



“ABRAHAM PLANTED
A TAMARISK TREE
IN BEERSHEBA AND
CALLED THERE ON THE
NAME OF THE LORD,
THE EVERLASTING GOD.”

GENESIS 21:33

GET
CONNECTED



GET
INVOLVED



GIVE
GENEROUSLY



PRELUDE

*Come Ye Sinners
Poor & Needy
(Hymn #391)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 16

BAPTISM

*Chris & Hannah
Williams*

PRAYER OF ADORATION**CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**

*Christ Our Hope
in Life and Death*

CONFESSTION OF SIN

*Piercing Heaven:
Prayers of
the Puritans*

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*Great is Thy
Faithfulness
(Hymn #86)*

He Will Be

PASTORAL PRAYER**CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**

*It Is Well with
My Soul
(Hymn #407)*

PREACHING

Genesis 21:22-34

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*He Will Hold
Me Fast
(Hymn #388)*

COMMUNION**BENEDICTION**

Psalm 121:7-8

PRELUDE

Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy (Hymn #391)

**Come ye sinners poor and needy
Weak and wounded sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity love and power**

Chorus

**View Him prostrate in the garden
On the ground your Maker lies
On the bloody tree behold Him
Sinner will this not suffice**

Chorus

**I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh there are ten thousand charms**

**Lo the incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude**

**Come ye thirsty come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh**

Chorus

**Come ye weary heavy-laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry 'til you're better
You will never come at all**

Song by: Joseph Hart

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 16

Leader: *Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”*

Congregation: **As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.**

Leader: *The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.*

Congregation: **The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Leader: *I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.*

Congregation: **I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: *Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.*

Congregation: **You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Leader: *This is the Word of the LORD.*

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from

His command

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ in which we stand

Oh, sing hallelujah

Our hope springs eternal

Oh, sing hallelujah

Now and ever we confess

Christ, our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the
troubled soul?

God is good, God is good

Where is His grace and
goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when
fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring
us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ

Oh, sing hallelujah

Our hope springs eternal

Oh, sing hallelujah

Now and ever we confess

Christ, our hope in life and death

Unto the grave, what will we sing?

"Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will Heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him

There we will rise to meet the Lord

Then sin and death will be destroyed

And we will feast in endless joy

When Christ is ours forevermore

Oh, sing hallelujah

Our hope springs eternal

Oh, sing hallelujah

Now and ever we confess

Christ, our hope in life and death

CONFESSiON OF SiN

Piercing Heaven: Prayers of the Puritans

All: **We are ashamed, Lord, and we blush to lift up our faces before You. Our sins increase over our head, and our trespasses rise up to the heavens. To us belong shame and confusion, because we have sinned against You. If we try to justify ourselves, our own mouths will condemn us. You, who are greater than our hearts, know all things. We ourselves know that we have sinned, Father, against heaven and before You, and are no more worthy to be called Your children.**

Leader: *But there is forgiveness, mercy, and redemption with You. You will not despise a broken and contrite heart. You revive the spirit of the humble, and the heart of the contrite. The ones who cover their sins will not prosper, yet those that confess and forsake them will find mercy. You have said that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen.*

All: **“O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all His iniquities.”**

– Psalm 130:7-8

Matthew Henry (18 October 1662–22 June 1714) was a prominent English Nonconformist (Presbyterian) minister, author, and one of the most influential Bible commentators in Christian history.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Great is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn #86)

Great is Thy faithfulness

Chorus

O God my Father

Pardon for sin

There is no shadow

And a peace that endureth

Of turning with Thee

Thy own dear presence

Thou changest not

To cheer and to guide

Thy compassions they fail not

Strength for today

As Thou hast been

And bright hope for tomorrow

Thou forever wilt be

Blessings all mine

Chorus

With ten thousand beside

Great is Thy faithfulness

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning

New mercies I see

All I have needed

Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness

Lord unto me

Summer and winter

And springtime and harvest

Sun moon and stars

In their courses above

Join with all nature

In manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness

Mercy and love

Song by: Thomas Obediah Chisholm & William Marion Runyan

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

He Will Be

God is faithful to His Word
Even when there seems no way
Though time may pass
His memory will not fade
His promises will never fail

Chorus

Faithful He has been,
faithful He will be
Time and time again His Word
returns complete
To His Truth I cling
when the night is deep
Faithful He has been,
faithful He will be

God is gracious when I doubt
He draws near though I retreat
Though I may wander
through the wilderness
He goes with me and gives me peace

Chorus

Gracious He has been,
gracious He will be
What I don't deserve the
Father gives to me
Where He leads my feet
I shall not want or need
Gracious He has been,
gracious He will be

God is worthy of my song
Countless are His awesome deeds
His mighty hand has parted raging seas
For those He loves, He has redeemed

Chorus

Worthy He has been,
Worthy He will be
Crowned in endless praise
all earth and heaven sing
Holy is the Lord
who reigns in majesty
Worthy He has been,
worthy He will be

He is my Provider, covenant Protector
All my hope is in the Lord my God
He is my Sustainer, merciful Redeemer
All my hope is in the Lord my God

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

It is Well with My Soul (Hymn #407)

**When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul**

Chorus

**It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed His own blood for my soul**

**My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord O my soul**

Chorus

**And Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul**

Chorus

Song by: Philip Paul Bliss and Horatio G. Spafford

SERMON NOTES

The Everlasting God // Genesis 21:22-34

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A large grid of small dots, arranged in approximately 25 rows and 20 columns, intended for handwritten sermon notes.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

He Will Hold Me Fast (Hymn #388)

When I fear my faith will fail

Chorus

Christ will hold me fast

When the tempter would prevail

For my life He bled and died

He will hold me fast

Christ will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold

Justice has been satisfied

Through life's fearful path

He will hold me fast

For my love is often cold

Raised with Him to endless life

He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast

'Til our faith is turned to sight

Chorus

When He comes at last

He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast

Chorus

For my Savior loves me so

He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight

Christ will hold me fast

Precious in His holy sight

He will hold me fast

He'll not let my soul be lost

His promises shall last

Bought by Him at such a cost

He will hold me fast

EQUIPPING HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

The Wednesday evening women's Bible study will start back January 21st, from 5:00-6:30PM! Ms. Ann Sprayberry and Lindsay Smith will be teaching the Psalms using the Turn Your Eyes: Seeing the Savior in the Psalms study. Childcare is not provided.

