

THE LORD'S DAY

March 9, 2014

WORSHIP SERVICE

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

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. . . .

²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12:22–24, 28–29

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

†CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Hebrews 12:22–24, 28–29

ADORATION

†All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymn 30

DIADEM

†CONGREGATIONAL READING

The congregation will read text in italics.

Psalm 29

Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

² Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name;
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

The God of glory thunders!

The LORD is over many waters.

⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,
Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes them also skip like a calf,
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.

⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth,
And strips the forests bare;
And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"

¹⁰ The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood,
And the LORD sits as King forever.


¹¹ The LORD will give strength to His people;
The LORD will bless His people with peace.


†Doxology

DIADEMATA


Praise, as in a - ges past; Praise, as in glo - ry now;


Praise, while e - ter - ni - ty shall last, To Thee, O God, we vow;


Whom all the heav'n-ly host And saints on earth a - dore; To


Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost, Be glo-ry e-ver more! A - men.

Jesus Paid It All

Hymn 355

ALL TO CHRIST

To God Be the Glory

Hymn 44

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

PETITION

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:4–20

Be Still My Soul

Choir

†Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn **68**
NICAEA

THE SERMON
Acceptable Worship
Hebrews 12:18–29

†Be Thou My Vision

Hymn **374**
SLANE

†PRAYER & BENEDICTION
†Congregation will stand



Choir Practice, 5:00 PM

Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM



ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP—Hebrews 12:18–29 (CONTINUED)
Pastor Greg Stiekas

The author of Hebrews calls upon believers not only to be faithful to God, but most importantly to *draw near* to God in *worship*. In this wonderful text which draws together many of the theological themes of Hebrews, we are exhorted to “come to God” (vv. 18, 22), not to “refuse him” (v. 25), but to offer to God “acceptable worship” (v. 28). What is “acceptable” worship?

Formerly . . .

1. Worship that is grounded in new spiritual realities (18–24)
 - a. The Old Worship at Mount Sinai (18–22)
 - (1) We have not come to something physical or temporal.
 - (2) We have not come to something fearful.
 - (3) We have not come to something aloof or inaccessible.

- b. The New Worship at Mount Zion (22–24)

In contrast to the fearful worship at Sinai, believers have “come to” seven new spiritual realities:

- (1) To Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem

Today . . .

- (2) To an innumerable company of angels in joyful assembly
- (3) To the church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven,
- (4) To the Judge who is God of all
- (5) To the spirits of righteous ones made perfect,
- (6) To Jesus the Mediator of a new covenant,
- (7) To the sprinkled blood that speaks better than (the blood of) Abel

2. Worship that bows to the absolute sovereignty of God (25–27)

3. Worship that is fitting for so great an object (28–29)

- a. Joyful praise, for we have received an eternal kingdom.
- b. Reverent awe, for our God is a consuming fire.



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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, Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study
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 Stiekas 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

WEDNESDAY 6:45 PM, AWANA; Adult Bible Study, 7:00; Teen discipleship class, 7:00 @ St. Jacques

Deacons Meeting 8:30pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 11 Kindred Spirits Breakfast 9:00-10:00am at Kelsey's Restaurant

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 Men and Boys Prayer Breakfast 8:00am

	Mar 2	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$4,115	\$3,577	\$33,711	\$32,192
Missions			\$145	
Deacons Fund	\$380		\$1,511	
Building Fund	\$25		\$1,047	\$33,632

KIDS4TRUTH Q&A AND MEMORY VERSE FOR NEXT WEEK
Q. How should you respond to God as you learn more about His greatness?
A . Learning about God's greatness should encourage me to honor Him faithfully and to depend upon Him humbly. **Exodus 15:11** --Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? (210)