

**Lancaster
Presbyterian
Church**

*A Congregation of
the Evangelical
Presbyterian Church*

Rev. Dr. Kelly Negus
Senior Pastor

Rev. Will McCabe
Associate Pastor

Raffi Wright
*Director of Youth & Music
Ministries*

**The Ten Biblical Principles
of Revitalization:**

1. Remember
God's faithfulness.
2. Repent continually.
3. Be gospel driven
and Christ centered.
4. Pray without ceasing.
5. Minister the word.
6. Cultivate spiritual formation.
7. Engage clear vision,
mission and values.
8. Equip
empowering servant leaders.
9. Build small groups.
10. Pursue
Great Commission discipleship.

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, September 7, 2025

***Open Book: Learning from Corinth
What's on the Test***

2 Corinthians 13:1-14 (1163)

Put Yourself On Trial
Pastor Kelly Negus

SIGN UP FOR A SMALL GROUP TODAY!

Brothers and sisters, if you are ready for some deeper Christian fellowship, the discipleship of one another, and an opportunity to be in prayer with other believers, then a Small Group is for you. In case you are new to Small Groups, they are groups of 8 to 12 adults (plus whatever children belong to those adults) who gather twice per month in a host home in order to share fellowship over a meal, discipleship in the Scriptures and prayer, and laughter over relaxed conversation (and sometimes games J).

Sign up at a table today through 14th. Or call the church office during that week in order to sign up. We look forward to hearing from you!

Soup Sunday Luncheon **Sunday, September 28th at 12:15pm**

Everyone is invited to a Soup Sunday Luncheon on Sunday, September 28th at 12:15pm, following our Adult Education hour. If you are able to provide soup, bread, butter or dessert, please sign up on the sheet provided on the Information Table.

Purpose:

**For God's glory
we are committed
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
in all we say and all we do
to make and equip disciples
in our families, our community, and the world.**

Core Values:

**We believe in the authority of Scripture
and we affirm
the historic teachings
of Reformed Christianity.**

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

September 7, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM

Welcome

Please sign the
Friendship pad as it is
passed through the pew,
returning it to the side
aisle.

Large Print Bulletins

and

Hearing Assistance Devices

are available
An usher will assist you.

Child Care is provided
through kindergarten in the
preschool wing on the first
floor.

An usher will guide you.

Prayer Cards are
available for special prayer
requests. Prayer cards can
be found in the pew
envelope holders and as
you enter the balcony.
They can be placed in the
offering basket.
A wooden box in the back
of the sanctuary is available
for confidential prayer
requests.

Please silence your
cell phone.

** Stand, if able*

Prelude

Welcome and Friendship Pad – Gaelen Negus

Call to Worship

(Psalm 35: 11,24,27,28)

Malicious witnesses rise up; O LORD,
They ask me of things that I do not know.
Judge me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness,
And do not let them rejoice over me.
Let them shout for joy and rejoice, who favor my vindication;
And let them say continually, "The LORD be magnified,
And my tongue shall declare Your righteousness
And Your praise all day long.

*Hymn: *To God Be the Glory*

Red Hymnal #363

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit
You are justified when you speak
And blameless when You judge.
Help us to test ourselves, to examine ourselves,
To see that You are in us, Lord Jesus.
We rejoice in Your perfect righteousness.
Please help us where we still need to grow,
Even as we lift the confession of our hearts
in the silence of this moment.

Silent Confession

Holy One, be magnified in us.
Help us declare Your righteousness and Your praise
All day long, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Children's Message: Deb Eaton

*Hymn: *In My Heart There Rings A Melody*

Red Hymnal #633

The 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all
blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures
here below;
Women: Praise Him above
ye heavenly host
Men: Praise Him above ye
heavenly host
Women: Praise, Father Son
Men: Praise, Father Son
Women: Praise, Father Son
Men: Praise, Father Son
All: Praise, Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost!

