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God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him.

— John Piper

# God, Our Greatest Joy

## **Scripture for Meditation**

*Psalm 16:11*

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You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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## Prayer of Blessing

### Responsive Reading

*Acts 2:22–32*

Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

**“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.  
You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’**

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

**This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.**

## Offertory Hymn of Joy

### *O God, My Joy*

O God, my joy, You reign above  
In radiant splendor and beauty.  
Your Word has drawn my heart to love  
The awesome sight of Your glory.  
Your blazing light and gospel grace  
Shine brightly from my Savior's face.  
No other wonder would I see  
Than Christ enthroned in His glory!

Sustained by joy in trial and pain,  
I trust Your wisdom and mercy.  
Through suffering that Your love ordains,  
More like Your Son You will make me.  
For Christ embraced the cross of shame,  
Beholding glorious joys to come.  
O give me faith like His to see  
That suffering lifts me to glory!

Compelled by joy, I fight the sin  
That turns my gaze from Your glory.  
Your Holy Spirit dwells within;  
His presence arms me for vict'ry.  
Let death and hell against me rise;  
Through death I'll gain eternal joys.  
All pow'rs of hell will bend the knee  
Before my great King of glory!

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## **Hymn of Confession**

### *O Thou in Whose Presence*

O Thou in whose presence my soul takes delight,  
On whom in affliction I call,  
My comfort by day, and my song in the night,  
My hope, my salvation, my all.

Where dost Thou, dear Shepherd, resort with Thy sheep,  
To feed them in pastures of love?  
Say, why in the valley of death should I weep,  
Or alone in this wilderness rove?

He looks, and ten thousands of angels rejoice,  
And myriads wait for His word;  
He speaks, and eternity, filled with His voice,  
Re-echoes the praise of the Lord.

Dear Shepherd, I hear and will follow Thy call;  
I know the sweet sound of Thy voice;  
Restore and defend me, for Thou art my all,  
And in Thee I will ever rejoice.

Joseph Swain, 1762-1796

## **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**

*Isaiah 61:10a*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness . . . .

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

## **Dismissal for Children**

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

## **Hymn of Satisfaction**

*My Worth Is Not in What I Own*

My worth is not in what I own,  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone,  
But in the costly wounds of love  
At the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name,  
In win or lose, in pride or shame,  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed  
At the cross.

*Refrain:*

*I rejoice in my Redeemer,  
Greatest Treasure,  
Wellspring of my soul;  
I will trust in Him, no other.  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die;  
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by,  
But life eternal calls to us  
At the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might,  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light,  
But I will boast in knowing Christ  
At the cross.

*Refrain*

Two wonders here that I confess:  
My worth and my unworthiness,  
My value fixed – my ransom paid  
At the cross.

*Refrain*

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## **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](http://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*

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