



# SOUTH CLT PRES CHURCH

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Worship Service

## Welcome

Pastoral Intern Felipe Heringer

## Call to Worship

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*Psalm 34:1-5, 17-18*

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**PEOPLE: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

**ALL: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.**

## Worship in Song

FOREVER

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD AND KING

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

FOR HE IS GOOD, HE IS ABOVE ALL THINGS

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

SING PRAISE, SING PRAISE

WITH A MIGHTY HAND AND OUTSTRETCHED ARM

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

FOR THE LIFE THAT HAS BEEN REBORN

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

SING PRAISE, SING PRAISE

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FOREVER GOD IS FAITHFUL, FOREVER GOD IS STRONG  
FOREVER GOD IS WITH US, FOREVER, AND EVER FOREVER

FROM THE RISING TO THE SETTING SUN  
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER  
BY THE GRACE OF GOD WE WILL CARRY ON  
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER  
SING PRAISE, SING PRAISE  
SING PRAISE, SING PRAISE

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER  
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER  
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER, FOREVER

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER ATTENDETH MY WAY,  
WHEN SORROWS LIKE SEA BILLOWS ROLL  
WHATEVER MY LOT, THOU HAST TAUGHT ME TO SAY,  
IT IS WELL; IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

IT IS WELL (IT IS WELL), WITH MY SOUL (WITH MY SOUL)  
IT IS WELL; IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

THOUGH SATAN SHOULD BUFFET,  
THOUGH TRIALS SHOULD COME,  
LET THIS BLEST ASSURANCE CONTROL  
THAT CHRIST HAS REGARDED MY HELPLESS ESTATE,  
AND HAS SHED HIS OWN BLOOD FOR MY SOUL

MY SIN O THE BLISS OF THIS GLORIOUS THOUGHT!  
MY SIN, NOT IN PART BUT THE WHOLE  
IS NAILED TO THE CROSS AND I BEAR IT NO MORE,  
PRAISE THE LORD, PRAISE THE LORD, O MY SOUL

AND LORD, HASTE THE DAY WHEN MY FAITH SHALL BE SIGHT,  
THE CLOUDS BE ROLLED BACK AS A SCROLL  
THE TRUMP SHALL RESOUND AND THE LORD SHALL DESCEND,  
EVEN SO, IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

THIS I BELIEVE

OUR FATHER EVERLASTING, THE ALL CREATING ONE

GOD ALMIGHTY  
THROUGH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT  
CONCEIVING CHRIST THE SON  
JESUS OUR SAVIOR

I BELIEVE IN GOD OUR FATHER  
I BELIEVE IN CHRIST THE SON  
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT  
OUR GOD IS THREE IN ONE  
I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION  
THAT WE WILL RISE AGAIN  
FOR I BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS

OUR JUDGE AND OUR DEFENDER  
SUFFERED AND CRUCIFIED  
FORGIVENESS IS IN YOU  
DESCENDED INTO DARKNESS  
YOU ROSE IN GLORIOUS LIFE  
FOREVER SEATED HIGH

FOR I BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS

I BELIEVE IN YOU  
I BELIEVE YOU ROSE AGAIN  
I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD

I BELIEVE IN LIFE ETERNAL  
I BELIEVE IN THE VIRGIN BIRTH  
I BELIEVE IN THE SAINT'S COMMUNION  
AND IN YOUR HOLY CHURCH  
I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION  
WHEN JESUS COMES AGAIN  
FOR I BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS

## **New Member Installation & Baptisms**

Pastor Josh Creason

## **Scripture Reading**

Pastor Dean Faulkner

*Acts 23:31-24:21*

So the soldiers, according to their instructions, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris. And on the next day they returned to the barracks, letting the horsemen go on with him. When they had come to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they presented Paul also before him. On

reading the letter, he asked what province he was from. And when he learned that he was from Cilicia, he said, "I will give you a hearing when your accusers arrive." And he commanded him to be guarded in Herod's praetorium.

And after five days the high priest Ananias came down with some elders and a spokesman, one Tertullus. They laid before the governor their case against Paul. And when he had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying:

"Since through you we enjoy much peace, and since by your foresight, most excellent Felix, reforms are being made for this nation, in every way and everywhere we accept this with all gratitude. But, to detain you no further, I beg you in your kindness to hear us briefly. For we have found this man a plague, one who stirs up riots among all the Jews throughout the world and is a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. He even tried to profane the temple, but we seized him. By examining him yourself you will be able to find out from him about everything of which we accuse him."

The Jews also joined in the charge, affirming that all these things were so.

And when the governor had nodded to him to speak, Paul replied:

"Knowing that for many years you have been a judge over this nation, I cheerfully make my defense. You can verify that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem, and they did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in the temple or in the synagogues or in the city. Neither can they prove to you what they now bring up against me. But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust. So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man. Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings. While I was doing this, they found me purified in the temple, without any crowd or tumult. But some Jews from Asia— they ought to be here before you and to make an accusation, should they have anything against me. Or else let these men themselves say what wrongdoing they found when I stood before the council, other than this one thing that I cried out while standing among them: 'It is with respect to the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you this day.'"

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Pastor Dean Faulkner

God Turns the Worst into the Best

*Thriving Church: A Sermon Series in Acts*

*Acts 23:23-24:27*

1. Paul Experiences an Unlikely Ally in Hostility (23:23-35)
2. Paul Defends Himself and the Hope of the Gospel with "I Believe" (24:1-21)
3. Paul's Life and Gospel Words Stir Curiosity and Delay (24:22-27)

## Song of Response

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE  
BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE  
I HAVE A STRONG AND PERFECT PLEA  
A GREAT HIGH PRIEST WHOSE NAME IS LOVE  
WHO EVER LIVES AND PLEADS FOR ME  
MY NAME IS GRAVEN ON HIS HANDS  
MY NAME IS WRITTEN ON HIS HEART  
I KNOW THAT WHILE IN HEAVEN HE STAND  
NO TONGUE CAN BID ME THENCE DEPART  
NO TONGUE CAN BID ME THENCE DEPART

WHEN SATAN TEMPTS ME TO DESPAIR  
AND TELLS ME OF THE GUILT WITHIN  
UPWARD I LOOK AND SEE HIM THERE  
WHO MADE AN END OF ALL MY SIN  
BECAUSE THE SINLESS SAVIOR DIED  
MY SINFUL SOUL IS COUNTED FREE  
FOR GOD THE JUST IS SATISFIED  
TO LOOK ON HIM AND PARDON ME  
TO LOOK ON HIM AND PARDON ME

BEHOLD HIM THERE THE RISEN LAMB  
MY PERFECT SPOTLESS RIGHTEOUSNESS  
THE GREAT UNCHANGEABLE I AM  
THE KING OF GLORY AND OF GRACE  
ONE WITH HIMSELF, I CANNOT DIE  
MY SOUL IS PURCHASED BY HIS BLOOD  
MY LIFE IS HID WITH CHRIST ON HIGH  
WITH CHRIST MY SAVIOR AND MY GOD  
WITH CHRIST MY SAVIOR AND MY GOD

ONE WITH HIMSELF, I CANNOT DIE  
MY SOUL IS PURCHASED BY HIS BLOOD  
MY LIFE IS HID WITH CHRIST ON HIGH  
WITH CHRIST MY SAVIOR AND MY GOD  
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**Benediction**

Pastor Dean Faulkner