

The
Ancient
Roots
of the
GOSPEL

welcome to



October 18, 2026

9:30 am Worship Service

Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor



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Welcome Visitors! We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning!
Hearing Devices are available at the sound booth.

Today's Speaker: Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor

Worship Leader: Nick Crowther, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Childcare: Our ushers will be happy to direct you to any of these locations.

Nursery: during the worship service for infants through 3 years old in Room 103 (includes a **Nursing Mother's Room:** private room with a livestream of service).

Family Room: to see and hear the service; located across from Nursery; and the narthex classroom where service is projected for families that need some privacy.

Children's Worship: provided each Sunday (except first Sunday of each month) for children 4-6 years old. Children are dismissed before the sermon.

Children's sermon papers and activities: located at shelf in back of sanctuary.

Sunday School:

Nursery (birth-2 years old): Nursery Room 103

Toddler Class (2.5-3 years old): Nursery Room 101

Pre-K/K Class (4-5 years old): 2nd floor, Room 208

Beginners Class (6 years old): Room 204

Early Elementary Class (7 years old): Room 201

Middle Elementary Class (8 years old): Room 203

Upper Elementary Class (9-10 years old): Room 211

Jr. High (6th-8th grade): Room 213

Sr. High (9th-12th grade): Room 214

Adult Sunday School:

Foundations of Discipleship: This CAFE class will study how Jesus changes the world by multiplying disciples one life at a time, located on the third floor.

PRELUDE

Blessings/ arr. P. Keveren
Kathleen Golias

◇ A time of quiet preparation

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 25:8-14 (ESV)

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

People: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Leader: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

People: For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Leader: Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

People: His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 75

O Father, You Are Sovereign

*WE CONFESS OUR SIN Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 62, 63, 64

Leader: What is the visible Church?

People: The visible Church is a society made up of all such as in all ages and places of the world do profess the true religion, and of their children.

Leader: What are the special privileges of the visible Church?

People: The visible Church has the privilege of being under God's special care and government; of being protected and preserved in all ages, notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies; and of enjoying the communion of saints, the ordinary means of salvation, and offers of grace by Christ to all the members of it in the ministry of the gospel, testifying, that whosoever believes in him shall be saved, and excluding none that will come unto him.

Leader: What is the invisible Church?

People: The invisible Church is the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one under Christ the head.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Great Things
This Is Our God
O Praise the Name*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
WELCOME TO VISITORS

MISSIONS MOMENT

Alicia Tuck, Campus Outreach Charlotte Region

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

HYMNAL CHOIR

El-Shaddai

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(ages 4–6 years old)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17:1-14 (ESV)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly."

³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.” ⁹And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. ¹⁰This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹²He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, ¹³both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

SERMON

The Sign of the Covenant

Genesis series: The Ancient Roots of the Gospel

Rev. Anthony Martin

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **585**

Take My Life, and Let it Be

BENEDICTION

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. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Song Lyrics

75 O Father, You Are Sovereign

O Father, You are sovereign In all the worlds You made;
Your mighty Word was spoken, And light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons
And bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses And stills the tempests' roar.

O Father, You are sovereign In all affairs of man;
No powers of death or darkness
Can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending,
Supreme in time and space,
You hold your trusting children Secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign The Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows To gold of heavenly gain,
All evil overruling, As none but Conqu'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose—Our souls' eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,
But soon before Your triumph Earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us Our faith springs up anew:
Our Sovereign Lord and Savior, We trust and worship You!

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Great Things

Come let us worship our King Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done See how His love overcomes
He has done great things He has done great things

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God, You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high
Oh God, You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is "Yes and amen"
You will do great things God, You do great things

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God, You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high
Oh God, You have done great things

Hallelujah God, above it all Hallelujah God, unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things Hallelujah God, above it all
Hallelujah God, unshakable Hallelujah, You have done great things
You've done great things

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God, You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high
Oh God, You have done great things
You have done great things Oh God, You do great things

This Is Our God

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame?
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape
But He came, and He died, and He rose, Those walls are rubble now

Remember those giants we called death and grave?
They were like mountains that stood in our way
But He came, and He died, and He rose, Those giants are dead now

This is our God, this is who He is- He loves us
This is our God, this is what He does- He saves us

He bore the cross, beat the grave
Let Heaven and Earth proclaim: This is our God, King Jesus

Remember that fear that took our breath away?
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word, every whisper

Now those altars in the wilderness, Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail, and He never will

This is our God, this is who He is- He loves us
This is our God, this is what He does- He saves us

He bore the cross, beat the grave
Let Heaven and Earth proclaim: This is our God, King Jesus

Who pulled me out of that pit? He did, He did
Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus
Who pulled me out of that pit? He did, He did
Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus

Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh, Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Jesus
Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh, Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Him

This is our God, this is who He is- He loves us
This is our God, this is what He does - He saves us

He bore the cross, beat the grave
Let Heaven and Earth proclaim: This is our God, King Jesus
He bore the cross, beat the grave, Let Heaven and Earth proclaim:
This is our God, King Jesus

O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing
Your praise Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise

585 Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.