



## INFRASTRUCTURE

SERMON SERIES



# THE PRIESTHOOD OF THE BELIEVER

The **priesthood of the believer** is a doctrine you don't hear taught very often—usually limited to seminary classrooms or an occasional Easter message that highlights the tearing of the temple veil. And yet, it is a beautiful and foundational truth—one that is front and center in the mind of God and woven throughout the Word of God.

Last week we asked the question, “**Does my life really matter?**” We began answering that question, and today we continue by looking at the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer.

Here is the heart of it: **you have direct access to God through Jesus Christ. Period.** There is no need for a human priest or mediator—you already have one: **Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest.** Because of Him, believers not only have access to God, but are also **granted priesthood at the moment of salvation.**

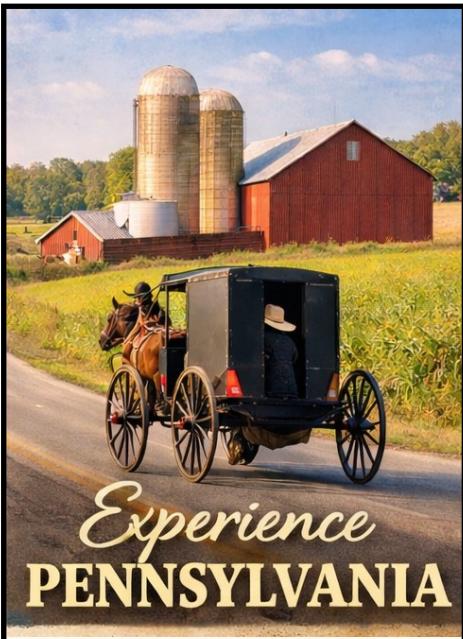
Peter describes this priesthood as both “**holy**” and “**royal.**” What does that mean for our prayers, our worship, and our daily lives? How does this truth help answer the question of whether our lives really matter?

We will explore these truths together today in worship.

*Pastor Mark*

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January 25, 2026



## Experience PENNSYLVANIA

Adult Fellowship Bus Trip  
Lancaster County, PA  
March 23–28 | 6 Days / 5 Nights

Join us for a wonderful Adult Fellowship Bus Trip to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania!

We'll experience the all-new **Sight & Sound Theatres** production of *Joshua*, tour **Hershey World**, shop unique local markets, and enjoy some classic Pennsylvania Dutch smorgasbords.

**Registration Deadline:** February 1  
(or when capacity is reached—  
whichever comes first)

**Deposit:** \$500 per person  
Please submit your deposit to the church office to reserve your spot.

**Questions?** Contact Kim Bedwell.

Bill Bailey presents

**MARK LOWRY & FRIENDS 2026 TOUR**

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS  
**ENDLESS HIGHWAY AND RILEY HARRISON CLARK**  
FEATURING THE **LOWRY VOCAL BAND**

**THIS FRIDAY @ 7 PM**  
**Doors open at 6 pm!!**  
**Ardella Baptist Church**  
**NO TICKETS REQUIRED!**

A \$15 cash donation per person will be requested at the door for the concert. A love offering will be received during the concert for "Bill Bailey Concerts." Doors open at 6 pm and all seating is general admission.



# WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall

## THIS WEEK'S MENU:

SAUSAGE AND YELLOW RICE, GREEN

BEANS, SALAD AND DESSERT



**\$5 per adult, \$3 per child, or \$15 for family (2 adults + kids)**

*\*\*sign up in worship center foyer or chapel*

**TODAY - AWANA LEADERSHIP MEETING -11:45 AM-FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**TONIGHT - CHOIR REHEARSAL - 4:30 pm - NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER - 6 pm

### MEN'S PRAYER

Tuesdays, 10 am in the Conference Room

### EMBRACE WIDOW MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 10 am in Room 101

### WED. MIDWEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDIES, KIDS & YOUTH

5-6 pm Family Style Supper; 6:30-8 pm, Bible Studies, Kids & Youth



### WOW MINISTRY FOR YOUNG MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Fridays, 9:15 am - 11 am in the Fellowship Hall

### MARK LOWRY IN CONCERT

Friday, January 30th, 7 pm (Doors open at 6 pm.)

### AWANA PIT PARTY

Saturday, February 7th, 8:30 am

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday, February 8th, 9 am - 11 am - Room 108

**Sign up in the Foyer/Chapel**

### QUARTERLY MISSION MEETING - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Sunday, February 15th, 4 pm

### AWANA GRAND PRIX

Saturday, February 21st, 9:30 am



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CHURCH**

## **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

**Sunday, February 8th  
9 am - 11 am  
Room 108**

**Attending our church and  
wondering about membership?**

**There is **no** obligation or expectation to join.**

### **COME AND LEARN**

**Who we are and what do we believe?**

**Where is God leading us?**

**What does God want us to do as His body?**

**What does God want us to be doing in the**

**Sign up in the Foyer or the Chapel.**

**Or call or email the church office;**

**863-646-2473 / [info@ardellabaptist.com](mailto:info@ardellabaptist.com)**

# **YOU'RE INVITED!**

**AWANA LEADER MEETING... JAN. 25**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL @11:45AM**

**PIT PARTY... FEB. 7**

**KID'S MINISTRY @9-11AM**

**GRAND PRIX... FEB. 21**

**CHECK IN @8:30**

**RACING @9**



### **Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week**

<b>Tithes</b>	<b>16,559.12</b>
<b>Missions</b>	<b>\$513.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,072.12</b>

# Infrastructure: Holy and Royal Priesthood

January 25, 2026 **1 Peter 2:5,9; 4:11**

## SERMON NOTES

*“My life matters because I am an actively maturing believer, and an interdependent living stone being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy and royal priesthood that offers spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to (and for the glory of) God through Jesus Christ.”*

We are being **built up. (2:5)**

Into a **priesthood. (2:5)**

That is **holy. (2:5)**

That is **royal. (2:9)**

To offer **spiritual sacrifices. (2:5)**

That are **acceptable to God. (2:5)**

**For the glory of God. (4:11)**

**Through Jesus Christ. (2:5)**

## Reflection

What does the phrase “***being built up as***” suggest about ***the Christian life?*** **Philippians 1:6; Ephesians 2:19–22; 2 Corinthians 3:18**

What does it mean “***to be holy***”? **1 Peter 1:13-17**

How does having “***direct access to God***” affect your ***worship, prayer life?*** **Hebrews 4:14–16; Hebrews 10:19–22**

What kind of ***spiritual sacrifices*** does God want from me? **Psalm 51:16–17; Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13:15–16**

How is something “***acceptable to God Through Jesus Christ***”? **John 15:5; Colossians 3:17; Galatians 2:20**

What does Peter mean by “***royal***” priesthood? **2 Corinthians 5:20; Matthew 5:16; Revelation 5:10**