Prayer for Illumination

2 Corinthians 13:1-14

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Serving of the Elements

Please hold each element to partake together as a congregation.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Give Me Jesus* ~ Robert Sterling
LPC Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

Parting Song: *My Jesus, I Love Thee

Red Hymnal #456

Postlude

Raffi Wright – LPC Youth & Music Director

To God Be the Glory

That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God. . . .

— Romans 15:6

Fanny J. Crosby

TO GOD BE THE GLOI

William H. Doa

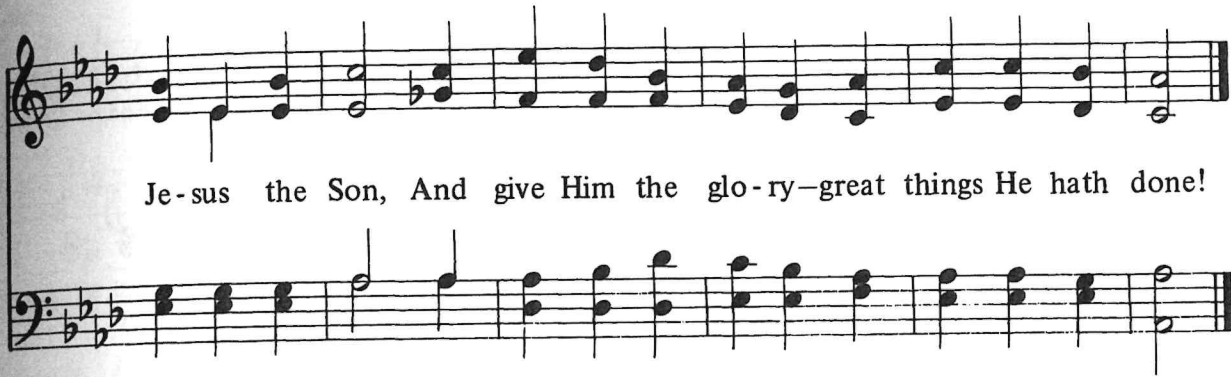
1 To God be the glo - ry—great things He hath done! So loved He the
 2 O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - ery be
 3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re

1 world that He gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a
 2 liev - er the prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fen - der who
 3 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and

1 tone - ment for sin, And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 2 tru - ly be - lieves, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives
 3 great - er will be Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the

Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther th



The Chief End of Man

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“The chief end of man
is to glorify God
and to enjoy Him forever.”

It would be scripturally false to leave out the second phrase—
“and to enjoy Him forever.”

The men who formulated this showed
great wisdom and insight in saying,
“and to enjoy Him forever.”

Nevertheless, the first phrase is the first phrase:

“The chief end of man
is to glorify God.”

And in Christianity we have a non-determined God
who did not need to create

because there was love and communication within the Trinity,
and yet having been created, we as men can glorify God.

But we must feel the force of both sides of the issue.

If we fail to emphasize that we can glorify God,
we raise the whole question of whether men are significant at all.

We begin to lose our humanity as soon as we begin to lose the emphasis
that what we do makes a difference.

We can glorify God, and both the Old and New Testament say
that we can even make God sad.

That is tremendous.

—Francis A. Schaeffer

633 In My Heart There Rings A Melody

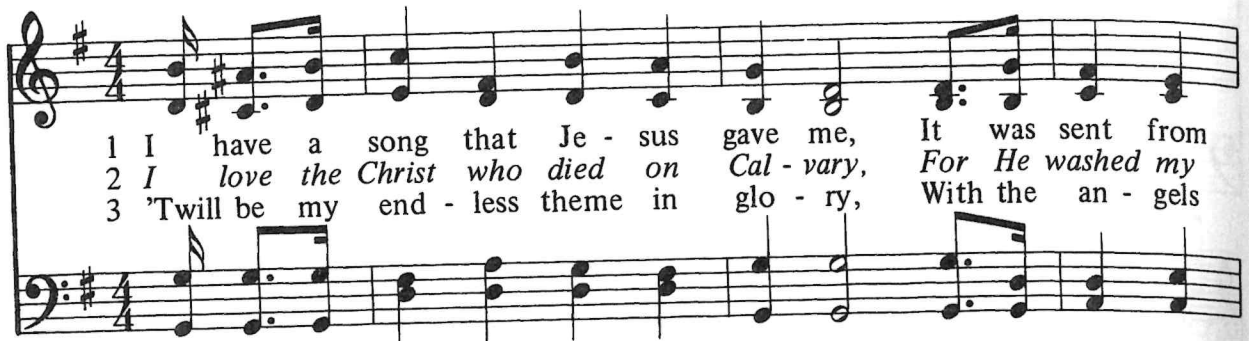
Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

