

Prayer of Preparation

We join our prayers this week in intercession for men and women in our society who are trapped:

- those who are trapped in poverty with no sign of relief;
- those who are trapped in jobs that engage but a fraction of their powers;
- those who are trapped in families where love has ebbed away;
- those who are trapped in unwanted alliances out of which they cannot break;
- those who are trapped by the fear of discovery, or by dependency on others, or by a need for drugs or alcohol, or by any addiction.

O Father, whose will it is that we be free, and who gave your Son that we might be delivered from all coercive powers, make us examples of your freedom, proclaimers of your freedom, and instruments of your freedom; snap our chains that we may loose the chains of others.

Then shall the joy of the liberated rise from the earth like a mighty hymn of praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today. After worship please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Faithfulness Group. After refreshments there are Sunday School classes for different ages.

If you have joined us today with children, there is a nursery available. In addition, there is children's church for ages 3 to 3rd grade. Children leave the service during the Passing of the Peace and return during the Communion Hymn. There are three options during this time: nursery, 3-5 year olds, and up to 3rd grade. There is also a Sunday School for children after refreshments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments for next Sunday: Joy Group. Contact Brie Young-Powell 540-969-9523.

World Relief News: We have the opportunity to go up to High Point to deliver donations and help in the warehouse on Nov. 19, and Dec. 10. It is exciting to be part of the Body of Christ in action, serving the refugees, immigrants, and victims of trafficking who are relocating to our part of NC. For more information contact: **Gayle: 321 501 8237** or **Amy: 828 719 9454**

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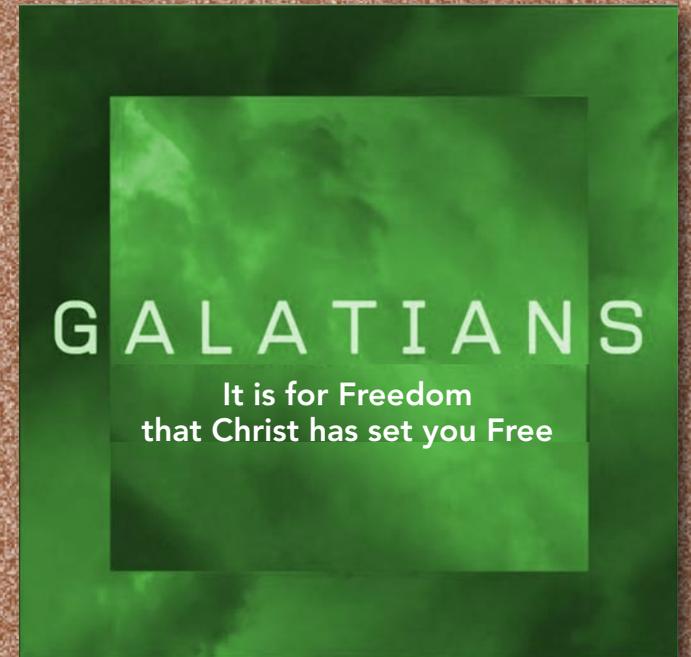
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Service for the Lord's Day

October 2, 2022



GREETING

Leader: *Christ is risen!*

All: He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE

Almighty God

* CALL TO WORSHIP

25:4-5

*Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.*

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Thy Mercy, My God (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

—from Psalm 32:1-6

*When we gather to praise God, we remember that
we are people who have preferred our wills to his.
Accepting his power to become new creations in Christ,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O Lord our God, you have searched us and known us.
You know not only what we say, but also what we
think. You know not only what we say, but also what
we almost said. You know how quickly our thoughts
rise to praise ourselves because we are well-off or
good-looking or healthy or smart, boasting of your
gifts as if they were our accomplishments.*

*You know how slowly our thoughts sink to accuse our-
selves even when we have turned our backs on you,
fascinating ourselves with alien gods whose calling we*

*heed while ignoring your own. Quickly boasting,
slowly accusing, truly we need to repent.*

*O God, forgive, correct, and heal us through Jesus
Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater
truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus
Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say,
in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven. **Thanks be to God.***

* PASSING THE PEACE

* DOXOLGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. ~ Amen*

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

~ from Ephesians 2

*We believe that we were dead in our transgressions
and sins. All of us were by nature deserving of wrath.
But because of his great love for us, God,
who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even
when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace
that we have been saved.*

*We believe that it is by grace that we have been
saved, through faith — and this is not from ourselves,
our faith is the gift of God.*

*We believe that we are not saved by works, so that
no one can boast.*

We believe that we are God's handiwork, created in

*Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared
in advance for us to do.*

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

#343 - Amazing Grace

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

Galatians 4:21-5:1;

Born Ordinary or Born of the Spirit?

* COMMUNION HYMN

*Have Mercy
(See Insert)*

* CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

All: And also with you.

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: *Therefore we join our voices with all the
saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name.*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes In the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN OF SENDING

#589 Here I Am Lord

* BENECTION