Sermon Notes

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COMING UP AT LPC



ADULT CLASSES

Faith Weavers
Jim Vandegrift

Room 102

Faith Explorers

Gary Ensing

Room 313

Bible in Life

Jim Garrett Room 306

Parents Connecting

Christy Johnson John Untener Room 307 S.A.L.T Class Room 309 Vintage
Parents & Teens
Grades 7-12
LPC Student Center

VINTAGE | LPC STUDENT CENTER

Jr High/High School students and Parents are invited to a time of student-led devotion and a mix of large and small group discussions. Please join us as we breathe life into something old.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES | UPPER LEVEL

LPC offers children a chance to learn about God's Word every Sunday from 9:45 until 10:45 a.m. Children's classes are organized according to age groups and taught by vibrant, exciting, knowledgeable Christian teachers.

NURSERY CARE: On Sunday mornings, nursery care is offered for children three and under. The nursery provides a warm, loving, fun, and safe environment for children.

PRESCHOOL - 4TH GRADE: These classes journey chronologically through the Bible, learning about God and His great love for them and how their learning in class can be applied to their lives.

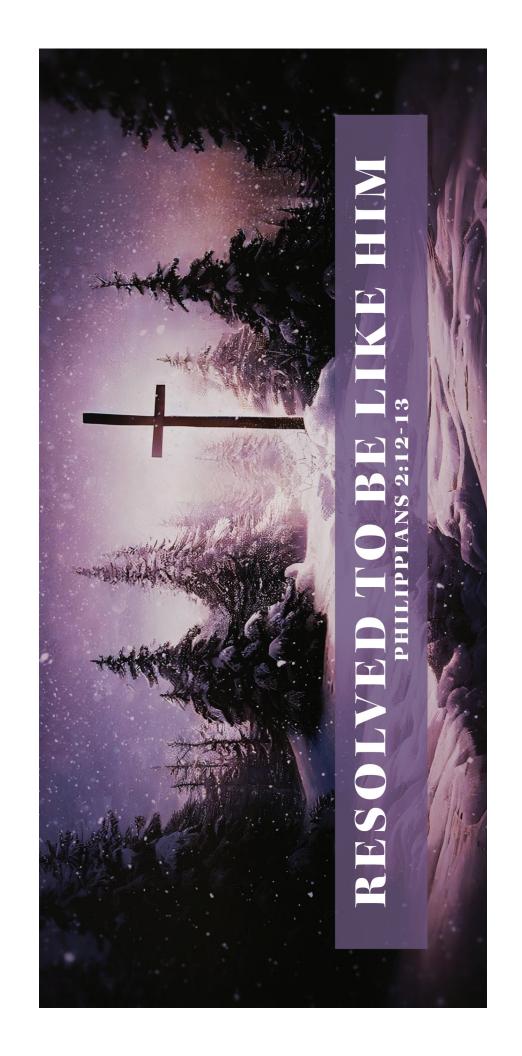
ENGAGE 5TH & 6TH GRADE: This class delves into deep topics that preteens begin to have as they strive to make their faith their own. Each week, they will discuss a hard-to-answer faith question and examine what the Bible says about it.

NURSERY/FAMILY ROOM We have a staffed nursery located between the Ark and the Welcome Center. We also have a Family Room with worship audio located next to our Welcome Center.

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Sunday, December 31, 2023

10 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

We Gather

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Peter Larson

PRELUDE

Patty Corfman, oboe

Oboe Concerto Allegro - Marcello

CALL TO WORSHIP*

The Rev. Peter Larson

Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help

in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

Leader: God is within her, she will not fall. God will help her at the break

People: Nations are in an uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts his voice, the

earth melts.

All: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress!

OPENING HYMN*

Hymn 43

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure, One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' Him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

James Martin

Gracious Lord Jesus, we do not know what the future holds, but we know the One who holds the future. You are LORD of all. You rule the world with truth and grace. You are the author and perfecter of our faith. All of our days were written in your book before one of them came to be. You have promised always to be with us. If this is true, then we should live with hope, joy and assurance. Forgive us, LORD, for being so anxious and afraid. Forgive us for imagining that we control the future. Forgive us for attempting to live our lives without You, instead of seeking your strength and guidance. In this New Year, help us to grow in faith, wisdom, grace and knowledge of Your Word. Make us more like You, we pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spriit, AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in My Heart
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Peter Larson

We Give Back to God

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Rev. Peter Larson

OFFERTORY

Patty Corfman, oboe

Oboe Concerto Allegro Assai - Cimarosa

We Hear the Word

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:28-30

Pew Bible page 689 James Martin

HYMN* Hymn 612

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, and 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 overflow; For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans 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!"

SCRIPTURE READING

Pew Bible page 831

Philippians 2:12-13

S E R M O N Ron Warncke

Resolved to be Like Him

We Go Out Into the World

CLOSING HYMN*

Hymn 502

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound
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!

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

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

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

BENEDICTION

The Rev. Peter Larson

POSTLUDE Tari Heath