

OUR WORSHIP OF THE LORD January 2, 2022
Pastor: Reverend William Hough
Organist/Choir Director: Joyce Keedy

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”
Martha Wylie, Flute

***Call to Worship**

Have you seen the star? Have you heard the good news?
God, who created all things, has come to earth.

We have heard of a baby born in Bethlehem.

We have seen evidence that God is with us.

Have you allowed God to reign in your life?

Have you laid your gifts before the Holy Child?

We have noticed the generous travelers from the east.

They inspire in us a willingness to share.

God’s call to us is for justice, beyond generosity.

Are you ready for God’s eternal purpose in Christ?

ALL-We have been afraid to trust God completely.

Yet we want to respond to God’s dreams for us.

***Hymn of Praise:**

O Worship the King: Red Hymnal: 16

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 110:1-4 pg. 951

***Hymn of Thanksgiving:**

Give Thanks Black Hymnal: 2036

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Special Music: “What Child is This”

Dismissal of Children Grades 4 and under

New Testament Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 pp. 1501, 1502

Message: “The Road Less Traveled”

Rev. William Hough

***Hymn of Invitation:**

We Three Kings of Orient Are Red Hymnal: 113

The Lord’s Supper:

Sharing the Bread

Sharing the Cup

***Hymn:** Blest Be the Tie Red Hymnal: 387

***Benediction**

Please stay seated and enjoy the Postlude.

Postlude: “Hymn of Joy” R. Grosvenor

*All who are able, please stand

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Announcements:

*Sunday, January 9th at 1:00 pm:
Parents Informational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall*

Friday, January 21st at 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

SERMON NOTES

Title: “The Road Less Traveled”

Text: Matthew 2:1-12

I. Introduction

After encountering the newly born Messiah King we are told the Magi, “returned to their country by another route (or way).” These Magi’s lives were changed from beholding the Savior of the World. In the same way Christ is still changing lives today.

This morning I’d like for us to reflect on how and in what ways Christ can change lives for the better.

II. In what ways can Christ change lives for the better.

A. First of all, Christ can change lives for the better through his Lordship.

B. Secondly, Christ can change lives for the better through his worship.

C. Thirdly, Christ can change lives for the better through his word.

III. Conclusion

OUR WORSHIP OF THE LORD January 16, 2022
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Give Me a Clean Heart"
Martha Wylie, Flute

***Call to Worship**

With steadfast love, God calls our names.

Come to find refuge in the shelter of God's ways.

We long to be recognized and affirmed

We are eager for a place of shelter and security.

Feast on the abundance of God's house.

Come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.

We can ready to hear the Word of God.

We want to be guided by eternal truth.

Reach out to claim the gifts God pours out on us.

The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower each one.

ALL-When God calls us, we cannot remain silent.

When Christ is real to us, we accept our discipleship.

***Hymn of Praise:**

O Worship the King Red Hymnal: 16

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 pg. 17

***Hymn of Thanksgiving:**

Let All Things Now Living Red Hymnal: 640

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Special Music: I Love You, Lord arr. Drew Wright
Bell Choir

Dismissal of Children Grades 4 and under
to children's church

New Testament Reading: Luke: 2:41-52 pg. 1595

Message: "Possession is Nine-Tenths of the Law"
Rev. William Hough

***Hymn of Invitation:**

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus Red Hymnal: 320

***Benediction**

Please stay seated and enjoy the Postlude.

Postlude: "The Awakening" E. Broughton

*All who are able, please stand



Friday, January 21st at 6:00 pm

Middle and Senior High Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, January 23rd, we will be finishing up our

Sunday School lesson on the Book of James

in the Church Sanctuary

Sunday January 30th the Adult Sunday School Class will

be beginning a study on the parables of Jesus entitled,

"Once Upon a Time."

SERMON NOTES

Title: "Possession is Nine-Tenths of the Law"

Text: Genesis 12:1-4, Luke 2:41-52

I. Introduction

Ownership of an object is difficult to disapprove once one has possession of it. Thus the saying, "Possession is Nine-Tenths of the Law." This same truth is found in regards to the blessings God has given us. There comes a time the believer needs to take ownership of the blessings God has granted him/her. This morning, through the lens of our mornings passage I'd like for us to see what spiritual gifts and blessings this is true in regards too.

II. The Blessings the Believer need to take ownership of.

- A. The believer needs to take ownership of the gift of his/her Salvation.

