

**(Chorus) We will stand as children of the promise  
we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not  
by sight.**

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed for Messiah would appear  
with the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the  
grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost  
to deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth.

**(Chorus)**

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail,  
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

**(Chorus)**

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**Sermon** **Pastor Stu Johnston**

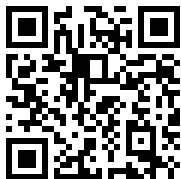
**Post-lude after sermon for quiet meditation**

**Post-sermon song**

## Events

4/12 Ladies Missionary  
Society 9 AM  
4/12 High School & College  
Girls Afternoon Tea 2 PM  
4/13 Annual Budget Meeting  
7 PM  
4/25 Women's Fellowship  
Dinner 6:15 PM

## Give



## Upcoming Events



## Pastors

Nathan Allen	Stephen Byrd
Stu Johnston	Michael Lopes
Jones Ndzi	Kent Thompson

## 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 God did not send his Son into  
the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world  
might be saved through him.*

*John 3:17*



# Morning Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn  
(Chorus)

Pastor Stephen Byrd  
10,000 Reasons

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes. **(Chorus)**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **(Chorus)**

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near, and my time has come;

still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
ten thousand years, and then forever more! **(Chorus 2x)**

**I'll worship Your holy name, I'll worship Your holy name.**

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Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offering

Psalm 97, page 499  
Pastor Stephen Byrd  
#704 Jesus Keep Me Near the  
Cross

Preparatory 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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Sermon Pastor Jones Ndzi  
Post-lude after sermon for quiet meditation

Post-sermon song

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this Solid Ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace;  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand!

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless Babel!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died; the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live!

There in the ground His body lay. Light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny!

**No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'til He returns or calls me home; here in the power of Christ I'll stand!  
(repeat)**

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# Evening Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn  
Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offering

Pastor Nathan Allen  
#89 Come Thou Almighty King  
Isaiah 43:1-21, page 603  
Pastor Nathan Allen  
I Have a Shelter

I have a Shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me.  
Though fears are rising like a flood, my soul can rest securely.  
O Jesus, I will hide in You, my place of peace and solace.  
No trial is deeper than Your love, that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a Shelter in the storm, when all my sins accuse me.  
Though justice charges me with guilt, Your grace will not refuse me.  
O Jesus, I will hide in You, Who bore my condemnation.  
I find my refuge in Your wounds, for there I find salvation.

I have a Shelter in the storm, when constant winds would break me.  
For in my weakness I have learned Your strength will not forsake me.  
O Jesus, I will hide in You, the One who bears my burdens.  
With faithful hands that cannot fail, You'll bring me home to heaven.

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Preparatory By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,  
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts,  
of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.