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In Jesus' mouth the human word becomes God's Word. When we pray along with the prayer of Christ, God's Word becomes again a human word. Thus all prayers of the Bible are such prayer, which we pray together with Jesus Christ, prayers in which Christ includes us, and through which Christ brings us before the face of God. . . . If we want to read and to pray the prayers of the Bible, and especially the Psalms, we must not, therefore, first ask what they have to do with us, but what they have to do with Jesus Christ. We must ask how we can understand the Psalms as God's Word, and only then can we pray them with Jesus Christ.
– Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The God Who Gives Us His Mind

Scripture for Meditation

Psalm 119:17, 18

Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live
and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may
behold wondrous things out of your law.

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Hymn of Security

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed.
For I am thy God; I will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not thee o'rflood;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Words adapted from Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787

Offertory Hymn of Dependence

Laden with Guilt

Laden with guilt and full of fears, I fly to Thee my Lord;
And not a glimpse of hope appears, but in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father's grace does all my griefs assuage.
Here I behold my Savior's face in every page.

This is the field where hidden lies the pearl of price unknown,
That merchant is divinely wise, who makes the pearl his own;
Here consecrated water flows to quench my thirst of sin.
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows; no danger dwells
within.

This is the judge that ends the strife where wit and reason fail,
My guide to everlasting life through all this gloomy vale.
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God, my roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road that leads to Thy right hand.

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Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading

2 Peter 1:16–21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star

rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Psalm of Trust

Psalm 130

I wait, my soul waits for the Lord.
My hope is in His word.
More than the watchman waits for dawn,
My soul waits for the Lord.

Out of the depths I cry to You;
In darkest places I will call.
Incline Your ear to me anew,
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways,
How could I come before Your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze;
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

Refrain:

I will wait for You! I will wait for You!
On Your word, I will rely;
I will wait for You,
Surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied.

So put your hope in God alone;
Take courage in His power to save,
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave.

Now He has come to make a way,
And God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice!

Last Refrain:

*I will wait for You! I will wait for You!
On Your word, I will rely;
I will wait for You, surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied.
I will wait for You! I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night!
I will wait for You, surely wait for You;
For Your love is my delight.*

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Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Take a moment for self-reflection, and talk with God quietly about your sin and your need for a Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of Blessing

Psalm 1

O how vast the blessings to the man who flees
Company with those who love iniquity!
But in God's instruction he takes deep delight,
Fixing his attention on it day and night.

Refrain:

*Lovers of the Lord's Law are supremely blessed:
Rooted firm and fruitful, strong through every test.*

As a tree well-watered cannot be removed,
So the righteous prosper, ever yielding fruit.
But ungodly sinners like the chaff will be:
Windblown throughout life, then lost eternally.

At God's throne of judgment, sinners will not stand.
They at God's pronouncement will be justly damned.
Not so for the righteous! God knows us by name.
We before His throne will saving grace proclaim!

Christ alone is righteous and supremely blessed.
We whom God deems righteous in His robes are dressed.
Bearing godly fruit through Christ, the living Vine;
Stayed forever sure on Christ, the Rock Divine.

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Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 1: What is the chief end of man?

Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Question 2: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

Answer: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Question 3: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

Answer: The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Dismissal for Children

During this next song, children ages 3 – K5 may be dismissed for children's classes downstairs.

Hymn of Wonder

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

John Newton, 1725-1807

Ministry of the Word

Sunday Service Times

9:15 am Family Bible Time
10:00 am Corporate Prayer Service
10:45 am Corporate Worship Service

*A nursery is available for all services. Sunday sermons are available on our website or at ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com

Emmanuel Bible Church is a community of believers committed to glorifying God by applying the Gospel to every area of life and to making disciples who will love God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

We are thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in the Upstate. Few things are as exciting as seeing lives and relationships changed through the clear teaching of God's Word. After all, we are made expressly to be in a relationship with Him and to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. At Emmanuel we strive to bring God glory through singing and praying together, hearing His Word preached, loving Him, and loving one another.

We would be delighted to have an opportunity to meet you. We are here to help and encourage you through the teaching of God's Word and through biblical fellowship.

—*Brad Baugham, teaching pastor*

Ministers

The congregation at large

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Jonathan Bastoni

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