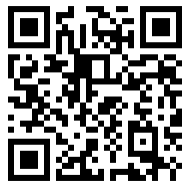


## Events

1/3 Small Groups  
1/10 Jeff Lewtan & Ben  
Wright reports 7:15 PM  
1/14 AM Communion  
PM Stephen Atkinson CWI  
1/28 Members Meeting 7  
1/28 Middle School &  
VisionYouth Meetings 7:30

## Give



## Upcoming Events



## Pastors

Stephen Byrd    Stu Johnston  
Michael Lopes    Jones Ndzi

## 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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*For from him  
and through him  
and to him  
are all things*

# Morning Worship

**Call to Worship**

**Pastor Stephen Byrd**

**Opening Hymn**

**Christ is Mine Forevermore**

Mine are days that God has numbered

I was made to walk with Him

Yet I look for worldly treasure, And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer, Though I fall, his love is sure

For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, Darkness not yet understood

Through the valley I must travel, Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven

And the strength in times of need, I know my pain will not be wasted

Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger, Pilgrim on a narrow way

One with Christ I will encounter, Harm and hatred for his name

But mine is armour for this battle, Strong enough to last the war

And he has said he will deliver, Safely to the golden shore

**(Refrain)** And mine are keys to Zion city, Where beside the King I walk

For there my heart, has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore

**(Chorus)** Come rejoice now, O my soul

For his love is my reward, Fear is gone and hope is sure

Christ is mine forevermore!

*(repeat 3x)*

And mine are keys to Zion city, Where beside the King I walk

For there my heart has found its treasure

Christ is mine forevermore, Christ is mine forevermore

Christ is mine forevermore

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**Scripture Reading**

**1 Peter 2:1-12, page 1014**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Pastor Stephen Byrd**

**Offering**

**#599 The Sands of Time**

**Preparatory**

**O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer**

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, Greatest treasure of my longing soul

My God, like You there is no other, True delight is found in You alone

Your grace, a well too deep to fathom, Your love exceeds the heavens' reach

Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom, My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, Strong defender of my weary heart

My sword to fight the cruel deceiver, And my shield against his hateful darts

My song when enemies surround me, My hope when tides of sorrow rise

My joy when trials are abounding, Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, Gracious Savior of my ruined life

My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders, In my place You suffered bled and died

You rose, the grave and death are conquered

You broke my bonds of sin and shame

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, May all my days bring glory to Your Name

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Jones Ndzi**

**Post-lude after sermon for quiet meditation**

**Post-sermon song**

# Evening Worship

**Call to Worship**

**Kent Thompson**

**Opening Hymn**

**Christ Our Hope in Life and Death**

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand

**(Chorus) O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal**

**O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess**

**Christ our hope in life and death**

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh, Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

**(Chorus)**

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him

There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed

And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore

**(Chorus 2x)**

**Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death**

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**Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 9:8-10:4, page 573**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Pastor Jones Ndzi**

**Offering**

**#609 A Few More Years Shall Roll**

**Preparatory**

**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.

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Jones Ndzi**

**Post-lude after sermon for quiet meditation**

**Post-sermon song**