



September 13, 2020

STRANGERS

IN A STRANGE LAND

1 PETER 2:12

Welcome!

We believe God brought you all here today! May you be blessed, strengthened and uplifted by your time of worship.

GUESTS! – A special welcome to you! We are glad you have joined us online and in person! Let us know you are worshipping with us by putting a comment in the Facebook LIVE comments or fill out the “Online Guestbook” on our Live Stream web page.

Communion: When we get together, every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month we celebrate the Lord’s Supper in both services. If you are interested in joining us, please speak to Pastor prior to communing.

Offerings are part of our worship life and heartfelt expression of gratitude to the Lord who has given all we have. Three ways to give...

- Share a gift in the offering plate at the back of the Church
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Restrooms – Restrooms are located through the entry way, to the left as you exit the worship area.

Nursery/Cry Room - We love worshipping with children. If you need a place to go with small children, there is a nursery/cry room on the right of the entryway as you leave the church. The room is equipped with a viewing window and speakers so you can continue to participate in the worship service.

PENTECOST 16 – September 13, 2020

SERVICE THEME: “Strangers!”

SERVING US IN WORSHIP TODAY...

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL GEIGER

ORGANIST: DAVID WIDIGER

♪ OPENING HYMN

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

Red Hymnal 230

1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
Our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with grace divine,
And let your truth within us shine.

2 Unseal our lips to sing your praise;
Our souls to you in worship raise.
Make strong our faith; increase our light
That we may know your name aright

3 Until we join the hosts that cry,
"Hosanna to the Lord most high."
Then in the light of that blest place
We shall behold you face to face.

4 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: *Daniel 3:19-30* (NIV84)

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²²The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. ²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, O king." ²⁵He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." ²⁶Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. ²⁸Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. ²⁹Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach,

Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way." ³⁰Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY

"Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"

Red Hymnal 518

1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring,
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with him his servants gain.
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

3 Priests to the world, yes, royal priests
As members of Christ's family,
Cleansed by the great high-priestly death,
We preach atonement full and free.

4 Christ on our lips, his Word we speak.
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in his Church all nations find
Their hearth and home where Christ restores
True peace, true love to humankind.

GOSPEL LESSON: *Matthew 5:13-16* (NIV84)

¹³"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. "

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

♪ SERMON HYMN

"The Son of God, Our Christ"

Red Hymnal 525

1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
Shared human life and toiled throughout the day;
From common folk he called his friends to be
Coworkers in his sacred ministry.

2 In ev'ry test, in trials manifold,
These servants witnessed, by their faith made bold;
And with the gifts and talents which they brought,
The Church was founded and God's message taught.

3 Today, as then, Christ summons us to dare
To follow boldly and his work to share,
Declaring to the world his holy name
And showing mercy to the sick and lame.

4 In city street, in town, or on the soil,
May each serve Christ in faithful daily toil,
And in each thought and kindly word and deed,
Obey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.

5 Where'er we find our witness should be made,
Whate'er our task, the Lord will be our aid,
And we will gladly give for him our best
And find each task divinely sent and blessed.

SERMON

MESSAGE: *"Living as a Stranger Leaves an Impact!"*

TEXT: *1 Peter 2:11-12 (NIV84)*

¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

STATEMENT OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANK-OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Allow our government and schools to be upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER and BLESSING

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

♪ CLOSING HYMN

"Lord of the Living Harvest"

Red Hymnal 559

1 Lord of the living harvest That ripens o'er the plain,
Where angels soon will gather Their sheaves of golden grain,
Accept our hands to labor, Our hearts to trust and love,
And be with us to hasten Your kingdom from above.

2 As lab'ers in your vineyard, Lord, give us work to do,
Content to bear the burden Of weary days for you,
To ask no other wages When you will call us home
Than to have shared the labor That makes your kingdom come.

3 Be with us, God the Father; Be with us, God the Son
And God the Holy Spirit, Most blessed Three in One.
Make us your faithful servants You rightly to adore,
And fill us with your blessing Both now and evermore.

KEEP GROWING IN FAITH...

WORSHIP every Sunday

- 9:00 AM Traditional
- 11:00 AM Contemporary

GROW GROUPS each week

- 10:15 AM Sundays (at Church) (Begins 9/20)
- 7:00 PM Mondays (Stearns' in Jarrell)
- 6 - 7:00 PM Wednesdays (Church)
- 7:30 – 8:30PM Wednesdays (Zoom)
- *See Announcements for more!*

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