

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, February 9, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Zephaniah 3:14-17

Pastor: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Congregation: Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Pastor: The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.

Congregation: The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

Pastor: On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

All: The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

*** We Sing in Response:** #104 Black Hymnal "*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*"

* We Seek God's Presence in Prayer

We Confess Our Sins Together : Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Romans 5:1-2

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #186 Black Hymnal "*A Debtor to Mercy*"

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** O God, we bless you for the happy moment when we first saw your law fulfilled in Christ, wrath appeased, death destroyed, sin forgiven, our souls saved. Ever since, you have been faithful to us: daily have we proved the power of Jesus' blood, daily have we known the strength of the Spirit, our teacher, director, sanctifier. We want no other rock to build upon than that we have, desire no other hope than that of gospel truth, need no other look than that which gazes on the cross. May our cry be always, Only Jesus! only Jesus! In him is freedom from condemnation, fullness in his righteousness, eternal vitality in his given life, everlasting union in fellowship with him; In him we have all that we can hold; enlarge us to take in more of Christ! – *Adapted from the Valley of Vision*

We Read From God's Word: John 10:1-18

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Romans 8:3-4 *"For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."*

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory

* **We Sing the Doxology:** #731 Red Hymnal *"Doxology"*

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #77 Black Hymnal *"God of Grace"*

Children ages 4 through kindergarten dismissed to Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your child in the lobby on your way to the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Acts 9:1-9

Pastor Preaches God's Word: *"Saul's Incredible Savior"* – Mr. Chase Walker

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #403 Black Hymnal *"Blessed Assurance"*

* **The Lord Sends Us Out (Benediction)**

Sermon Outline
Acts 9:1-9
“Saul’s Incredible Savior”
02-09-25

Proposition: Jesus’ grace overflows to turn enemies into servants, so we must humbly live out of grace.

Main Point One: Saul’s Blind and Murderous Heart

Sub Point One: Still Breathing Threats and Murder

Sub Point Two: Saul’s Initiative to Damascus

Sub Point Three: An Enemy of the Lord

Main Point Two: An Encounter with Jesus

Sub Point One: A Sudden Light

Sub Point Two: Jesus’s Identification with the Persecuted

Sub Point Three: Implicit Grace

Sub Point Four: Expected Obedience

Main Point Three: Saul’s Seeing and Humbled Heart

Sub Point One: Physically Blind but Spiritually Seeing

Sub Point Two: Humbled and Dependent

Sub Point Three: Time to Reflect