

## The Main Purpose of Ministry by John Piper

*We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.* (Hebrews 10:39)

Don't look at the temporary cost of love, and shrink back from confidence in God's infinitely superior promises. If you shrink back, not only will you lose out on the promises; you will be destroyed.

Hell is at stake in whether we shrink back or persevere. It's not just the loss of a few extra rewards that hangs in the balance. Hebrews 10:39 says, "We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed." That is eternal judgment.

So, we warn each other: Don't drift away. Don't love the world. Don't start thinking nothing huge is at stake. Fear the terrible prospect of not cherishing the promises of God above the promises of sin. As Hebrews 3:13–14 says, "Exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that

none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end."

But mainly we must focus on the preciousness of the promises and help each other value above all things how great the reward is that Christ has purchased for us. We must say to each other what Hebrews 10:35 says: "Do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward." And then we must help each other see the greatness of the reward.

That is the main task of preaching, and the main purpose of small groups and all the ministries of the church: helping people see the greatness of what Christ has purchased for everyone who will value it above the world. Helping people see it and savor it, so that God's superior worth shines in their satisfaction and in the sacrifices that come from such a heart.

### Events

2/16–17 Marriage Conference  
2/18 College & Career Pasta &  
Prayer at Dekker's 7 PM  
2/23 Work as Worship Retreat  
3/3 Ladies Missionary Society  
9 AM

### Give



### Upcoming Events



### Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

### 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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“I know  
the plans I have for you,  
plans for a **FUTURE**  
and a **HOPE**”

JEREMIAH 29:11

## Morning Worship

### Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Andy Dunkerton  
Your Great Name

1. The lost are saved, find their way at the sound of Your great name.  
All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great name.  
Every fear has no place at the sound of Your great name.  
The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of Your great name.

**(Chorus) Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.**

**Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up  
and all the world will praise Your great name.**

2. All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great name.  
The sick are healed, the dead are raised at the sound of Your great name.

**(Chorus)  
Your great name.**

**Jesus, no higher name than Jesus, no sweeter name than Jesus.**

**Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.**

**Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up  
and all the world will praise...**

**Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.**

**Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up  
and all the world will praise Your great name,**

**Your great name, Your great name.**

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### Scripture Reading

John 1:19-34, page 886

### Pastoral Prayer

### Offertory

Here is Love

Here is love, wide as the ocean, loving kindness as a flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom shed for us, His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten, throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

**(Chorus) Oh, how marvelous, Oh, how glorious,  
is my Savior's love for me!**

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is my Savior's love for me!**

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy, flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,  
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love. **(Chorus)**

Of Your fullness You are pouring Your great love on me anew,  
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to You.  
You alone will be my glory, nothing in the world I see,  
You have cleansed and sanctified me, You Yourself have set me free. **(Chorus)**

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### Preparatory

Complete in Thee

### Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

## Evening Worship

### Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Charles Fortner  
Come, Behold the Wondrous  
Mystery

1. Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.  
He, the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

2. Come, behold the wondrous mystery; He the perfect Son of Man  
in His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

3. Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold;  
bringing many sons to glory; Grace unmeasured, Love untold.

4. Come, behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death, the God of life;  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!

**What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope.**

**Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes! (repeat)**

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### Scripture Reading

2 Cor 5:11-21, 6:1-2, page 966

### Pastoral Prayer

### Offertory/Preparatory

#710 I Need Thee Every Hour

### Sermon

Pastor Stu Johnston

### Communion

#310 Here, O My Lord I See  
Behold the Lamb Who Bears

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember  
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign  
of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

2. The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you -  
drink and remember

He drained death's cup that we may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond - and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

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#681 I Will Sing of My Redeemer