

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders

* **Call to Worship:** *from Psalm 22:22; 97:12; 145:1,3*
In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name!
I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
God's greatness is unsearchable. Alleluia! Amen!

* God's Greeting

* **Come, Christians, Join to Sing** #342:1,2,3 (HFG)
Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

* Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King!
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;
"Glory in the highest" I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

Prayer of Confession and Preparation

Gracious God,
your Word tells us that we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Forgive us for the days we have failed to even open the
scriptures, trusting in our own wisdom instead.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive us for the times we have read the Scriptures
hastily, as if to check a completion box, and then
immediately forgotten what we read.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive us when we know exactly what the Word says,
yet we choose to ignore it because it does not fit with our
own thought or desires.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive us when we have chosen to use the Word as a
club to accuse others rather than as a light for our own
pathway.

Lord, have mercy.

Write your Word on our hearts, Lord, that we may be
transformed from the inside out.

Lord, have mercy, and write your Word on our hearts.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 8:1-4*

Thy Word

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
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And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
I will love You to the end. *Refrain*

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Jeff & Melissa

Morning Prayer

* **Reformation Hymn**

We will trust God's Word alone,
Where his perfect will is known;
Our traditions shift like sand
While his Truth forever stands.
We will live by faith alone,
Clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ
And his finished sacrifice.

Refrain: Glory be, glory be to God alone,
Through the church he redeemed
And made his own.
He has freed us,
He will keep us till we're safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!

We are saved by grace alone,
Undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth
Can achieve the second birth.
We will stand on Christ alone,
The unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar,
Still he reigns forevermore! *Refrain*

* **Scripture:** *Mark 11:27-28 (ESV)* pg. 1060

²⁷And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was
walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes
and the elders came to him,²⁸ and they said to him, "By
what authority are you doing these things, or who gave
you this authority to do them?"

II Timothy 3:14-17 (ESV) pg. 1250

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and
have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned
it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted
with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise
for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is
breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for
reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for
every good work.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *By What Authority? Scripture Alone*

* **O Word of God Incarnate**

#279:1,2 (PH)

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
We praise you for the radiance
That from the Scripture's page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Master,
Received this gift divine;
And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
That all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to you.

* **God's Blessing**

* **Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow** #637 (PH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary. The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system. Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

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By What Authority? Scripture Alone

Mark 11:27-28; II Timothy 3:14-17

A Famine for the Word.

Why Scripture still matters? II Timothy 3:14-17.

What does sola Scripture mean?

Implications and application.

Sola Gratia

Saved by Grace Alone

Sola Fide

Through Faith Alone

Solus Christus

In Christ Alone

Sola Scriptura

According to Scripture Alone

Soli Deo Gloria

For the Glory of God Alone

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