

December 24, 2023

[God] had respect to himself, as his last and highest end, in this work; because he is worthy in himself to be so, being infinitely the greatest and best of beings. All things else, with regard to worthiness, importance, and excellence, are perfectly as nothing in comparison of him. All that is ever spoken in the Scripture as an ultimate end of God's works is included in that one phrase, the glory of God.

— Jonathan Edwards

The Glory of God in the Growth of the Church

Scripture for Meditation

Ephesians 1:22, 23

And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

English Standard Version. © 2001 by Crossway Bibles. Used by permission.



Hymn of Missions

Across the Lands

You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory;
Let the land and seas rejoice!

Chorus:

*You're the Author of creation;
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry;
With a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free!

With a shout You rose victorious,
Wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven,
Leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father,
Interceding for Your own;

From each tribe and tongue and nation,
You are leading sinners home!

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend. Copyright © 2003 Thankyou Music
Used by permission. CCLI #2783020

Hymn of Praise

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain:

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

Christ, by highest Heav’n adored;
Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.

Hail the heav’nly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Come, Desire of nations, come,
Fix in us Thy humble home;
Rise, the woman's conqu'ring Seed,
Bruise in us the serpent's head.
Adam's likeness, now efface,
Stamp Thine image in its place:
Second Adam from above,
Reinstate us in Thy love.

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading

Ephesians 4:1–12

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says,

**“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”**

(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

**And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists,
the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work
of ministry, for building up the body of Christ**

Hymn of Hope

There Is One Gospel

There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity
It is my story, my Father's plan
The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel, Oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there, where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin

For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel where hope is found
The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Saviour down
He lives and I am free
Now on my Saviour, I fix my eyes
My life is His and His hope is mine!
For He has promised I, too, will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And in this Gospel the church is one
We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Words and music by Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson
Copyright 2022 CityAlight Music
Used by permission. CCLI #2783020

Ministry of the Word

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: *The Lord's Supper*

Presentation of the Bread

What Child Is This?

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,

Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

William C. Dix, 1837-1898

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Presentation of the Cup

From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the Saviour of the human race!
But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n,
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God, come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
Humble servant in the Father's hands,
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
Filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,
Joys and sorrows that I know so well;
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again—
I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
He was lifted on a cruel cross;
He was punished for a world's transgressions,
He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, he fights for me,
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
And with a shout our souls are free—
Death defeated by Immanuel!

Now he's standing in the place of honour,
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,
Interceding for his own beloved
Till his father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
But the Bride will run to her lover's arms,
Giving glory to Immanuel!

Stuart Townend

Copyright © 1999 Thankyou Music/Adm. By worshiptogether.com songs
excl. UK & Europe, adm. by Kingsway Music.
tym@kingsway.co.uk. Used by permission. CCL #2783020

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Cup

Sunday Service Times

9:15 am Corporate Prayer Service
10:30 am Corporate Worship Service

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

Announcements

We will have 9:15 Prayer Time and 10:30 Corporate Worship on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. There will be no nursery or children's classes during the 9:15 service. We will have a nursery during the 10:30 service but no Children's Church.

December 17- No Children's classes during 9:15 service, there is a nursery. Nursery during the 10:30 service but no Children's Church.

December 24- No Children's classes or nursery during the 9:15 service. Nursery during the 10:30 service but no Children's Church.

December 31- No Children's Classes or nursery during the 9:15 service. Nursery during the 10:30 service but no Children's Church.

We want to give our teachers a break during the month of December. Parents we encourage you to bring your children to the services.

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

Pastors

Jonathan Bastoni
Brad Baugham
Will Coen
Jared Garcia
Rhett Gieck
David Schwingle

Deacons

Duel Deason, Facilities
Norman Bunn, Facilities

Minister of Worship

Brian Pinner

*Administrative Assistant &
Children's Ministries*

Margaret Bastoni

Nursery Director

Janine Gieck

*Welcome & Greeting
Coordinator*

Sherry Ferguson