

God Only Wise, part 1 by J.I. Packer Knowing God

Perhaps He means to strengthen us in patience, good humour, compassion, humility, or meekness, by giving us some extra practice in exercising these graces under specially difficult conditions. Perhaps He has new lessons in self-denial and self-distrust to teach us. Perhaps He wishes to break us of complacency, or unreality, or undetected forms of pride and conceit. Perhaps His purpose is simply to draw us closer to Himself in conscious communion with Him; for it is often the case, as all the saints know, that fellowship with the Father and the Son is most vivid and sweet, and Christian joy is greatest, when the cross is heaviest. (Remember Samuel Rutherford!) Or perhaps God is preparing us for forms of service of which at present we have no inkling.

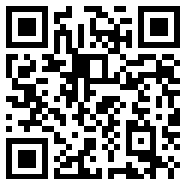
Paul saw part of the reason for his own afflictions in the fact that God 'comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God' (2 Cor. 1:4). Even

the Lord Jesus 'learned ... obedience by the things which he suffered', and so was 'made perfect' for his High-Priestly ministry of sympathy and help to His hard-pressed disciples (Heb. 5:8); which means that, as on the one hand He is able to uphold us and make us more than conquerors in all our troubles and distresses, so on the other hand we must not be surprised if He calls us to follow in His steps, and to let ourselves be prepared for the service of others by painful experiences which are quite undeserved. 'He knows the way He taketh,' even if for the moment we do not. We may be frankly bewildered at things that happen to us, but God knows exactly what He is doing, and what He is after, in His handling of our affairs. Always, and in everything, He is wise: we shall see that hereafter, even where we never saw it here. (Job in heaven knows the full reason why he was afflicted, though he never knew it in this life.) Meanwhile, we ought not to hesitate to trust His wisdom, even when He leaves us in the dark.

Events

12/4 Small Groups
12/8 College & Career Lunch
1 PM
12/15 Christmas Music
Program 5:30 PM

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Upcoming Events



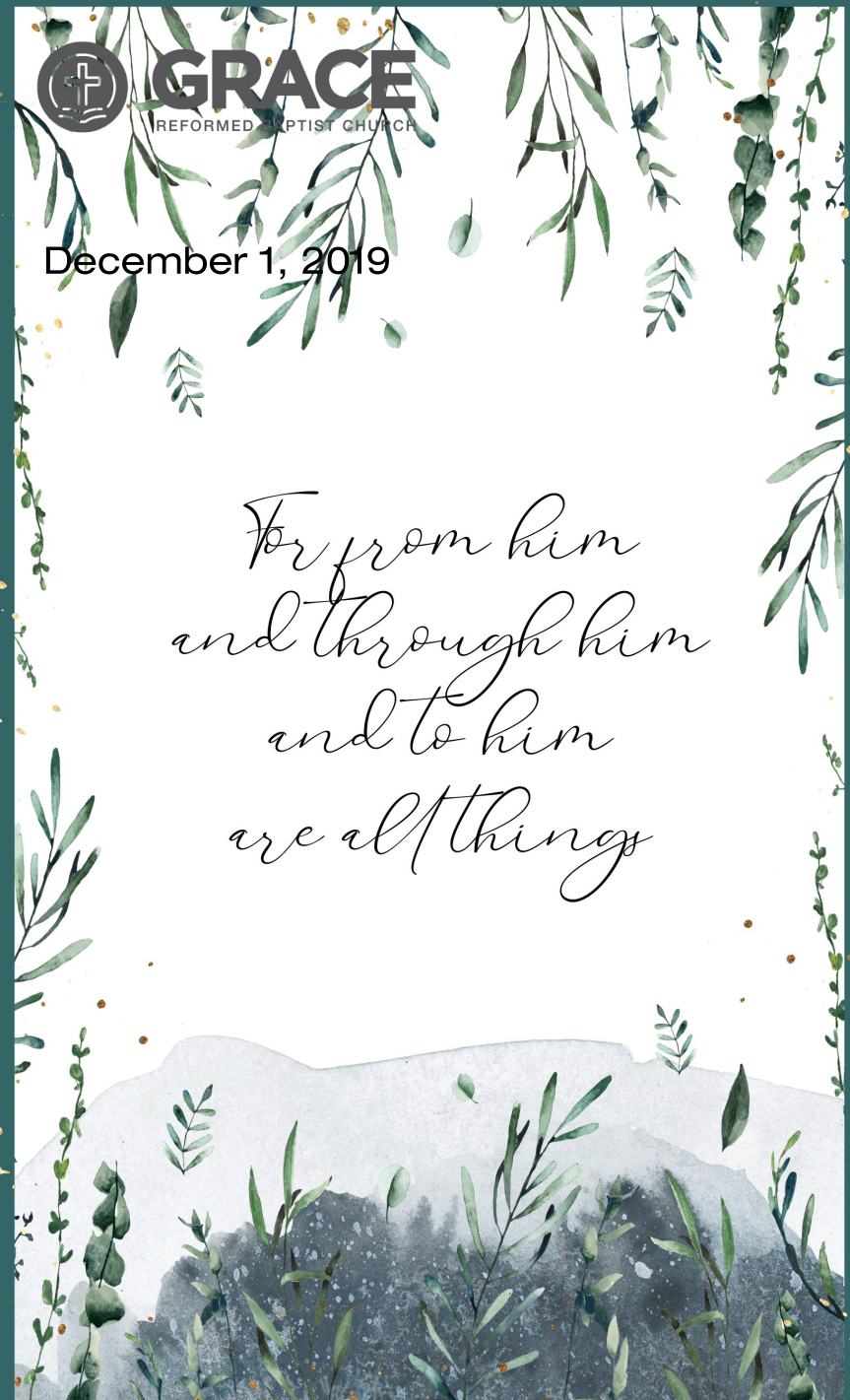
Pastors

Gary Hendrix Stephen Byrd
Stu Johnston Bob Prentice
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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Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Stu Johnston 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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Agnus Dei

1. Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia.
**(Chorus) Holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.
You are holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen**

2. Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia.
**(Chorus)
You are holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen**

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory

Acts 13:13-42, page 921

Jesus, Thou Joy

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts, Thou Fount of life, thou Light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good, to them that find Thee All in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread, and long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the Fountainhead, and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, wherever our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, blessed when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away, shed over the world Thy holy light.

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Preparatory Sermon

#431 Just as I Am Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Stu Johnston Beautiful Savior

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.
**(Chorus) Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor.
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
and You reign, You reign over all!**

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer; I will sing of the blood that never fails,
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without end.
(Chorus)

I long to be where the praise is never ending;
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
Where countless worshipers will share one song,
and cries of 'Worthy' will honor the Lamb! **(Chorus)**

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory

2 Kings 4:1-17,38-44, page 309

Mercies Anew

1. Every morning that breaks there are mercies anew.
Every breath that I take is Your faithfulness proved,
And at the end of each day, when my labors are through,
I will sing of Your mercies anew.

2. When I've fallen and strayed there were mercies anew.
For You sought me in love and my heart You pursued.
In the face of my sin, Lord, You never withdrew.
So I sing of Your mercies anew.

**(Chorus) And Your mercies they will never end;
For ten thousand years they remain.
And when this world's beauty has passed away,
Your mercies will be unchanged.**

3. And when the storms swirl and rage, there are mercies anew.
In affliction and pain, You will carry me through,
And at the end of my days, when Your throne fills my view,
I will sing of Your mercies anew, I will sing of Your mercies anew.

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Preparatory Sermon

#393 Come Ye Sinners Pastor Stephen Byrd

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