

December 27, 2020

Final Sunday of the Year (Gratitude!)

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ ■ **“Come Praise and Glorify”**

Music by Bob Kauffman, words by Tim Chester © 2011 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI#801260

Come praise and glorify our God The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

**To the praise of Your glory To the praise of Your mercy
and grace To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves**

Come praise and glorify our God Who gives His grace in
Christ In Him our sins are washed away Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us The myst'ry of His will That
Christ should be the head of all His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal The Spirit of the Lord The
Spirit guarantees our hope Until redemption's done Until we join in
endless praise To God, the Three in One

■ **“My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness”**

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend © 2003 THANKYOU MUSIC CCLI #801260

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness With pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough For ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness To him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, Whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth Is given by the King; So I will give my
life, my all, To love and follow him.”

■ **Catechism**

■ **“For All The Saints”**

Words by William How, Music by Christopher Miner ©1997 Christopher Miner Music CCLI License #801260

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, To Thee by faith
before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; Thou,
Lord, their captain in the well fought fight; Thou in the darkness
drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, Fight as the saints

who nobly fought of old, And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to
faithful warriors comes their rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the
blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints
triumphant rise in bright array; The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

■ **Apostle's Creed / Lord's Supper**

■ **“Nothing But the Blood”**Hymn 195

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

For my pardon this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; For
my cleansing, this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of
Jesus; This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

■ **“Jesus, Thank You”** by Pat Sczebel © 2003 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

**Your blood has washed away my sin Jesus, thank You The
Father's wrath completely satisfied Jesus, thank You Once
Your enemy, now seated at Your table Jesus, thank You**

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend Pouring out the riches of Your
glorious grace Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul I want to live for You

■ **Message - Kyle**

■ **Closing Song - “All Glory Be To Christ”** CCLI #801260

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

**All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!**

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above

Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!
As we begin another year What are we to expect?
The last consumed our minds with fear Will rest come in the next?
Don't e'er forget that Christ has won Whatever is our plight
The empty cross says, "Sin is done!" All glory be to Christ!
When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ!

■ **Benediction**

A Word from Pastor Scott

December 27, 2020

Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

1 Chronicles 16:35

And so we come to the final worship service and final "Pastor's Word" of this year. I think most of us will be grateful to put 2020 behind us! It's been a hard year for many, and not just because of the pandemic. It's been a year of strife and division, of uncertainty and frustration, of cancellations and impositions on every side. And though I have talked to many who have seen great blessing in this year (praise God!) I think most are glad to see it go.

But now what? Now my prayer is that we will look forward to 2021 with a renewed sense of hope in Christ, remembering that God is always faithful to his promises and has never abandoned us! He's been here all along, guiding us through this past year, just as He will carry us through the one to come. Yes, there will be difficulties. We're still in a pandemic with culture as divided as ever. But for us who are in Christ, there is more than just light at the end of the tunnel, there is the brightness of His glory as he continues to work all things together for our good! So let me urge you to begin this new year with your eyes fixed on Him in three ways. ***(1) With a renewed emphasis on being in His Word.*** God still speaks in the Bible to guides us and transform us by renewing our minds. So what is your plan to be in His word daily? ***(2) By prioritizing prayer.*** God still hears and responds when we cry out to Him. He uses our prayers, not only to change things, but also to change us. What is your plan for daily prayer in this new year? ***(3) By being intentional about building closer fellowship with other believers as we strive to share the Gospel with the world around us.*** It takes intentionality to keep these priorities. But God's grace and Spirit will enable us as we trust in Him

Looking to grow daily in His grace!

Pastor Scott Lee

This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing

Scripture! Each week's '*Fighter Verse*' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith. This year's fighter verses are drawn from our weekly catechism (See "The New City Catechism")

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

This week's Catechism # 52

What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - December 27

Worship 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

(Please enter/leave wearing a mask at both services)

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$4,284.00

November Weekly Average.....\$4,784.56

Announcements

- For young adults, aged 18-25. You can register on line for “The Cross” happening December 29-30. You can watch online or join others who will be watching livestream at First Baptist Church of Arnold.
- Please pray for our elders as we seek the Lord for wisdom about many things as we move into the new year. We hope to get an update out to you soon.