- **WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study will start back January 22nd! It will be from 9:30AM-11:30AM with childcare provided. Cheryl Sparks will be coming back to teach through 2 Thessalonians.

- **STUDENTS MINISTRY**

The Students Ministry meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00PM, 6th-12th grades.

- **CALLING ALL INTERCESSORS!**

We are beginning an Intercessory Prayer Ministry! What does that look like? You may have prayer needs that are so heavy or personal that you would like to share, but privately. So we hope to organize a group of intercessors to pray diligently and specifically. Who is an intercessor? One who feels particularly called to pray for others, maybe "gifted" to carry needs of others, who is committed and confidential. How does it work?

1. There is a wooden box on the prayer table in the small foyer that is designed to receive your prayer concerns...jot them down on the index card or piece of paper and drop into the box. While it may be helpful to the intercessor for it to be signed, you may also remain anonymous.
2. Your prayer requests will be given to an intercessor who will faithfully and confidentially intercede concerning your request.
3. If you are an intercessor, feel burdened to pray for others, lifting needs up to the Father and not out to others...please contact Teresa Price, Debbie Acker, or Ely.

- **WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH?**

If you want to know more about Grace Fellowship or want to become a member, join the 6-week Grace Distinctives class during Equipping Hour.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **FCA MISSIONARIES**

- Ryan Limbaugh – Pray for Ryan as he transitions into a new role.
- Cole Limbaugh – Pray for Cole as he leads 11 counties and 9 staff.
- Lily Weathers – Pray for Lily as she pours into new huddles she has started.

- **GWENDOLYN CHARACTER**

Gwendolyn is now home! Pray for her as she continues healing.

- **MARSHALL & JILL RAE LEWIS**

The Lewis' flew to Sioux Lookout Wednesday and will be there a few more days before going home to Cat Lake. Pray for their family to adjust well to being back in Cat Lake, especially in such a dark place both literally and spiritually.

- **DAVID & HOLLY PORCH**

David is working with others to translate the Bible into Wolof. They are almost done with the New Testament. Pray that they are able to finish soon so that it can be printed and distributed across the country. Pray for Holly as she works with women and children in the hospital.

- **ALEX & KELLEY SISSON**

Pray for God to strengthen Alex physically, specifically his back. He does a lot of intense traveling which causes a lot of pain in his back. Pray for Kelley as she cares for him, their family, and the home.

- **ROY THOMPSON**

Roy is in the Jacksonville Rehab Facility and will be home next week! He is welcome to visitors. Pray that God will calm his mind while he is in the facility, and that he will have patience while he waits to go home.

- **SETH & BETHANY TERRELL**

Pray that God will give Seth wisdom and strength as he leads multiple campuses. Pray for fruit to come from his efforts through Christ. Pray for Carlton as he prepares to go teach at one of the Campus Outreach meetings at The University of Alabama in February.

- **TAYLOR & ANNA NEESE**

Pray that they will continue to acclimate well to Poland, and that they will learn the language quickly.

If you have a prayer request you want added to the prayer email or bulletin, please email Ely at administrator@grace-fellowship.com.

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WORSHIP IN GIVING

2 Corinthians 9:7 // December 28, 2025 & January 4, 2026

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Weekly Giving

December 28, 2025

Actual Giving:	\$300,480
Budgeted Giving:	\$20,888
Difference:	+\$279,592

+1,338.53%

Year to Date

Actual Giving:	\$1,209,673
Budgeted Giving:	\$1,086,180
Difference:	+\$123,493

+11.37%

Weekly Giving

January 4, 2025

Actual Giving:	\$14,341
Budgeted Giving:	\$22,878
Difference:	-\$8,537

-37.32%

Year to Date

Actual Giving:	\$14,341
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MISSIONARY REPORT

Lily Weathers // Cheaha Valley Area Representative (to young athletes)



God has called me to share the Gospel with coaches and young athletes. As the world's influence reaches athletes at a younger age, we desire to reach them with the hope of the Gospel sooner. Each week, I serve and help lead campus and sport huddles. By engaging with coaches and athletes, equipping them through God's Word, and empowering them to share the Gospel, coaches and athletes are able to grow in their faith and lead others just as we are called to do.

• **PRAYER**

- That the Lord would grow me deeper in wisdom, knowledge, and obedience.
- Endurance as I pour into young athletes and coaches while continuing to pursue a college degree.
- A huddle to be planted at Kitty Stone Elementary, and for the volunteers who serve there.
- Boldness for student leaders at Jacksonville High School and growth of their campus huddle.
- Open hearts and deeper discussion within my Cheaha Cheer and Tumble huddles.

• **SUPPORT**

To support Lily, scan the QR code or go to
<https://my.fca.org/?form=lilyweathers>





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ANNISTON, ALABAMA

We are glad you joined us this morning! If you have any questions about the sermon, church, or in general, contact Elyona Vaughn at the email address below.

WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30AM-11:00AM

EQUIPPING HOUR

11:15AM-12:00PM

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