- B. The believer needs to take ownership of his/her God given promises.

- C. The believer needs to take ownership of his/her call.

III. Conclusion

OUR WORSHIP OF THE LORD January 23, 2022
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Martha Wylie, Flute

***Call to Worship**

For God alone our souls wait in silence.
Our hope is from God, our fortress.

God is our rock and our salvation.

God is our refuge and our deliverance.

Trust in God at all times, in all places.

Pour out your hearts to the One who hears.

All people are valuable in God’s sight.

No one is more important than another.

Worship God, who is ready to speak to us.

Open your lives to God’s steadfast love.

ALL-power in the universe belongs to God.

Yet God depends on our faithful service.

***Hymn of Praise:**

Holy, Holy Red Hymnal: 254

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 32:1-5 pg. 867

***Hymn of Thanksgiving:**

I Sing Praises to Your Name Black Hymnal: 2037 – 2 x’s

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Special Music: “I Will Praise You, Lord”
Joyce Keedy

Dismissal of Children Grades 4 and under
to children’s church

New Testament Reading: I John 1:5-10 pp. 1898, 1899

Message: “A Most Universal Problem”
Rev. William Hough

***Hymn of Invitation:**

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated Red Hymnal: 277

***Benediction**

Please stay seated and enjoy the Postlude.

Postlude: “Trumpet Finale” J. Stanley

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*Starting today Pastor Will begins a Preaching Series
entitled, “Those Thorns in the Flesh”
in the Church Sanctuary*

SERMON NOTES

Series: Those Thorns In The Flesh

Title: “A Most Universal Problem”

Text: Psalm 32:1-5; I John 1:5-10

I. Introduction

In II Corinthians 12:7 the Apostle Paul tells us that “a Thorn in the Flesh, that is some difficulty, was given to him to keep him from being conceited.” The truth of the matter is, even as believers, we all have difficulties we must deal with.

Starting today and for the next several Sundays we will be taking a look at some of the more common, “Thorns in the Flesh,” that confronts us. This morning we begin this series by considering the universal problem of sin.

II. The problem of sin and how to deal with it.

A. First of all, we need to understand what sin is.

B. Secondly, we need to understand what sin does.

C. Thirdly, we need to know what should be done about sin.

III. Conclusion

OUR WORSHIP OF THE LORD January 30, 2022
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Prelude for Flute and Harp” Joyce Keedy
Martha Wylie, Flute

***Call to Worship**

Come, people of God, to the one in whom we trust.
Praise God who delivers and rescues us.

God is our rock of refuge, our strong fortress.

God saves us amid wickedness and cruelty.

Hope in God, who has created you.

Open yourself to the one who knows you well.

God accepts us, even when people do not.

God affirms us, even when we fail.

Our God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them.

God’s Word of love is ours to proclaim.

ALL-We have come to embrace the mysteries of our faith.

We are here to worship the God who empowers us.

***Hymn of Praise:**

To God Be the Glory Red Hymnal: 4

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 3:5-8 pg. 987

***Hymn of Thanksgiving:**

As the Deer Black Hymnal: 2025 – 2 x’s

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Special Music: “Little Lamb” Joyce Keedy
Duet – Drew & Becca Wright See Insert

Dismissal of Children Grades 4 and under
to children’s church

New Testament Reading: Mark 9:14-27 pp. 1571, 1572

Message: “The Thorny Problem of Doubt”
Rev. William Hough

***Hymn of Invitation:**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine Red Hymnal: 334

*Benediction

Please stay seated and enjoy the Postlude.

Postlude: “Trumpet Finale” J. Stanley

*All who are able, please stand

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SERMON NOTES

Series: Those Thorns In The Flesh

Title: “The Thorny Problem of Doubt”

Text: Proverbs 3:5-8; Mark 9:14-27

I. Introduction

In Mark 9:24 we find words spoken by a father seeking healing for his demon possessed son, “I believe; help me overcome my unbelief,” words we all can identify with. The truth is we all battle with the thorny problem of doubt from time to time.

This morning I’d like for us to see how we can best deal with doubt when it comes upon us.

II. How to Deal with the Thorny Problem of Doubt

- A. First of all, in dealing with the thorny problem of doubt, we must allow that doubt to drive us to Jesus.

- B. Secondly, in dealing with the thorny problem of doubt, we need to be honest about our doubts.

- C. Thirdly, in dealing with the thorny problem of doubt, we need to choose to embrace our faith.

III. Conclusion