

COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

*Passionately Pursuing Jesus
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor*



January 12, 2025
Worship 10:00 am
“Retreat Sharing”

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Our mission

***is to go and be living evidence of God's love
by the transforming power of his forgiveness and grace.***

PRELUDE Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise
I Thank God

PRAYER OF ADORATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER Megan Campbell

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Zoe Miller

Romans 8:4, 16-18, 28, 31, 35, and 37-39

Leader:

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God:

Congregation:

And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Leader:

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Congregation:

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Leader:

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Congregation:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Leader:

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Congregation:

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Leader:

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

Congregation:
**Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will
be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ
Jesus our Lord.**

Leader:
This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation:
Thanks be to God!

**OFFERING – GIVE AS THE LORD LEADS YOU, WITH OPEN HANDS
AND ALL YOUR HEART**

Offertory:

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

SONGS King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting,
Without hope, without light,
Till from heaven you came running.
There was mercy in your eyes.

To fulfill the law and prophets,
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt.

(chorus) Praise the Father; Praise the Son;
Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming,
And to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation,
You did not despise the cross.

For even in your suffering,
You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus, for our sake you died. *(chorus)*

And the morning that you rose,
All of Heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good,
For the Lamb had conquered death.

And the dead rose from their tombs,
And the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born.
Then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not fade.

By his blood, and in his name,
And in his freedom, I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ,
Who has resurrected me. *(chorus)*

(tag) Praise forever to the King of Kings.

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Great Are You, Lord

You give life; you are love;
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope; you restore
Every heart that is broken

(prechorus) Great are you, Lord!

(chorus) It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise; we pour out our praise.
It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to you only. *(repeat from top)*

(chorus)

(bridge) All the earth will shout your praise.
Our hearts will cry; these bones will sing.
Great are you, Lord! *(repeat bridge) (repeat bridge)*

(chorus) (chorus)

WINTERFEST SHARING

Megan Campbell, Zoe Miller, Emily Morton,
Grace Nolan, Jackie Phillips

SPECIAL MUSIC

Build My Life

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG Glorious Day

I was buried beneath my shame.
Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb 'til I met you!

I was breathing, but not alive.
All my failures I tried to hide.
It was my tomb 'til I met you!

(chorus) You called my name.
Then I ran out of that grave,
Out of the darkness into your glorious day.
You called my name.
Then I ran out of that grave,
Out of the darkness into your glorious day.
Now your mercy has saved my soul.
Now your freedom is all that I know.
The old made new, Jesus, when I met you. *(chorus)*

(bridge) I needed rescue. My sin was heavy,
But chains break at the weight of your glory.
I needed shelter. I was an orphan,
But you call me a citizen of Heaven.
When I was broken, you were my healing.
Now your love is the air that I'm breathing.
I have a future. My eyes are open. *(chorus)*

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*BENEDICTION

Emily Morton

*POSTLUDE

Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School / D/C
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Room)
11:30 am Diaconate (Conference Room)
11:30 am Trailblazers/Pathfinders (Potter's House)

THIS WEEK

Mon. 10:45 am 39ers Study (Fellowship Room)
Tue. 4:00 pm Prayer (Church Office)
Wed. 6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)
7:00 pm Zoom Study (Ecclesiastes)
Fri. 6:00 pm Crafty Friday (Potter's House)
6:30 pm Tres Dias Secuela (Fellowship Room)
Sun. 9:00 am Sunday School / D/C
Sun. 10:00 am Worship
11:30 am Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)

- **NEW ZOOM STUDY:** Starts this Wednesday, January 15, 7:00 pm. What constitutes a meaningful life? We seek fulfillment in success, prosperity, recognition, relationships, and even self-sufficiency, but we always seem to come up short. Curious as to what the Bible might say about this? Dive into the book of Ecclesiastes with us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm, via Zoom, so you can stay in the comfort of your warm home! Let Pastor Stephanie know if you would like the zoom link emailed to you.
- **THANK YOUS:** Thank you so much to all our friends and family who have provided meals for us while Sue continues to recover from surgery. It has been such a blessing to be taken care of by you all. We are so grateful for you. - Terry and Sue Fredlund

Thank you all so much for the generous Christmas gift you gave me this year. I continue to be grateful how God has called me here to Thomaston and thankful in how he is growing me and us as a church together. It has been an immense privilege to serve you and live life with you this past year. I look forward to many, many more! - Pastor Stephanie

- **CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP:** This past week, a group from Women Ministries came in and put away all the Christmas decorations. If you are missing something from your area, check around or ask Ruth Johnson who else to check with.
- **ANNUAL MEETING:** Our annual meeting will be next Sunday at 11:30 in the Sanctuary.
- **ALL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES** are reminded to meet before the January Annual Meeting to elect officers. Diaconate, Trustees, Christian Education, and Missions & Evangelism Boards must also appoint a representative to the Nominating Committee. *(If you were Chair of any Board or Committee in 2024, please convene an organizational meeting, before the Annual Meeting, of that group even if you will not be serving with that group in 2025.)*
- **AUDITOR BILL DAYTON** must audit all financial records before the Annual Meeting on January 19. *(Leave clearly marked records at Red's Hardware for Bill or give them to Ken Hopkins to deliver to Bill.)*
- **BANQUET OF BLESSING**
 - Need: cereal, snack bars/fruit bars, salad dressing, canned green beans, spaghetti sauce, dried spaghetti, pasta sides (not creamy garlic), soup (not vegetarian vegetable), aluminum foil, gallon storage bags, paper towels, toilet paper.
 - No perishable foods. Check expiration dates. We don't give away out of date food.
- **GIVING MADE EASY:** Give online in two minutes. Opt for one time, weekly or monthly donations. Open the camera app on your phone and scan the QR Code, which takes you to the Giving Page on our website.

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