

MEMORY VERSE
for January 3, 2009
Romans 8:1-14

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. **3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. **6** For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. **7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. **8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. **9** You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. **10** But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **11** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. **12** So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

The Lord's Day
December 27, 2009
Morning Worship, 8:30 a.m.



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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

†Silent Prayer

Now, gracious Lord, thine arm reveal,
And make thy glory known;
Now let us all thy presence feel,
And soften hearts of stone!

Help us to venture near thy throne,
And plead a Savior's name;
For all that we can call our own,
Is vanity and shame.

From all the guilt of former sin
May mercy set us free;
And let the year we now begin,
Begin and end with thee.

Send down thy Spirit from above,
That saints may love thee more;
And sinners now may learn to love,
Who never lov'd before.

And when before thee we appear,
In our eternal home,
May growing numbers worship here,
And praise thee in our room.

-- John Newton (1725 – 1807)

**Congregation standing †Congregation invited to kneel*

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 111

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

***Hymn of Praise**

“Give Praise to God”

Give praise to God who reigns above
For perfect knowledge, wisdom, love;
His judgments are divine, devout,
His paths beyond all tracing out.

REFRAIN

Come, lift your voice to heaven's high throne,
And glory give to God alone!

No one can counsel God all wise
Or truths unveil to his sharp eyes;
He marks our paths beyond, before;
He is our steadfast Counselor. (Refrain)

Nothing exists that God might need
For all things good from Him proceed.
We praise Him as our Lord, and yet
We never place God in our debt. (Refrain)

Creation, life, salvation too,
And all things else both good and true,
Come from and through our God always,
And fill our hearts with grateful praise. (Refrain)

--James Montgomery Boice / Paul S. Jones

†Confession of Sin

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to You, we humbly confess our sins and implore Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart fervently, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to Your loving-kindness. According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence; and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***Hymn of Faith in Christ**

“Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

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Tithes and Offering

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:1-17

Sermon

"Mission Possible"

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

You are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a member or adherent of this or some other Christian congregation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you this prayer for your use during the time of the Lord's Supper.

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Supper Hymn

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" #253

Reading of Scripture

2 Corinthians 4:1-18

*Closing Hymn

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #30

Benediction

*Silent Prayer

Eternal God, who makes all things new, and abides for ever the same: Grant us to begin this year in Your faith, and to continue it in Your favor; that, being guided in all our doings, and guarded in all our days, we may spend our lives in Your service, and finally, by Your grace, attain the glory of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Postlude

Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.



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Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1-4

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of adversaries and foes, it is they whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

*Hymns of Praise

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #32

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" #172

Congregational Prayer

- Missions: Jon Bonker (Bangladesh)
- Persecuted Church: Pakistan
- Churches: Faith PCA (Anchorage, Alaska) & Pastor Jon Jones
- Life Issues & Adoption: Care Net Pierce County
- Health/Family: Penny Heins; Mark Arndt; Jose & Rebekah Balam Chuc
- Covenant Children/Youth: Jacob Smith, Jenny Smith, Robert Spears, Rebecca Spears, Emma Teixeira, Abigail Vander Pol, Julia Vander Pol, Malachi Vander Pol, Simeon Vander Pol

