

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

TEN O'CLOCK
OCTOBER 18, 2020

We gather today as “the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant ...” Hebrews 12:23-24a

A Time for Praise:

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 44:21–45:7

New Testament Reading John 4:1-45

Prayer Pastor Lucas Mann

Hymn of Praise *The Church's One Foundation* Hymn #270

Hymn of Psalm (*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*)

PSALM 91:1–4

1 He that doth in the secret place
of the most High reside,
Under the shade of him that is
th' Almighty shall abide.

2 I of the Lord my God will say,
He is my refuge still,
He is my fortress, and my God,
and in him trust I will.

3 Assuredly he shall thee save,
and give deliverance
From subtle fowler's snare, and from
the noisome pestilence.

4 His feathers shall thee hide; thy trust
under his wings shall be:
His faithfulness shall be a shield
and buckler unto thee.

A Time for Hearing God's Word:

Message “General Revelation in Man” Pastor Lucas Mann

Romans 1:19

A Time for Surrender:

Closing Hymn *Doxology* Hymn #XVI

Benediction Jude 1:24–25

Soli Deo Gloria

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, October 18

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
8:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 p.m. Bible Study/LBC

Senior Adult for the Month of October: Leon Hughes

NOTE:

If you would like to help with the cleaning of the church,
please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule.

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Guilt: The Effect of General Revelation

By J.I. Packer

...what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ROMANS 1:19

Scripture assumes, and experience confirms, that human beings are naturally inclined to some form of religion, yet they fail to worship their Creator, whose general revelation of himself makes him universally known. Both theoretical atheism and moral monotheism are natural to no one: atheism is always a reaction against a pre-existing belief in God or gods, and moral monotheism has only ever appeared in the wake of special revelation.

Scripture explains this state of affairs by telling us that sinful egoism and aversion to our Creator's claims drive humankind into idolatry, which means transferring worship and homage to some power or object other than God the Creator (Isa. 44:9-20; Rom. 1:21-23; Col. 3:5). In this way, apostate humans "suppress the truth" and have "exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles" (Rom. 1:18, 23). They smother and quench, as far as they can, the awareness that general revelation gives them of the transcendent Creator-Judge, and attach their ineradicable sense of deity to unworthy objects. This in turn leads to drastic moral decline, with consequent misery, as a first manifestation of God's wrath against human apostasy (Rom. 1:18, 24-32).

Nowadays in the West people idolize and, in effect, worship secular objects such as the firm, the family, football, and pleasant feelings of various kinds. But moral decline still results, just as it did when pagans worshipped literal idols in Bible times.

Human beings cannot entirely suppress their sense of God and his present and future judgment; God himself will not let them do that. Some sense of right and wrong, as well as of being accountable to a holy divine Judge, always remains. In our fallen world all whose minds are not in some way impaired have a conscience that at some points directs them and from time to time condemns them, telling them that they ought to suffer for wrongs they have done (Rom. 2:14ff.); and when conscience speaks in these terms it is in truth the voice of God.

Fallen humankind is in one sense ignorant of God, since what people like to believe, and do in fact believe, about the objects of their worship falsifies and distorts the revelation of God they cannot escape. In another sense, however, all human beings remain aware of God, guiltily, with uncomfortable inklings of coming judgment that they wish they did not have. Only the gospel of Christ can speak peace to this distressful aspect of the human condition.

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“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.” Romans 1:18-19

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Worship: 10:00 am