

WE EXIST TO... GROW IN CHRIST, LOVE LIKE CHRIST, LIVE FOR CHRIST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OH, HOW GOOD IT IS Hymns of Grace, 332

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON: "THE BLESSEDNESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS" — PSALM 1

COMMUNION

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He arose again. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

> I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy and universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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CORNERSTONE

Verse 1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly trust in Jesus' Name. (REPEAT)

Chorus Christ alone, Cornerstone; Weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

Verse 2 When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

Verse 3 When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found; Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus [Repeat]

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BENEDICTION

Jan 5:	Thrive, for students in 5th–12th grade, meets at the home of Richard & Chrissy Burns in Nobleboro from 630–8 PM
Jan 7:	Members' Meeting following the morning worship service
Jan 14:	Fellowship breakfast from 9– 945 AM - please bring a dish to share

General Info:

<u>TVC Kids:</u> We strive for family-friendly worship & want to encourage parents to keep their children in the sanctuary or East Hall for worship. To help families, backpacks filled with a note sheet, a coloring page, and snacks are available for children Pre-K - 5th grade. Note sheets are available for children in 5th - 8th grade. The backpacks will be handed out prior to the sermon.

We also offer Rooted which is a time of teaching & learning for children in grades K–4 that meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall classroom. The children who participate in Rooted will be dismissed by Pastor Phil prior to the sermon.

We also offer a volunteer staffed Nursery that meets in the Fellowship Hall during the sermon. We are thankful & appreciate the opportunity to serve you & your children.

We understand that children can get restless & squirmy, so if you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so; but please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

<u>Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs)</u>: GGCs are just one way you can purposefully & intentionally invest in your church family as we seek to grow in Christ, love like Christ & live for Christ. If you are interested in joining a GGC, please contact one of your elders. The Reed GGC meets Sunday evenings in Nobleboro. Sorterup GGC meets Wednesday evenings in Damariscotta. The Holladay GGC meets Thursday evenings in Bristol.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?

- 2. What has God done (how do I see God's character in action)?
- 3. Who am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
- 4. What do I do (if I believe 1–3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

Notes:

Elders: Breck Holladay, Phil Nicewonger, Jeff Norton & Grant Sorterup

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