



**POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**The Lord's Day, February 12th, 2023**

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR*

*MEDITATION AND PREPARATION*

Prelude

*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

*CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 36:5-7

"Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep; O Lord, You preserve man and beast. How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore, the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings."

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

*Congregation:* **We lift them up!**

*HYMN*

And Can It Be?

Celebration Hymnal #347

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*THE LAW OF GOD*

Matthew 22:37-40

"Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

*Private Confession*

*Corporate Confession*

*Minister:* We make this, our corporate confession, unto God:

***All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen***

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

John 3:16-17

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

*Minister:* Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God!**

*DOXOLOGY*

Doxology

Celebration Hymnal #815

**CONSECRATION**

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION*

*SCRIPTURE READING*

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 54:1-10

John 21:15-25

James 2:1-13

*Minister:* May God bless the reading of His Word.

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

*PASTORAL PRAYER*

*PSALM*

Psalm 36:6b – 10

Celebration Hymnal #128, “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

**LORD, Thou preservest man and beast.  
How precious, God, Thy grace!  
Beneath the shadow of Thy wings  
Men’s sons their trust shall place.**

**They with the bounty of Thy house  
Shall be well satisfied;  
From rivers full of Thy delights  
Thou dost their drink provide.**

**Because the fountain filled with life  
Is only found with Thee;  
And in that purest light of Thine  
We clearly light shall see.**

**To them that know Thee, evermore  
Thy lovingkindness show,  
And still on men of upright heart  
Thy righteousness bestow.**

*SERMON*

Love is the Theme Part 1  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*HYMN*

Rock of Ages  
Celebration Hymnal #342

**COMMISSIONING**

*BENEDICTION*

*Minister:* "And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. Amen."  
(1Thessalonians 3:12-13)

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

Postlude

*In the foyer, a plate is designated for tithes and offerings.*

# Who was Valentine?

by Uri Brito

It is not uncommon to celebrate days without the slightest clue of their origin. Such a day is the traditional Valentine's Day or The Feast of Saint Valentine. "Valentine" derives from valens, which means strong, worthy, or powerful. These are apt descriptions for this little-appreciated martyr.

Tradition and legends abound. The truth is we do not know much about the life of St. Valentine. What we do know is that around 278 AD, Valentine, a holy priest in the days of Emperor Claudius II, was executed. The precise day is well acknowledged as February 14th.

Claudius was known for his cruelty. His unpopular and bloody campaigns required a strong army. To Claudius' vexation, he was not able to draw many Roman soldiers to his cause. Valentine believed that the soldiers were strongly attached to their wives and families. As a result, Claudius banished marriages and engagements in Rome.[1] Valentine believed this to be a great injustice and continued to perform marriages.

Another factor that made Valentine unpopular with Claudius was his commitment to helping persecuted Christians. Valentine was faithful to the Christ he served.

Valentine's high disregard for the laws of Claudius the Cruel and his strong faith was cause for arresting the 3rd-century priest. "He was apprehended, and sent by the emperor to the prefect of Rome, who, on finding all his promises to make him renounce his faith ineffectual, commanded him to be beaten with clubs, and afterward, to be beheaded." [2]

On this day, we celebrate this faithful saint who died for love; love of truth, and love for Christ; the Christ who gave His life that His Bride might live abundantly.

[1] History.com, <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/st-valentine-beheaded>

[2] Catholic Online, [http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=159](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=159)

# SERVICES

## THE LORD'S DAY

Morning Worship 10:00 AM

Fellowship Meal 11:30 AM

NO EVENING SERVICES

## WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

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