

September 17, 2017

Knowing Jesus

10:00 am

Order of Worship

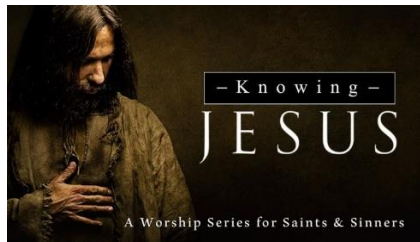
Prelude
Welcome
"Cornerstone"
"Our God"
"10,000 Reasons"
Message: "John the Baptist" Pastor Adam Grill
Offering (please sign and pass the Friendship Pad)
"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Prayer Time
"Here I Am To Worship"

Prayer Life

- The Grace Family would like to extend its prayers and sympathy to Linda and Bill Bailey on the passing of their mother last week.
- Ken Michmerhuizen, recovering from heart surgery.
- Jack DeWitt and Jean Brink, battling cancer.
- Glenn Stielau, continued prayers for health and strength.
- Jef and Sal Koert would like to thank the Grace family for their prayers, love & support during Mindy & Justin's season of cancer. They are not done yet, so continue to pray for strength and continued healing.

Church Life

- **KEY DATES:**
 - September 17: QUEST Kick-Off,
 - September 21: Women's Prayer Time, 10:00 a.m.
 - September 24: Bill Crowder Preaching
 - October 1: Pastor Adam Preaching
- If you are a guest with us today, WELCOME! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception in the lobby following the service. Someone will be there to greet you, answer your questions and give you a gift as a thank you for worshipping with us today!
- **Community Fest:** Join us immediately following the service for food, games, inflatables and more! All are welcome!
- **UPCOMING BIBLES STUDIES:** Details and sign-ups can be found at the Information Desk!
 - **Monday Evening:** The Footsteps of the Messiah: An End of Times Bible Study. This study, open to all, will meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays each month for a year, beginning October 2. This study will meet at 7:00 p.m. and will be facilitated by Jeff Buhner.
 - **Tuesday Evening Women's:** Beth Moore's study entitled Daniel: Part 2. This is a 12-week women's study meeting at 7:00 p.m., beginning September 26, and will be facilitated by Mary Dykstra.
 - **Wednesday Women's:** Walking as Jesus Walked: Making Disciples the Way Jesus Did. This women's study will meet either Wednesday mornings or evenings, depending on interest, and will be facilitated by Cathy Grill.
- Mission French Africa is hosting their 4th Annual Gala Event at the Pinnacle Center on Thursday, October 5. Hear updates from Paul and Charlotte Mpindi while enjoying a delicious dinner. RSVP by September 26 to 616-285-5903 or missionfrenchafrica.eventbrite.com
- Our Daily Bread Devotionals are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one!
- **GREETERS: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**
 - Main: Mike and Judy Pathuis, Jim and Nancy Lambert
 - Lower: Laurie Sweet
- **THE LORD'S BUSINESS:**
 - Attendance: 305
 - Giving: Weekly Budget: \$5,728; Received: \$10,142; YTD Budget: \$206,208; YTD Received: \$264,816
 - Weekly Faith Promise Giving: \$643; YTD FPG: \$28,128
 - Hurricane Relief Offering: \$1,936



Matthew 3: John the Baptist Prepares the Way: In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord,

make straight paths for him.’” ⁴ John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them:

“You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Life Application:

Read Mark 1:1-13, Luke 3:1-18, Matthew 3:1-12.

**Next, ask God to help you see areas of your life where you are unrepentant;
and finally ask him to forgive you.**

Luke 3: 1-3: In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.