



ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 28th, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Seth Lirette
- Hymn "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"
- Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful"
- The Reading of the Word — *Psalm 119:1-16* Hal Pritchard
- Hymn "As With Gladness Men of Old"
- The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"Is Your Conduct Worthy of the Gospel?" (Philippians 1:27-30)* Prashant Thakkar
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"
- The Benediction Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- Hymn "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"
- Hymn "Silent Night"
- The Sermon — *"The Pastoral Ministry" (Ezekiel 34:1-31)* Hal Pritchard
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"
- The Benediction Pastor Winn
- The Postlude



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

Although it is hard to pin down any one reason Paul wrote to the church at Philippi, there may have been disunity in that congregation that the apostle had to address. Philippians 1:27 is the first indication of this. Moving on into the body of his epistle, the apostle exhorts the church at Philippi to be of “one mind” and “one spirit,” perhaps because he had received news of some disagreements in the church there. The degree of the Philippians’ problems is unknown to us, but today’s passage demonstrates that the gospel of Jesus Christ has a clear ethical content. God saves us from disobedience unto obedience, and there is a certain “manner of life” that is “worthy of the gospel of Christ” (v. 27). As one commentator has said, the gospel is the “organizing norm” of the Christian church, and we falsely profess the name of Christ Jesus if we do not live out the implications of the gospel message. There is one gospel of God (Rom. 1:1; Gal. 1:6-9)— one body of saving truth that is the foundation of our lives and the basis for our heavenly citizenship. This gospel — this truth from our Lord Himself — is our only hope in life and death, and this same gospel calls us to strive valiantly for its defense and proclamation (Phil. 1:27). Believers in first-century Philippi had a particular need to be reminded of this fact because of the pride they had in their status as a Roman colony. The great Caesar Augustus established Philippi

as a colony, and its citizens were therefore especially tempted to put their hope in Roman citizenship even when the caesar’s demands conflicted with the gospel. They needed again and again to realize the importance of submitting to Christ as their ultimate Lord and Savior, not the emperor upon whom the Roman senate bestowed the same titles. This would mean striving for the gospel when Rome demanded the Philippians’ final allegiance. Yet the Philippian Christians could not effectively contend for the gospel as lone rangers. They needed to work together, being of one mind and purpose, refusing to grieve the one Spirit who knits us together in love, unity, and truth (Phil. 1:17). Today we must likewise work hand in hand to defend the truth, striving for unity in love and truth by the Spirit if we are to make a case for the gospel.

Coram Deo: We can by no means overestimate our need of the Christian community for our own faithfulness to our Savior in this world. All of the greatest leaders in church history had the support of fellow believers, and they were thereby enabled to stand firm for the gospel in one spirit and mind. We are setting ourselves up for disaster if we believe that we can be lone ranger Christians, so let us work hard for our unity with other believers in the gospel.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

November 28th
<i>Morning</i> Allyson Leach & Elise de Waal
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Katherine Ranck & Bethany Wallace
<i>Wednesday - December 1st</i> Bethany Wallace (<i>Janet Mullins</i>)

Today's Sound Operator - Seth Lirette



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's Choir will meet this afternoon.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

Each year at this time the Lottie Moon Offering is received. All money received through this offering goes directly to foreign missions. You can go here: <https://www.imb.org/generosity/lottie-moon-christmas-offering/> to learn more about the Lottie Moon Offering. Please make this a matter of prayer and support our foreign missionaries. Put on your check memo: Lottie Moon Offering.

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

In lieu of purchasing stamps to mail your Christmas cards to the congregation, we ask for you to make a donation to Lottie Moon (please specify on your check memo!) and we'll hand them out for you. Please place your Christmas cards in the basket in the church office by December 19th.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible study will meet December 2nd at 11 am. Please bring a sack lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship afterwards.

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS SUPPER

The Senior Adult Christmas Supper will be December 14th at 6 pm at the church. More information will be posted in the Church Newsletter.