— Psalm 100:2

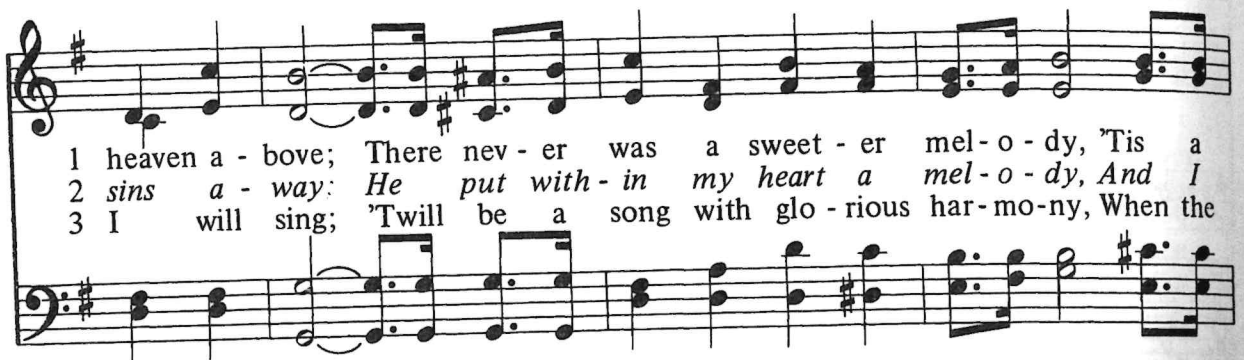
HEART MELODY

Elton M. Roth

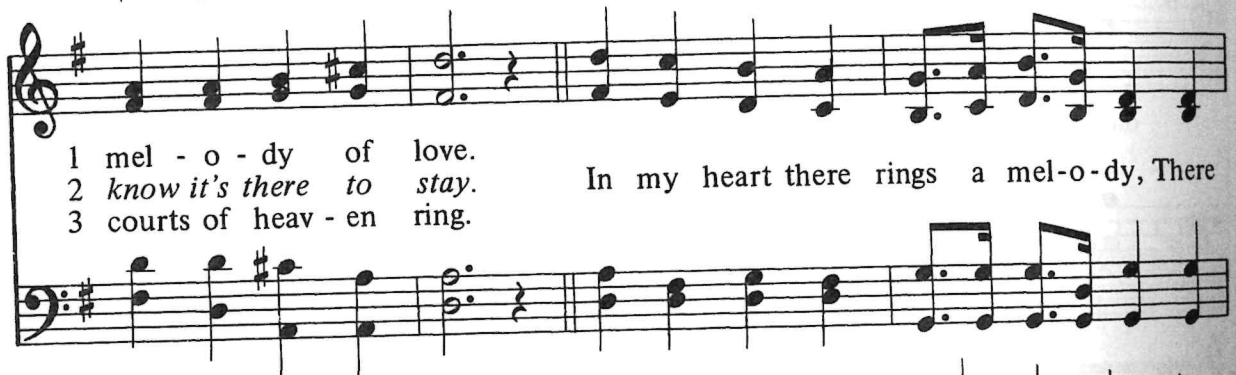
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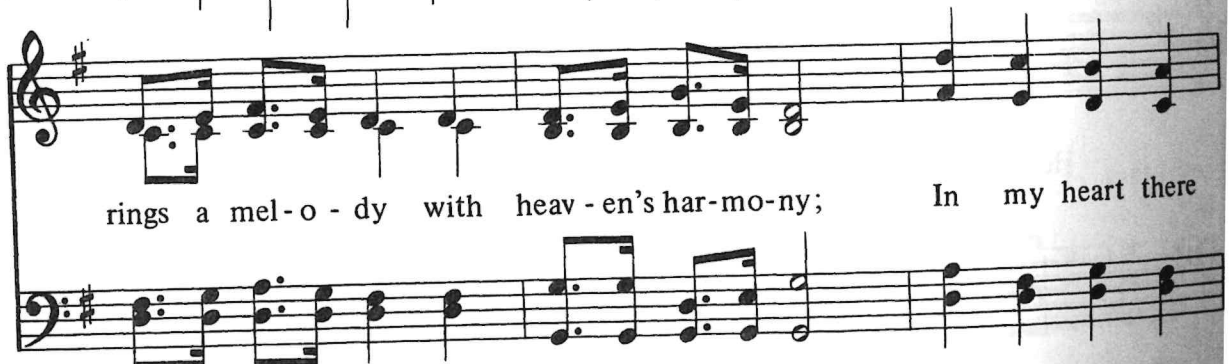
1 I have a song that Je - sus gave me, It was sent from
 2 I love the Christ who died on Cal - vary, For He washed my
 3 'Twill be my end - less theme in glo - ry, With the an - gels



