

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 1, 2024

THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, Dec 4th, 7:00 pm:** Philippians Study on Zoom.
- **Thursday, Dec 5th, 1:30 pm:** Barre Bible Study at church
- **Thursday, Dec 5th, 6:00 pm:** Trail Life at church
- **Saturday, Dec 7th, 8:30-11:30:** Greens Party at COPC — see insert and feel free to invite neighbors!
- **Saturday, Dec 14th,** Men's Breakfast at church, 8:30 AM

UPCOMING

- **Tuesday, Dec 24th, 6:00 pm:** Christmas Eve service— Carol sing and message. Please invite friends and family.
- **Youth Winter Weekend will take place at COPC Jan 10-12, 2025.** See the brochures in the foyer. Our church provides homes for the youth to sleep in and adult chaperoning for the activities and driving. Please be in prayer and mark your calendars for this, our 8th year of hosting.

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LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

December 1, 2024



GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude *A time to be quiet and prepare for holy worship.
When the music begins, please take your seats.*

Welcome

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Silent Reflection

Salutation and Call to Worship

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

* Opening Hymns

*All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name
297 Trinity Hymnal (verses 1,3, 4 & 5)*

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.**

Hymn:

*Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer
713 Trinity Hymnal (verses 1-3, 5-6)*

1 Great King of nations, hear our prayer, while at your feet we fall,
and humbly, with united cry, to you for mercy call.

2 The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not away;
but hear us from your lofty throne, and help us when we pray.

3 Our father's sins were manifold, and ours no less we own,
yet wondrously from age to age your goodness has been shown.

5 With one consent we meekly bow beneath your chastening hand,
and, pouring forth confession meet, mourn with our mourning land.

6 With pitying eye behold our need, as thus we lift our prayer;
correct us with your judgments, Lord, then let your mercy spare.**

*** Invocation**

Reading of God's Law

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon & Congregational Prayer

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

John 1:18 (p 1051, pew Bible)
Ephesians 3:14-21 (p 1160, pew Bible)

Sermon

Praying to the Father In His Eternal Purpose of Love (Pt II)

Prayer of Application

*** Closing Hymn**

A Debtor to Mercy Alone
463 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing;
nor fear, with thy righteousness on, my person and off'ring to bring.
The terrors of law and of God with me can have nothing to do;
my Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.

2 The work which his goodness began, the arm of his strength will complete;
his promise is yea and amen, and never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now, nor all things below or above,
can make him his purpose forgo, or sever my soul from his love.

3 My name from the palms of his hands eternity will not erase;
impressed on his heart it remains, in marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is giv'n;
more happy, but not more secure, the glorified spirits in heav'n.**

*** Benediction**

*** Doxology**

731 *Trinity Hymnal*

* Please stand if able

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Praying to the Father In His Eternal Purpose of Love

John 1:18; Ephesians 3:11-21

Lesson: God The Father's Purpose in Answering Prayer

I. A Purpose of Love (Eph 3:17-19)

II. A Purpose of Power to Strengthen Faith (Eph 3:14-17)

III. Resulting in the Rehab of Our View of Fatherhood (Eph 3:20-21)

Concepts from our psychologized culture saturate the way people think about themselves and others. The intellectual source for the notion that your experience of your father determines your view of the heavenly Father is psychodynamic psychology, not the Bible. The notion was developed by men such as Sigmund Freud and Erik Erikson ...

Psychodynamic theory made this "from the bottom up" pattern into a normative explanation for ideas of God. It denied that the real God revealed Himself "from the top down," rebuking vain imaginations with truth ... Various popular versions and variations of this way of thinking now infuse our culture. (for example)

"If my father didn't love me, I can't know God as a loving Father." Of course, this idea rings a bell in the human heart. As sinners we tend to manufacture false images of God, and human fathers are one prime candidate. As sinners we duck responsibility for our unbelief, savoring the role of victim. When we project lies and faulty images onto God, we may prefer to point at human fathers as the cause rather than looking to the activities of our own hearts ... We like to find excuses for culpable unbelief. (D. Powlison, "Seeing w/ New Eyes" p. 175)