

# THE LORD’S DAY WORSHIP

ELEVEN O’CLOCK

July 29, 2018

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 Preparation

### *Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship*

Heavenly Father,

You have revealed to me myself as a mass of sin, and yourself as the fullness of goodness, with strength enough to succor [assist] me, wisdom enough to guide me, mercy enough to quicken me, love enough to satisfy me. You have shown me that because you are mine I can live by your life, be strong in your strength, by guided by your wisdom, and so I can pitch my thoughts and heart in you. This is the exchange of wonderful love – for me to have you for myself, and for you to have me, and to give me yourself. There is in you all fullness of the good I need, and the fullness of all grace to draw me to yourself, who, else, could never have come. But having come, I must cleave to you, be knit to you, always seek you. There is no good in comparison to you. With you I can live without other things, for you are God all-sufficient, and glory, peace, rest, joy of the world is a creaturely, perishing thing in comparison to you. Help me to know that he who hopes for nothing but you and for all things only for you, hopes truly, and that I must place all my happiness in holiness, if I hope to be filled with all grace. Convince me that I can have no peace at death, nor hope that I should go to Christ, unless I intend to do his will and have his fullness while I live.

(The Valley of Vision Prayer Book)

**Ringing of Bell** ..... Judah Gosnell

**Announcements**..... Deacon

## A Time for Praise:

### *Prelude*

### *Call to Worship*

Scripture and Prayer ..... Travis Gosnell

- *Hymn of Praise* ..... *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ..... Hymn #210

## A Time for Offering:

- *Offertory Hymn* ..... *This Is My Father’s World* ..... Hymn #143

- ..... *Doxology*..... Hymn #815

Offertory Prayer

### *Offertory*

Tithes and Offerings ..... Ushers

## A Time for Hearing God’s Word:

*Choral Message* ..... *Honor and Majesty* ..... Arr. Lanier

Message ..... Pastor Lucas Mann

Pastoral Prayer

## A Time for Surrender:

- *Hymn of Response* ..... *My Jesus, I Love Thee* ..... Hymn #79

- Benediction

### *Postlude*

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!” (2 Corinthians 13:14)

### *Affirmation of Faith – Westminster Larger Catechism*

## 92. What is the Law of God?

God spoke all these words, saying:

**First Commandment:** I am the Lord your God, which have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, you shall have no other gods before me.

**Second Commandment:** You shall not make for yourself any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: you shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

**Third Commandment:** You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

**Fourth Commandment:** Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God: in it you shall not do any work, thou, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger that is within your gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

**Fifth Commandment:** Honor your father and your mother that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you.

**Sixth Commandment:** You shall not kill.

**Seventh Commandment:** You shall not commit adultery.

**Eighth Commandment:** You shall not steal.

**Ninth Commandment:** You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Tenth Commandment:** You shall not covet your neighbor’s house, you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.

**See Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5.**

# Opportunities of the Week

## Sunday, July 29

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Evening Service

## Tuesday, July 31

5:45 p.m. Prayer Group 9

## Wednesday, August 1

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

**Nursery this week:** Megan Balentine  
Mary Brock

**Church Watch this month:** Tommy Bryant

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# EXCEPT YE REPENT

By A. W. Pink

*“Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3).*

In view of these solemn words it is tremendously important that each of us should seek and obtain from God the repentance which He requires, not resting content with anything short of this. Hence, there needs to be the most diligent and prayerful examination as to the character of our repentance. Multitudes are deceived thereon. Many are perplexed by the conflicting teaching of men on this subject; but instead of that discouraging, it should stir up to a more earnest searching of the Scriptures. Before turning to the positive side of this branch of our theme, let us first point out some of the features of a nonsaving repentance.

Trembling beneath the preaching of God's Word is not repentance. True, there are thousands of people who have listened unmoved to the most awe-inspiring sermons, and even descriptions of the torments of the damned have struck no terror to their hearts. Yet, on the other hand, many who were deeply stirred, filled with alarm, and moved to tears, are now in hell. I have seen the faces of strong men pale under a searching message, yet next day all its effects had left them. Felix “trembled” (Acts 24:25) under the preaching of Paul!

Being “almost persuaded” is not repentance. Agrippa (Acts 26:28) is a case in point. A person may give full assent to the messages of God's servant, admire the gospel, yea, receive the Word with joy, and after all, be only a stony-ground hearer (Matt. 13:20-21). Not only so, he may be conscious of his evildoing and acknowledge the same. Pharaoh owned, “I have sinned against the Lord your God” (Exod. 10:16). A man may realize that he ought to yield himself to the claims of God and become a Christian, yet never be more than “almost persuaded.”

Humbling ourselves beneath the mighty hand of God is not repentance. People may be deeply moved, weep, go home and determine to reform their lives, and yet return to their sins. A solemn example of this is found in Ahab. That wicked king of Israel coveted Naboth's vineyard, plotted to secure it, and

gained his end by causing him to be murdered. Then the servant of God met him and said, "Hast thou killed and also taken possession?" And we are told that "he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted . . . and went softly" (I Kings 21:27-29). Yet in the very next chapter we find him again rebelling against God, and that he was cut off by divine judgment. Ah, my reader, you may have humbled yourself before God for a time, and yet remain the slave of your lusts. You may be afraid of hell, and yet not of sinning. If hell were extinguished, so would be the repentance of many church members. O mistake not fear of the wrath to come for a holy hatred and horror of sin.

Confessing sins is not repentance. Thousands have gone forward to the "altar" or "mourners' bench" and have told God what vile creatures they were, enumerating a long list of transgressions, but without any deep realization of the unspeakable awfulness of their sins, or a spark of holy hatred of them. The sequel has shown this, for they now ignore God's commandments as much as they did before. O my reader, if you do not, in the strength of God, resist sin, if you do not turn from it, then your fancied repentance is only whitewash—paint which decorates, but not the grace which transforms into gold.

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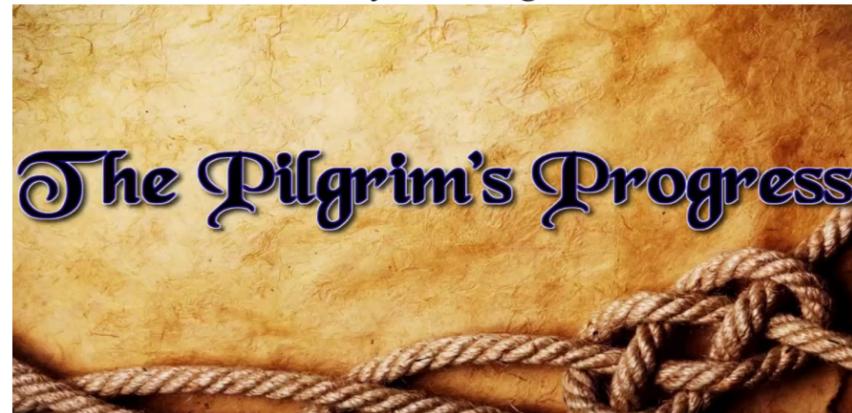
**NOTES:**

We thank you for worshipping with us today. We trust that your heart has been encouraged, your spirit filled, and that you will leave here equipped for the work to which God has called you. If you would like to find out more information about Poplar Springs Baptist Church, please visit our website: [www.poplarspringsws.org](http://www.poplarspringsws.org) or call (864) 861-2196.

*Sunday Evening Service*



*Wednesday Evening Service*



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*"Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ... Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." Luke 13:2-5*

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**Sunday School: 10:00 am**

**Worship: 11:00 am**