



**POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**The Lord's Day, February 5th, 2023**

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR*

*MEDITATION AND PREPARATION*

Prelude

*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

*CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 63:1-4

"O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So, I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You.

Thus, I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name."

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

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

*HYMN*

We Have Come to Join in Worship  
Celebration Hymnal #207

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*THE LAW OF GOD*

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

"Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

*Private Confession*

*Corporate Confession*

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

***All:* Show me Thy mercy, O Lord, for I am a sheep that is gone astray. O Good Shepherd, seek me out and bring me home again to Thy fold. Deal favorably with me according to Thy good pleasure, that I may dwell in thine house all the days of my life and praise thee for ever and ever with them that are there. Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

1 Corinthians 6:11

“And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

*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.

Numbers 25:1-18

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

John 4:1-26

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

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

*PASTORAL PRAYER*

*HYMN*

Victory in Jesus

Celebration Hymnal #353

*SERMON*

TO THE CHURCH IN PERGAMUM –

You are engulfed in false doctrine!

Revelation 2:12-17

*HYMN*

Blessed Assurance

Celebration Hymnal #572

**COMMISSIONING**

*BENEDICTION*

*Minister:* “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.”

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

Postlude

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

## **EVENING SERVICE**

*SERMON*

THE GREAT COMMISSION EXECUTED IN THE SPIRIT  
OF THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Revelation 2:8-11

## **Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum and Disciple of Saint John the Theologian**

The Hieromartyr Antipas, a disciple of the holy Apostle John the Theologian, was bishop of the Church of Pergamum during the reign of the emperor Nero (54-68).

During these times, everyone who would not offer sacrifice to the idols lived under threat of either exile or execution by order of the emperor.

On the island of Patmos (in the Aegean Sea) the holy Apostle John the Theologian was imprisoned, he to whom the Lord revealed the future judgment of the world and of Holy Church. "I know where you live, where the throne of Satan is, and you cleave unto My Name, and have not renounced My faith, even in those days when Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwells" (Rev 2:13).

By his personal example, firm faith and constant preaching about Christ, Saint Antipas began to turn the people of Pergamum from offering sacrifice to idols. The pagan priests reproached the bishop for leading the people away from their ancestral gods, and they demanded that he stop preaching about Christ and offer sacrifice to the idols instead.

Saint Antipas calmly answered that he was not about to serve the demons that fled from him, a mere mortal. He said he worshiped the Lord Almighty, and he would continue to worship the Creator of all, with His Only-Begotten Son, and the Holy Spirit. The pagan priests retorted that their gods existed from of old, whereas Christ was not from of old but was crucified under Pontius Pilate as a criminal. The saint replied that the pagan gods were the work of human hands and that everything said about them was filled with iniquities and vices. He steadfastly confessed his faith in the Son of God, incarnate of the Most Holy Virgin.

The enraged pagan priests dragged the Hieromartyr Antipas to the temple of Artemis and threw him into a red-hot copper bull, where usually they put the sacrifices to the idols. In the red-hot furnace the martyr prayed loudly to God, imploring Him to receive his soul and to strengthen the faith of the Christians. He went to the Lord peacefully, as if he were going to sleep (+ ca. 68).

At night Christians took the body of the Hieromartyr Antipas, which was untouched by the fire. They buried him at Pergamum.

# SERVICES

## THE LORD'S DAY

Morning Worship 10:00 AM

Evening Worship 7:00 PM

Children's Ministry 7:00 PM

## WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

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