Bethany



THE LORD'S DAY

November 7, 2010

Worship Service

Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.

Meditation

Prelude Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Germany

⁺ Call to Worship & Prayer Isaiah 55:1

+ Hymn of Praise to God our Fortress *A Mighty Fortress is our God* Ein' Feste Burg Hymn 81

⁺ Congregational Reading Isaiah 53:3-7, 10 *The congregation will read text in italics.*

³ He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Ho! Everyone who thirsts,

Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.

Isaiah 55:1

⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth....

¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

⁺ Doxology *Gloria Patri*, to Worcester

Glory

be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, Glory, While eternal ages run!

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 30

⁺ Prayer of Intercession & Offering

⁺ Hymn of Praise to our Faithful God Great is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

Hymn 109

The Sermon A 'More Excellent' Ministry Hebrews 8:1-6

The Lord's Table

Hymn of Praise for Christ's Justifying Work Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness Germany Hymn 255

Hymn To Jesus, Our Prophet, Priest, and King To the tune of "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Join all the glorious names Of wisdom, love, and pow'r, That mortals ever knew, that angels ever bore; All are too mean to speak His worth, Too mean to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God! My tongue would bless Thy name: By Thee the joyful news of free salvation came— The joyful news of sins forgiv'n Of hell subdued and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, Offered His blood and died; My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside; His mighty blood did once atone And now it pleads before the throne.

My dear Almighty Lord, My Conqueror and King, Thy scepter and Thy sword, Thy reigning grace I sing:

Thine is the pow'r; behold I sit, In willing bonds, beneath Thy feet.

⁺ Prayer & Benediction

⁺ Congregation will stand

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Choir Practice, 4:45 PM Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM

A 'More Excellent' Ministry – Hebrews 8:1-6 Greg Stiekes, Pastor

In Hebrews 8, the Christology transitions from the Person of Jesus, our High Priest, to the ministry of Jesus as our Priest. Just as chapter 7 expounds how Jesus is a Priest infinitely greater than any other before Him, so chapters 8 and following declare His ministry to be equally supreme, offering further hope that Jesus is the only One who can reconcile the believer to God. *Why is Jesus' ministry as High Priest 'more excellent' than all who were before Him?*

1. He ministers in the True Tabernacle (vv. 1-2, 4-6).

2. He offers a *Better Sacrifice* (vv. 3-4).

3. He mediates a Better Covenant (v. 6).



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Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00, Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00. Fellowship Dinner 3rd Sunday of the month; no evening service. Wednesday Evenings: Awana, visitation, fellowship groups *Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.*

To Our Guests: We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a guest card which you may give to Pastor Stiekes personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

TODAY-4:45 PM, Choir practice

TUESDAY-7 PM, Watchmen's Meeting

WEDNESDAY –6:45 PM, AWANA; 7:00 PM, Youth Bible Study, Evangelism Bible Study, & Visitation

SATURDAY-Church Membership Class, 9am-Noon

- **NOVEMBER 14th**—Monthly Fellowship Meal (note change of normal Sunday!); Praise Service after meal with Jubilate Hand Bells.
- **NOVEMBER 20th**—8 AM, Men & Boys' Prayer Breakfast; 3 PM, Kindred Spirits: Ask the Pastor

NOVEMBER 24th-7 PM, Thanksgiving Praise Service

Weekly Catechism

8. Q. What do the Scriptures principally teach?
A. The Scriptures principally teach what people are to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of them. 2 Tim 1:13; Eccl 12:13