prayer; the ministries of this church; our church leaders; those serving God around the world; the hungry, displaced, sick and/or impoverished; the many who are suffering after natural or man-made disasters and for the workers who minister to them; for God's peace & justice for the world; our nation; current leaders; salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; the military & their families; the Middle East & Syria; the unrest in the nation.