1 heaven a - bove; There nev - er was a sweet - er mel - o - dy, 'Tis a
 2 sins a - way: He put with - in my heart a mel - o - dy, And I
 3 I will sing; 'Twill be a song with glo - rious har - mo - ny, When the



1 mel - o - dy of love.
 2 know it's there to stay. In my heart there rings a mel - o - dy, There
 3 courts of heav - en ring.



rings a mel - o - dy with heav - en's har - mo - ny; In my heart there



rings a mel - o - dy, There rings a mel - o - dy of love.

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My Jesus, I Love Thee

William R. Featherston

We love Him because He first loved us.
— I John 4:19

GORDON
Adoniram J. Gordon

1 My Je - sus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For Thee all the
2 I love Thee be - cause Thou hast first lov - ed me, And pur - chased my
3 I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And praise Thee as
4 In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light, I'll ev - er a -

1 fol - lies of sin I re - sign; My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my
2 par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree; I love Thee for wear - ing the
3 long as Thou lend - est me breath; And say when the death - dew lies
4 dore Thee in heav - en so bright; I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing

1 Sav - ior art Thou: If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
2 thorns on Thy brow: If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
3 cold on my brow: If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
4 crown on my brow: If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now. A-men.

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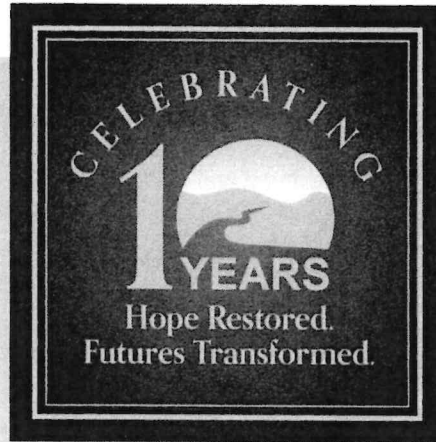
Take Time to Be Holy

William D. Longstaff

Because it is written: Be ye holy for I am holy. — I Peter 1:16

LONGSTAFF
George C. Stebbins

1 Take time to be ho - ly, Speak oft - en with God; Find rest in Him
2 Take time to be ho - ly, The world rush - es on; Much time spend in
3 Take time to be ho - ly, Let Him be Thy guide, And run not be -



People Against Trafficking Humans
**PATH 10 Year
Anniversary Gala**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
6pm-9pm**

Kloc's Grove

1245 Seneca Creek Road • West Seneca, NY 14224

**DINNER PROVIDED • SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE
SURVIVOR STORIES OF RESILIENCE • LIVE AUCTION**

**LPC will be purchasing tickets for this event.
If you would like to attend please sign up on the
sheet provided on the Information Table.**

Sign up by Sunday, September 14th.



LANCASTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT

games, giggles, goodies

October 29 | 6 - 7:30 PM

trunks of treats, hearts of love

Games - Costumes - Candy
Cider - Donuts - Family Fun

LPC POTTER'S HOUSE & PARKING LOT

5477 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086



Praying for Our Family

Marsha Haas
Judy Cavanaugh
Jeremy Miller
Bill Stortz
Al Martin
Helen Markham
Carole Schafer
Mike Eaton
Doris Moranski
Violet Chaves
Ron Stasiowski
Judy Martin
Don Flaig

Home Members

Shirley Richard
Nancy Patterson
Dave Breckenridge
Millie Epolito
Jackie Harbold
Judy Kish

Military Personnel:

Thomas Carlsen II

Prayer Ministry:

All prayer requests can be emailed to the church office at office@l-p-c.org, or simply complete the form on our church website.

Wednesday Family Night 2025: Awana @ LPC!

HUGE NEWS: Awana is coming to Lancaster Presbyterian Church!

We are thrilled to be launching Awana at LPC for **Cubbies** (ages 3 – PreK), **Sparks** (K–2nd), and **T&T** (3rd–6th). **Cubbies** will meet in the LPC building from **6–7 PM** while **Sparks/T&T** will meet in the Potter's House across the street from **6–7:30 PM**.



Before Awana each Wednesday, we will have a **family dinner** (5:15 PM – 6:00 PM) with pizza from Picasso's! We ask families to contribute \$1/slice, if possible. We strongly encourage parents to join their children for dinner, as it's a meaningful opportunity to grow in community together!

After dinner, the kiddos will go to Awana, and we welcome parents and guardians to join us for an **adult small group** (Bible study) with dessert and coffee. On select weeks, we'll also offer special activities for adults, such as crafting nights.

Awana is a fun, Bible memory program for kids that helps them grow in their faith through Scripture memory, engaging lessons, and exciting games. AWANA stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed (2 Timothy 2:15). At LPC, we believe that the Word of God is precious and powerful and that the memorization and meditation of it transforms hearts and lives. This powerful ministry teaches young minds and equips parents in leading their children in the way of the Lord!

This is going to be a BLAST! We hope you join us!

Please sign up to join us by using the link below (this can also be found on our website under Youth Ministry). Signing up ahead of time helps us to plan for accurate materials!

<https://lancaster-presbyterian-church-505410.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3066277>

LPC T-Shirts

LPC has new shirts available! We believe that wearing the shirt provides a great way of both showing your love for the church while also providing an opportunity to share the love of Christ with those you see in your day-to-day lives. Both kinds of shirts are \$15 each with kids shirts being free! Go to Marie in the main office after the Sunday Service or you can come by the church during office hours (9am-1pm) to get them. Cash or check will be accepted for payment.

Weekly and Year to Date Giving

August 31st Gifts

\$3,953

Weekly Required Budget

\$10,890 x 17 remaining

2025 Received

\$284,871

2025 Annual Budget

\$470,000



How to Give Online

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit l-p-c.org/give/

Adult Education Class - *Learning to Love the Psalms*

The Adult Sunday School Class will begin a new video series this Fall called "Learning to Love the Psalms", with Robert Godfrey of Ligonier Ministries. The Book of Psalms is one of the greatest treasures the Lord has given to His people. Through these sacred poems, God has given us a rich songbook and a divinely inspired guide for our prayers. Dr. Godfrey provides an overview of the Psalms with the specific goal of learning to love them through a study of their themes, structure, and beauty. Each class centers around the ~ 20-minute feature video by Dr. Godfrey with class discussions around some specific Psalms.

