

On January 7, 1855, the minister of New Park Street Chapel, Southwark, England, opened his morning sermon as follows:

It has been said by someone that "the proper study of mankind is man." I will not oppose the idea, but I believe it is equally true that the proper study of God's elect is God; the proper study of a Christian is the Godhead. The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy, which can ever engage the attention of a child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings, and the existence of the great God whom he calls his Father.

There is something exceedingly improving to the mind in a contemplation of the Divinity. It is a subject so vast, that all our thoughts

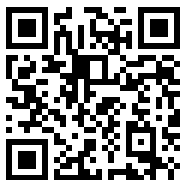
are lost in its immensity; so deep, that our pride is drowned in its infinity. Other subjects we can compass and grapple with; in them we feel a kind of self-content, and go our way with the thought, "Behold I am wise." But when we come to this master science, finding that our plumb line cannot sound its depth, and that our eagle eye cannot see its height, we turn away with the thought that vain man would be wise, but he is like a wild ass's colt; and with solemn exclamation, "I am but of yesterday, and know nothing." No subject of contemplation will tend more to humble the mind, than thoughts of God....

—excerpt from *Knowing God*  
by J.I. Packer, pp 17-18

## Events

TODAY Hawfields 3 PM  
1/4 Small Groups  
7:15 PM  
1/7 Men's Prayer for  
Revival 7:30 AM  
1/7 Ladies Missionary  
Society 9:00 AM  
1/8 C&C Dinner at Byrd's

## Give



## Upcoming Events



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## Service Times

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



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## Morning Worship

### Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Alex DiPrima  
Here I am to Worship

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

**(Chorus) Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me**

King of all days Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

**(Chorus)**  
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross (repeat)  
**(Chorus)**

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### We Fall Down

We fall down We lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus

**(Chorus) And we cry holy, holy, holy  
We cry holy, holy, holy  
We cry holy, holy, holy is the lamb**

We fall down We lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus **(Chorus 2x)**

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### Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory Preparatory

**Matthew 10:24-42, page 815**  
**#175 Man of Sorrows**  
**Nearer, Still Nearer**

Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart, draw me, my Savior – so precious Thou art!  
Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast.  
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest; Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus, my King –  
Only my sinful, now contrite heart.  
Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart; Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart.

Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be Thine! Sin, with its follies, I gladly resign,  
All of its pleasures, pomp and its pride.  
Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified; Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast;  
Thro' endless ages ever to be  
Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee; Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee. Amen

Text and Music: Lelia N. Morris

### Sermon

**Pastor Andy Dunkerton**

## Evening Worship

### Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Michael Lopes  
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!"

Words: John Newton, 1774 Music: Laura Taylor

### Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory Preparatory

**Proverbs 25:16-28, page 547**  
**#609 A Few More Years Shall Roll**  
**He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

**(Refrain) He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.  
For my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.**

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. **(Refrain)**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast;  
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

### (Refrain 2x)

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### Sermon

**Pastor Stu Johnston**