

An open wooden door stands in a dark, rocky landscape. Through the doorway, a bright sunset is visible over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon and its light reflecting on the waves. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds.

R E V E L A T I O N  
*Jesus Wins*

The Church in Pergamum

*Revelation 2:12-17*

**July 21, 2024**

The church has always had to answer the question of how to engage and interact with the culture around us. This is the issue Jesus addresses with the church of Pergamum and He gives a clear direction. The call is to stand firm in the message of the gospel, even when it comes with a great cost to the church.

# Order Of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

### **From Psalm 111**

**Leader:** *Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.*

**All:** *Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his commandments are trustworthy. They are steadfast forever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.*

**Leader:** *He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.*

**All:** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his commandments have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.*

## Songs of Praise

***Just As I Am  
Holy Forever***

## Offering

## Confession of Sin

Lord God,

*we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse  
us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon

## Song of Declaration

***Jesus I Come***

## Confession of Faith

***Heidelberg Catechism #112***

*Q. What is the aim of the ninth commandment?*

*A. That I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone rashly or without a hearing. Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind; these are the very devices the devil uses, and they would call down on me God's intense wrath. I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it. And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.*

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Message

Sermon

***The Church in Pergamum***

*Revelation 2:12-17*

*Pastor James Brignac*

Song of Response

***Who You Say I Am***

Benediction

## Sermon Notes

*The modern church has gorged itself on temporal, forgettable, fashionable things. As a result, everything about this era of the church, in this part of the world, will be lost to decay. That is quite a high price to pay for a strategy that hasn't even panned out. All of this to stay relevant and appeal to the youth, but the Church has never been less relevant in America or more unappealing to the youth. - **Matt Walsh***

### Intersecting Culture

***What type of city was Pergamum?***

*If Ephesus was the New York of Asia, Pergamum was its Washington, for there the Roman imperial power had its seat of government. - **Michael Wilcock***

***What type of persecution were they experiencing?***

***How is the church supposed to interact with the culture around us? Has the mission changed?***

*Matthew 5:14*

## Stand Firm

***Why is this church praised?***

***Why is this church said to be connected to Balaam?***

*Numbers 22-25, 1 Kings 11:1-2*

***What was the goal of the false teachers?***

*[They] sought to persuade Christians that there was nothing wrong with a prudent conformity to the world's standards. - **William Barclay***

## Gospel Promises

***Why will the church always have to "conquer?"***

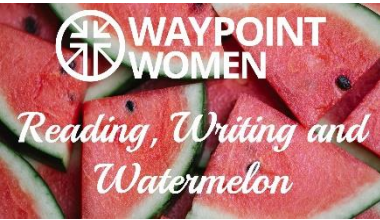
***What are the three blessings promised?***

*God is going to take care of you as long as he needs to. His supernatural, overruling providence will take care of you physically and spiritually. - **Douglas Kelly***

*The new name is a mark of genuine membership in the community of the redeemed, without which entry into the eternal city of God is impossible. - G.K. Beale*

***What is the context in which these promises are offered?***

# Announcements



July 23 at 6:30 PM  
Details coming soon!



August 16-18  
Ponte Vendra Presbyterian Church



Ramsey Financial Peace University  
Detail on our web site



Multiple small groups formed  
Contact Pastor James for info



Every Friday at 8:00 AM  
Contact Carl Hill for details



## Discussion Questions

1. How should the church engage with the culture around us?
2. What is the issue with the church trying too hard to placate or ignore the culture?
3. Jesus states Pergamum is where "Satan dwells." What do you think he would say about our current context?
4. Jesus references Balaam. How did he seek to cause the Jews to stumble? Is this still an issue today?
5. Is it difficult to trust in the future blessings promised in this passage? Why or why not?
6. What would a letter from Jesus to Waypoint say today?