

An Unshakably Happy God

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full (John 15:11).

God is absolutely sovereign.

Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases (Psalm 115:3)

Therefore he is not frustrated. He rejoices in all his works when he contemplates them as colors of the magnificent mosaic of redemptive history. He is an unshakably happy God.

His happiness is the delight he has in himself. Before creation, he rejoiced in the image of his glory in the person of his Son. Then the joy of God "went public" in the works of creation and redemption.

These works delight the heart of God because they reflect his glory.

He does everything he does to preserve and display that glory, for in this his soul rejoices.

All the works of God culminate in the praises of his redeemed people. The climax of his happiness is the delight he takes in the echoes of his excellence in the praises of the saints. This praise is the consummation of our own joy in God.

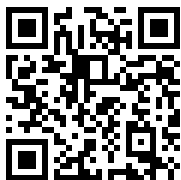
Therefore, God's pursuit of praise from us and our pursuit of pleasure in him are the same pursuit. This is the great gospel!

-John Piper

Events

9/20 Ladies' Bible Study
10:00 AM
9/25 Youth Groups
7:00 PM
9/26 Red Cross Blood
Drive

Give



Upcoming Events



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Service Times



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- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

**Loving God, one another, and the world
through the gospel of Jesus Christ**

September 11, 2016

**Tenemos
disponible
traducción al
español
durante los
servicios de la
mañana y de la
tarde**

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Alex DiPrima
The Gospel Song

(Sing 3 x's) Holy God, in love, became perfect Man to bear my blame.
On the cross He took my sin. By His death I live again.

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Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

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Doxology

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.

(repeat with few singing "descant")

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory Preparatory Sermon

Matthew 4:1-11, page 809

#271 How Sweet and Awful
#188 There is a Fountain
Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Bob Prentice
Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love, and sing, and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the Conqueror's crown,
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join, and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles, and asks no more:
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"Thou hast washed us with Thy blood;
Thou hast washed us washed us with Thy blood;
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!"

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55, page 615

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory/Preparatory

Pass Me Not

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art smiling, do not pass me by.

**(Refrain) Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.**

Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. **(Refrain)**

Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace. **(Refrain)**

Thou the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,
Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee? **(Refrain)**

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Sermon

Communion

Nick Gaines

Pastor Andy Dunkerton

I Boast No More

No more my God, I boast no more of all the duties I have done
I quit the hopes I held before to trust the merits of Thy Son.

(Chorus) No more my God, no more my God, no more my God, I boast no more.

Now, for the loss I bear His name, what was my gain I count my loss;
My former pride I call my shame, and nail my glory to His cross. **(Chorus)**

Yes, and I must and will esteem all things but loss for Jesus' sake;
O may my soul be found in Him, and of His righteousness partake! **(Chorus)**

The best obedience of my hands dares not appear before Thy throne;
But faith can answer Thy demands, by pleading what my Lord has done. **(Chorus)**
(repeat chorus)

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**#178 O Sacred Head
God Undefeatable**

1. Behold the King who conquered and overcame our sin.
Behold our glorious Victor whose mercy knows no end.
He is true, He is right, death is broken, He is alive.

(Chorus)
**God undefeatable, Kingdom unshakeable; in majesty and power You reign.
Love undeniable, matchless and bountiful; to waken us to life You came. You came.**

2. And now our way is certain, our souls in You secure
through every pain and struggle Your victory endures.
For You are true, and You are right, death is broken, and You are alive. **(Chorus)**

(Bridge)
The love of God is greater than we dare to hope or dream.
The hold of God is stronger than we dare to hope or dream. **(Chorus)**

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