

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VERSE BY VERSE - Wednesday

We invite you to join us for our weekly inductive Bible study, Verse By Verse, every Wednesday night at 6 PM, here at CCWC. Attendees are welcome to arrive early with their dinner at 5 PM to eat and fellowship with others. Childcare is provided.

ACADEMY: NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW (PART 1) - January 19 - April 13

Our next Academy class will offer a survey of the books and themes of the New Testament, with part 1 of the course beginning on January 19 and concluding on April 13. It will meet downstairs on Sundays from 8:40 AM - 9:40 AM. Childcare will be available. To sign up, please use the sign up sheet at the connection center or contact Isaac Whitney at isaac@christchurchwc.org.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS - January 19 - April 13

Our three-part membership class will be offered on Sunday mornings from January 19 to April 13 downstairs, from 8:40 AM to 9:40 AM. Classes may be attended in any order, but all must be attended before prospective members can proceed through the application process. Childcare is available.

SUNDAY NIGHT THEOLOGY - Tonight

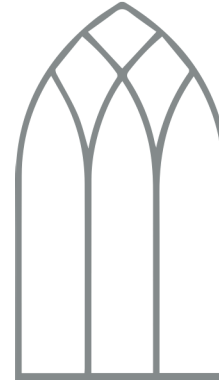
Our upcoming SNT lecture will take place tonight, at 5 PM. Dr. Michael Lawrence, pastor at Hinson Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon, will deliver a lecture on conversion. Childcare will be provided during the lecture. For more information on Sunday Night Theology, please visit our website.

EVENING SERVICE & MEMBER'S MEETING - February 9

Please make plans to join us for our next evening service on February 9 at 5 PM. In addition to corporate worship and prayer, Pastoral Intern Jake Galbreath will be preaching from Philippians 2:12-18. Childcare will be provided. Immediately following the evening service, we will have our regularly scheduled members' meeting. All members of CCWC should make plans to be in attendance.

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**CHRIST
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Service of Divine worship on the morning of
JANUARY 26, 2025

PREPARATION SONG

I Love You, Lord

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:29

PRAYER OF ADORATION

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Oh The Deep, Deep Love

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:1-25

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

CONFESSIONAL READING

The New Hampshire Confession Of Faith: Article IV; The Way of Salvation

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology

Hark! The Voice Of Love And Mercy

SERMON

Song of Songs 1:1-2:7

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Behold The Lamb

Here Is Love

BENEDICTION

1 John 4:7

PREACHER: DR. MICHAEL LAWRENCE

PRESIDING MINISTER: DR. RAYMOND JOHNSON

HERE IS LOVE

VERSE 1

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

VERSE 2

On the Mount of Crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the flood-gates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above;
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

VERSE 3

Here is love that conquered evil: Christ, the firstborn from the grave;
Death has failed to be found equal to the life of Him Who saves.
In the valley of our darkness dawned His everlasting light;
Perfect love in glorious radiance has repelled death's hellish night.

VERSE 4

That same love beyond all measure, mocked and slain by hateful men,
Lives and reigns in resurrection and can never die again.
Here is love for all the ages, radiant Sun of Heav'n He stands,
Calling home His Father's children, holding forth His wounded hands.

VERSE 5

Here is love, vast as the heavens; countless as the stars above
Are the souls that He has ransomed, precious daughters, treasured sons.
We are called to feast forever on a love beyond our time;
Glorious Father, Son, and Spirit now with man are intertwined.

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Music: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

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BEHOLD THE LAMB

VERSE 1

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us
And we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King

VERSE 2

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you
Eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King

VERSE 3

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you
Drink and remember;
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King

VERSE 4

And so, with thankfulness and faith, we rise to respond
And to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

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I LOVE YOU, LORD

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You—O, my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

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THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

VERSE 1

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever

VERSE 2

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth

VERSE 3

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet, in love, He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid and home, rejoicing, brought me

VERSE 4

In death's dark vale, I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me
Thy rod and staff, my comfort still; Thy cross before to guide me

VERSE 5

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth
And oh what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth

VERSE 6

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever

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SERMON NOTES

LOVE'S DELIGHT

SONG OF SONGS 1:1-2:7 | DR. MICHAEL LAWRENCE

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

HARK! THE VOICE OF LOVE AND MERCY

VERSE 1

Hark! The voice of love and mercy sounds aloud from Calvary;
See, it rends the rocks asunder, shakes the earth, and veils the sky:
"It is finished! It is finished!" Hear the dying Savior cry.
"It is finished! It is finished!" Hear the dying Savior cry.

VERSE 2

"It is finished!" O what pleasure do these charming words afford;
Heav'nly blessings, without measure, flow to us from Christ the Lord:
"It is finished! It is finished!" Saints the dying words record.
"It is finished! It is finished!" Saints the dying words record.

VERSE 3

Finished all the types and shadows of the ceremonial law;
Finished all that God had promised; Death and hell no more shall
awe:
"It is finished! It is finished!" Saints, from hence your comfort draw.
"It is finished! It is finished!" Saints, from hence your comfort draw.

VERSE 4

Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs, join to sing the pleasing theme;
Saints on earth, and all in heaven, join to praise Emmanuel's name:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to the bleeding Lamb!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to the bleeding Lamb!

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OH THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE

VERSE 1

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus: vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love
Leading onward, leading homeward to Your glorious rest above

CHORUS

Oh the deep, deep love!
All I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus

VERSE 2

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne

VERSE 3

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus—far surpassing all the rest
It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Mighty Savior, precious Friend
You will bring us home to glory where Your love will never end

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CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." "Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known." "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

ROMANS 3:10-18 (ESV)

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

ROMANS 10:8-9 (ESV)

SCRIPTURE READING

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 CORINTHIANS 13 (ESV)

CONFESSIONAL READING

We believe the salvation of God's people is completely by grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God. By the appointment of the Father, he freely took to himself our nature but without sin. He honored the divine law by his personal obedience and made a full atonement for our sins by his substitutionary death, satisfying God's wrath. He rose from the dead and is now enthroned in heaven. Jesus, the Son, unites in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections and, as such, is qualified in every way to be a suitable, compassionate, and all-sufficient Savior.

(Eph. 2:3, Matt. 18:11, I John 4:10, I Cor. 3:5-7, Acts 15:11, John 3:16, John 1:1-14, Heb. 4:14, Heb. 12-24, Phil. 2:9&14, II Cor. 5:21, Isa. 42:21, Phil. 2:8, Gal. 4:4-5, Rom. 3:21, Isa. 53:4-5, Matt. 20:28, Rom. 4:25, Rom. 3:21-26, I John 2:3, I Cor. 15:1-3, Heb. 9:13-15, Heb. 1:8, Heb. 1:3, Col. 3:1-4, Heb. 7:25, Col. 2:18, Heb. 7:26, Ps. 89:19, Ps. 34)

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFESSION OF FAITH: ARTICLE 4; THE WAY OF SALVATION (Adapted; 1833)

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE

VERSE 1

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

VERSE 2

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

VERSE 3

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

GENESIS 2:1-25 (ESV)

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

VERSE 1

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

VERSE 2

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

VERSE 3

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

VERSE 4

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be,
Life that shall endless be.

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