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- 2 Corinthians 8:7

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

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### PRELUDE

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

JOHN 3:16

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### \* SONG

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee  
Holy Holy Holy merciful and mighty  
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

Holy Holy Holy all the saints adore thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee  
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy Holy Holy though the darkness hide thee  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see  
Only thou art holy there is none beside thee  
Perfect in power in love and purity

Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty  
All thy works shall praise thy Name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy Holy Holy merciful and mighty  
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### \* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ZEPHANIAH 3:16-17

*"Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

## 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1–15

[1] We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, [2] for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. [3] For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, [4] begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—[5] and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. [6] Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. [7] But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

[8] I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. [9] For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. [10] And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. [11] So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. [12] For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. [13] For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness [14] your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. [15] As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

## **SERMON NOTES**

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 | *"The Habit of Generosity"* | Pastor Warren Harvey

**\* WHAT WE BELIEVE**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

**\* SONG**

**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 threatens 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

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**PSALM 112**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who is in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

PROVERBS 3:8-10

*Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.*

## \* SONG

## MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN

My worth is not in what I own not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross  
My worth is not in skill or name in win or lose in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

(Chorus)

I rejoice in my Redeemer greatest Treasure wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other my soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die fame youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross  
I will not boast in wealth or might or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Two wonders here that I confess my worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

## LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME

*Children Pre-K through first grade may exit for Ambassador Kids*

## MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 | "The Habit of Generosity" | Pastor Warren Harvey

**\* SONG**

**BE THOU MY VISION**

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art  
Thou my best thought by day and by night  
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's, empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
High King of Heaven my treasure thou art

High King of Heaven my victory won  
May I reach Heaven's joys O bright Heav'ns Sun  
Heart of my heart whatever befall  
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

**\* BENEDICTION**

**HEBREWS 13:20-21**

*Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*



## NEW TO AMBASSADOR?

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**SNL TONIGHT ::** Come back at 5:30 PM for an evening of food, worship, and community. Tonight we'll dive into the question: "What Do You Treasure?" Bring a friend and come be encouraged. See you there!

**MEN'S BREAKFAST & CONFERENCE ::** Men of Ambassador, join us for a fellowship breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 8:00 AM here at the church. Then plan to attend the **Iron Sharpens Iron** Men's Conference in Apex on Saturday, Oct. 24. Info and registration for both events are in the Men's Ministry Group in Church Center.

**FALL CHURCH WORKDAY ::** Help keep our campus beautiful at our Fall Church Workday on Saturday, Oct. 17. There are jobs for all ages and abilities, plus food and fellowship as we work together. Sign up in Church Center, and talk with Barb Vinal for more info.

**CAMP WILLOW RUN ::** Students, get ready for a weekend of fun, friendship, and faith at Camp Willow Run, Nov. 6-8! There's only one girl spot available and waiting for you. We need to know who's coming, so please register in Church Center this week.

### OUR PASTORS & STAFF

Warren Harvey, *Senior Pastor*

Greg Duke, *Associate Pastor*

Randy Martin, *Executive Director*

Rachel Kennedy, *Dir. of Children and Youth Ministries*

**ELDERS:** Steve Brown, Tony Clark, Jim Compton, Don Knox, Gary Shearin

**DEACONS:** Erik Bright, Mike Camp, Buck Hodges, Chad Lyons, Matt Peedin, Peter Siegel



### CHURCH CENTER

Have you downloaded the Church Center app yet? It's the easiest way to check children into Kingdom Kids, give during the service, register for events, and see what is happening in the life of our church. Available for download from Apple and Android app stores.

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