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The Lord's Day, January 16, 2022

During the prelude, please prepare your heart to worship our gracious, Almighty God together.

Meditation J.I. PACKER

"God's jealousy is not a compound of frustration, envy and spite, as human jealousy so often is, but appears instead as a (literally) praiseworthy zeal to preserve something supremely precious."

Prelude Jacquelyn Thornell, Organist

"God Gave to Us This Glorious Day" - Walther

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship * PSALM 145:10-19

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

People: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

Leader: To make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Leader: The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

People: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

People: You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Leader: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

People: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Leader: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;

People: He also hears their cry and saves them.

Hymn of Praise *

N° 115

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia!

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N° 302

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

1 Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Responsive Reading

Psalm 51: 1-17

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

People: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Leader: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

People: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Leader: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Leader: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Leader: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

People: Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

Leader: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

People: For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem Adult Choir

"A Clean Heart" by Benjamin Harlan

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory JACQUELYN THORNELL

"Prayer" - Corelli

Gloria Patri *

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen, amen.*

Dismiss Children For Children's Church (3 & 4 year olds)

Reading of Holy Scripture

2KINGS 1

1 After Ahab's death, Moab rebelled against Israel. ² Now Ahaziah had fallen through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria and injured himself. So he sent messengers, saying to them, "Go and consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, to see if I will recover from this injury." ³ But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Go up and meet the messengers of the king of Samaria and ask them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going off to consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?' ⁴ Therefore this is what the LORD says: 'You will not leave the bed you are lying on. You will certainly die!'" So Elijah went. 5 When the messengers returned to the king, he asked them, "Why have you come back?" 6 "A man came to meet us," they replied. "And he said to us, 'Go back to the king who sent you and tell him, "This is what the LORD says: Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending messengers to consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you will not leave the bed you are lying on. You will certainly die!"" ⁷The king asked them, "What kind of man was it who came to meet you and told you this?" They replied, "He had a garment of hair and had a leather belt around his waist." The king said, "That was Elijah the Tishbite." ⁹Then he sent to Elijah a captain with his company of fifty men. The captain went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, "Man of God, the king says, 'Come down!" ¹⁰ Elijah answered the captain, "If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!" Then fire fell from heaven and consumed the captain and his men. ¹¹ At this the king sent to Elijah another captain with his fifty men. The captain said to him, "Man of

God, this is what the king says, 'Come down at once!'" 12 "If I am a man of God," Elijah replied, "may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!" Then the fire of God fell from heaven and consumed him and his fifty men. ¹³ So the king sent a third captain with his fifty men. This third captain went up and fell on his knees before Elijah. "Man of God," he begged, "please have respect for my life and the lives of these fifty men, your servants! ¹⁴ See, fire has fallen from heaven and consumed the first two captains and all their men. But now have respect for my life!" ¹⁵ The angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So Elijah got up and went down with him to the king. ¹⁶ He told the king, "This is what the LORD says: Is it because there is no God in Israel for you to consult that you have sent messengers to consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Because you have done this, you will never leave the bed you are lying on. You will certainly die!" ¹⁷ So he died, according to the word of the LORD that Elijah had spoken. Because Ahaziah had no son, Joram succeeded him as king in the second year of Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah. ¹⁸ As for all the other events of Ahaziah's reign, and what he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel?

Sermon

Dr. John K. Dawson

"Reckoning with the Real God"

Hymn of Response *

N° 565

"All for Jesus"

- **1** All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs, all my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.
- **2** Let my hands perform his bidding, let my feet run in his ways; let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth his praise.
- **3** Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust, boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.
- **4** Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside; so enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.
- **5** O what wonder! how amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings, deigns to call me his beloved, lets me rest beneath his wings.

Benediction

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

2 Kings 1

"Reckoning with the Real God"

- I. The Lord is a Jealous God
- II. The Lord is the True God
- III. The Lord is the Judge

Announcements

Adult Choir: The Adult Choir meets at 4:30-5:20 in the sanctuary on Sunday Evenings.