In addition, dispersed throughout the Fall/Winter/Spring terms, there will be 10 single lessons called "Book at a Glance". Five of these lessons will be led by Laurie Muscato and will cover the Old Testament books Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Joshua. Each lesson will give a bird's eye view that allows us to see what place the book has in the Bible narrative, why it matters, and how it points to Jesus. The other five books to study are the single-chapter books of the Bible; Philemon, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, and Obadiah led by various members of the Adult Education Committee. These books are often overlooked due to their brevity but are significantly relevant for today covering such topics as avoiding pride, rejecting deception and fighting for the faith.

Junior & Senior High Youth Group (7th –12th grade)

Join the GroupMe to stay in the loop for all upcoming events!

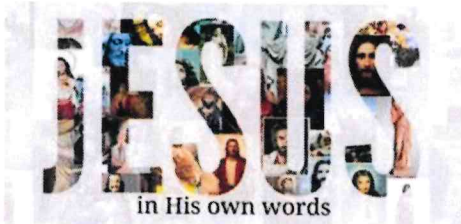


Saturday, September 13th - First Youth Group of the school year! Back to School Kick-off!!! Come for dinner, a Bible lesson, games & small groups! 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Sunday, September 28th - Apple Picking at Smith's Orchard! Group leaves LPC at 12PM, pick up from LPC at 4PM. Dinner will be provided at LPC when we return. *Bring cash if you'd like to purchase slushies/donuts at the Orchard.*

Contact Raffi Wright, LPC Youth & Music Director with questions (raffi@L-P-C.org).

Ladies Bible and Brunch Journals With a new season of Ladies Bible and Brunch beginning September 20th, we invite all interested women to join us in the Library from 6-7:30 pm September 10th, during Wednesday Family night, to prepare our new journals. Feel free to bring a journal to personalize if you have one. Scrapbooking decor, extra journals, and light refreshments will be provided free of charge.



Lancaster Presbyterian Church

Ladies Bible and Brunch Series

Discerning the real Jesus from the counterfeits: Lessons from the Gospel of John

Mark your calendars for the following Saturdays starting this Fall:

9/20/25, 11/15/25, 1/24/26, 3/21/26, 5/16/26

Time: 10-11:30am

Where: Lancaster Presbyterian Church

What to bring: A friend

Cost: a donation of \$13 for brunch if able

Sign up on the Information Table today!

Ladies Bible and Brunch Series

Survey says:

Jesus is: a great moral teacher

Jesus is: a social activist

Jesus is: an unconditional lover of people

Jesus is: nonjudgmental

Jesus is: a great therapist – "live your best life."

How good of a detective are you? Can you spot the error?

Partial truth is deadly truth. Recalibrate your spiritual senses and hear Jesus describe himself in his own words. Nothing matters more!

John 20:31 – "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

Sermon Series for 2025

Overall Theme for the Year: Church Health and Vision

Ministry Matters: What Jesus Values in His Church (9 weeks)

Revelation can be intimidating: it's confusing, frightening, and difficult for us to apply today. However, the beginning chapters establishes why Jesus had His apostle and friend, John, write this letter. We're going to examine the seven churches the letter is addressed to and see for ourselves how Jesus warns, commends, and loves His churches, noticing the unique situations they faced, while also seeing the timeless truths God wants us to know as we also go through trials in the 21st century.

Sunday, Sept 14th: Ephesians 2:1-10 (Raffi Wright will be preaching)

Sunday, Sept 21st: Revelation 1:4-20

Sunday, Sept 28th: Revelation 2:1-7 (Ephesus)

Sunday, Oct 5th: Revelation 2:8-11 (Smyrna)

Sunday, Oct 12th: Revelation 2:12-17 (Pergamum)

Sunday, Oct 19th: Revelation 2:18-29 (Thyatira)

Sunday, Oct 26th: Revelation 3:1-6 (Sardis)

Sunday, Nov 2nd: Revelation 3:7-13 (Philadelphia)

Sunday, Nov 9th: Mission Conference

Sunday, Nov 16th: Revelation 3:14-22 (Laodicea)

Sunday, Nov 23rd: Revelation 5:1-14

Wednesday, Nov 26th: Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service @ 7:30pm