

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

TEN O'CLOCK
May 30, 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 60:19–22
New Testament Reading John 11:1-4
Prayer Pastor Lucas Mann
Hymn of Praise *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Hymn #45
(Celebration Hymnal)
Hymn of Psalm (*Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?*) Psalm 130
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A Time for Hearing God's Word:

Message Pastor Lucas Mann
“Approaching the Throne: The Purpose Thereof” Hebrews 4:16b

A Time for Surrender:

Closing Hymn *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Hymn #534
(Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction Psalm 112:1–2a
Soli Deo Gloria

Postlude Pearl Barton

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, May 30

7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
8:00 p.m. Church Conference

Wednesday, June 2

7:00 p.m. Bible Study/LBC

Senior Adult for the Month of May: Judy Pitts

June Fellowship
Sunday, June 13 2021
After the morning worship service

Covered Dish Luncheon

Everyone is invited to come enjoy the meal.
Please bring your favorite covered dish, dessert or beverage
and join us for an afternoon of Christian fellowship.

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How Should Christians Think of Memorial Day?

By Kevin DeYoung

(Part 2)

But Jesus completely disagreed. By telling the people to "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" he was saying there are duties to government that do not infringe on your ultimate duty to God. It's possible to honor lesser authorities in good conscience because they have been instituted by a greater authority.

If you read all that the New Testament says about governing authorities in places like **Romans 13:1** and **1 Peter 1:1**, you see that the normal situation is one of compatible loyalties. The church is not the state and the state is not God, but this does not mean the church must always be against the state. In general, then, it's possible to be a good Christian and a good American, or a good Ghanaian or a good Korean. Patriotism is not bad. Singing your national anthem and getting choked up is not bad. Allegiance to God and allegiance to your country do not have to be at odds.

4. God's people are not tied to any one nation.

When Jesus says "go ahead and give to Caesar what belongs to him" he is effectively saying, "you can support nations that do not formally worship the one true God." Or to put it a different way: true religion is not bound with only one country. This means-as we see in **Revelation 7:1** and **Isaiah 49:1** and **Psalms 87:1** and **Matthew 28:1** and **Acts 1:1** and a hundred other places-the Church will be transcultural and transnational.

While American churches are in America, they must never be only American churches. We must keep in mind (and when applicable, explicitly state) that our congregations are filled with brothers and sisters from all over the world. Likewise, we must work hard to help people see that **Christianity** is not just a Western religion or American religion. Christianity started in the Middle East and quickly spread to North Africa, and parts of Asia and Europe. The Church was always meant to be international. Today there are more Anglicans in church in Nigeria than in England, more Presbyterians in South Korea than in the United States. The promise to Abraham way back in Genesis is that through his family God would bless the whole world. Christianity is not tied to just one certain nation. Following Christ is not an ethnic thing. You can be from any country and worship Jesus.

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Poplar Springs Baptist Church



“Every person is to be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.”

Romans 13:1

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Worship: 10:00 am