Overflow Room: Just a reminder that the overflow room is available if you'd like to social distance more during this season when COVID cases are on the rise.

"Thank you": Thank You cards received from Peggy Jordan, Palmer Home, and French Camp Academy are posted on the downstairs Bulletin Board. Sunday Night: The adult and children's Sunday evening activities are from 5:30-7:00 PM. We will all be learning how to study the Bible. Dinner will be provided.

BELL RINGERS: Today: Jack Inman Next Week: Joel Ouzts

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00): Jan 9	88
Live Views	16
Total Online Views	28
Sunday School	53
Last Week's Offering:	\$3,898.00
Online Giving:	\$499.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$7,650.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$16,550.00

Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving \$15,300.00 (+1,250.00)

IN PRAYER

- MTW Missionary of the Month: Rodney and Jana Davila
- Ministry of the Month: Covenant Seminary
- Shepherding Group of the Week: Walt Herrington, Brian Smith, Darrin Tolar
- Child(ren) of the Week: Sarah Costello
- College Student of the Week: Troy Stokes
- God would bless us with new conversions, visitors, families, & members.

- **Bill Glover:** Doctors have been unable to pinpoint the origin of his ongoing pain.
- Ames Lee (Chad and Wendy Lee's son): is receiving treatment for leukemia at Blair Batson hospital. Please keep Ames and his family in your prayers.
- Stephanie Daniels (Noel Daniels's wife): had a stroke; has been moved to Wisteria. She had a rough day Thursday but is doing much better. Noel thanks you for all your prayers.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth's son-in-law): is dealing with heart problems. Please keep Brady and his family in your prayers.
- James Callicutt (Ranita's son): recovering from recent liver transplant; doing better; still in some pain but that should lessen when he gets to level 2; two months from surgery. Thank you so much for your prayers; they are working.
- Joy Kemp (Dotsy Peel's daughter): had surgery on December 21st; everything went well and she is recovering.
- Cindy Vredeveld (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): is now back at home with my brother and doing well. Thank you all for the prayers for her healing.
- Jennifer McDonald (Julie Rogers' daughter): has regained only some of her ability to smell from having covid a year ago; she can smell strong odors only. Her blood clots are under control as long as she stays on her Eliquis.
- David Anderson (Kerri Matthew's uncle): completed radiation treatment at MD Anderson. Treatment was effective but will need heart surgery in the near future.
- **Danny Fillinger** (Karen Whitney's father): fell & broke 5 ribs; home now on oxygen. Pray for full recovery and strength.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. Jim's December 14 scan was stable. We want to thank our BPC family for all the prayer support. We are so thankful for these blessings.
- **John** (French Camp student): stage 4 Lymphoma; had chemo at St. Jude. He is doing well and is back at French Camp.
- Andrew Gerrard (Jo Stanford's nephew): desmoplastic small round cell tumor(s); Two praises! His fluid retention has decreased by 50%! His latest scan showed no new lesions, the bulk of the disease covering his bowels is slightly less, and overall everything is stable! However this regimen of chemo has caused extreme fatigue, nausea, and a complete loss of appetite. He has also received multiple blood and platelet transfusions after reach round of treatment. He started the same chemo regimen on Nov. 4th, with a slight decrease in dosage to see if that helps make it more tolerable. Please pray that this round will be much different in that regard. And that it will continue to produce positive results. Also please pray for success of fund raising and for federal funding for a research lab at MDA that is very close to starting a clinical trial specifically for DSRCT (desmoplastic small round cell tumor). The family is so thankful for all your prayers.
- **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking.
- Andrew McCall (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 15th birthday, Jan 18, 2021.
- Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer: Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor)
- Service members: Glenn Stewart (Fort Campbell, KY; Sam Heath's nephew); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Matthew Hellier (Japan); S.T. Heath; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew)
- Nursing home residents & shut-ins: Dr. John Adams, Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Jody Nelson, Laverne Roberts

