

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

TEN O'CLOCK
May 16, 2021

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 Praise:

Prelude Pearl Barton
Call to Worship Pastor Travis Gosnell
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:10–14
New Testament Reading John 10:34-39
Prayer Pastor Lucas Mann
Hymn of Praise *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Hymn #1
(Celebration Hymnal)
Hymn of Psalm (*Amazing Grace*) Psalm 23
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A Time for Hearing God's Word:

Message “Approaching the Throne” Pastor Lucas Mann
Hebrews 4:16

A Time for Surrender:

Closing Hymn *Gloria Patri* Hymn #XV
(Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction Numbers 6:24–26
Soli Deo Gloria

Postlude Pearl Barton

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, May 16
11:30 a.m. Church Luncheon
No Evening Services

Wednesday, May 19
7:00 p.m. Bible Study/LBC

Senior Adult for the Month of April: Judy Pitts

May Fellowship
Today after the morning worship service

Church Picnic Luncheon

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the fellowship after the morning worship service. Don't worry if you didn't bring anything, we always have plenty of food.

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Mothers Show Us More of God

By Tyler Holley

Part 2

Moms Welcome and Nurture

Motherhood also reflects the glories of holy submission. In the very anatomy of sex, women are called to a kind of submission in order to be a mother. The man is the farmer who scatters his seed, while his wife is the fertile ground that embraces, accepts, and grows the seed. So, it is fitting that mothers are called to welcome and receive gospel initiative from their husbands (called “submission.”).

Mothers are called to showcase to all people, *including men*, how they should act towards God. Human beings submit to Christ’s loving kingship, and eternal life is planted in our hearts. Because Eve did not submit to God in the garden, all the world fell into chaos. Mary did submit to God, and the whole world was saved through the seed planted in her. All mothers tell the gospel story.

Also, motherhood reflects the nurturing nature of God. When a woman bears a child, she nurses him and cares for him, as his source of life outside the womb. When a person is born from above, God does not leave that Christian to themselves, but cares for them and nurtures them as a mother, and he does this through his church. This is why the church is often called our mother. We are born into her through our baptism; she nurses us on the milk of God’s word and feeds us the very body and blood of Christ. The mother of [Proverbs 31:10–31](#) provides food, makes clothes, and deals with finances.

In other words, the whole house would fall apart without the mother. Without mothers, we would be naked, hungry, and afraid. So, mothers are a visual picture of God’s tangible care for us through the church.

Moms Have Faith, Not Necessarily Children

Mothers take the abstract feelings of love and incarnate that love by making a child — and yet I have seen women who are struggling through the pain of infertility still incarnate that same love through a good meal, a hospitable home, or a hard day’s labor. These labors are all the more special because they are birthed out of suffering.

Likewise, an unmarried woman may never nurture physical offspring, but so pour herself into the lives of the church’s young that she walks around with a rambunctious band of kids in tow — a Mary Poppins of Christendom. In many such women, I have seen the mother of Proverbs 31 who never lets a fellow Christian go hungry, works hard to clothe the needy, and takes care to make sure the life of the church runs smoothly. So, even a woman without biological offspring can have Christian children who “rise up and call her blessed” The church is filled with sons like me who need the mothering of many women.

Mothers Show Us God

Mothers are a gift to all humanity because they show us what God is like. In a loving mother, we see Christ, who longs to gather his people like a mother hen would gather her chicks under her wings (Mathew 23:37).

My mom is one of my greatest heroes, and I am the fruit of her labors and love. I have seen in her the God who gives me the courage to submit myself to his reign and the strength to give myself for the sake of others.

Poplar Springs Baptist Church



“Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.”

Proverbs 31:10–12

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Worship: 10:00 am