



**The Lord's Day | November 14, 2021**  
**Worship Christ | Build Community | Love Cary**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 99:9

**Leader:** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

**All: for the LORD our God is holy!**

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Hymn of Adoration**

**King Of Saints**

Jesus Christ, God's holy lamb, we will laud thy lovely name;  
we were saved by God's decree, and all our debt was paid by thee.  
Thou hast washed us in thy blood, made us kings and priests to God;  
take this tribute of the poor; less we can't, we can't give more.

*Refrain*        Souls redeemed, your voices raise, sing your dear Redeemer's praise;  
worthy thou of love and laud, King of saints, incarnate God.

Righteous are thy ways and true; endless honors are thy due;  
grace and glory in thee shine; matchless mercy, love divine.  
We for whom thou once was slain, we thy ransomed sinner train,  
in this one request agree, "Spirit make us more like thee." *Refrain*

Hallelujah! Raise, O raise, to our God the song of praise;  
all his servants join to sing; God our Savior and our King.  
He, the broken spirit cheers, turns to joy the mourners tears,  
such the wonder of his ways! Praise his name, forever praise! *Refrain* twice

**Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 63-66

**Leader:** Which is the fifth commandment?

**All: The fifth commandment is: Honor your father and your mother so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.**

**Leader:** What is required in the fifth commandment?

**All: The fifth commandment requires us to preserve the honor and perform the duties belonging to everyone in their different positions and relationships in life.**

**Leader:** What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

**All: The fifth commandment forbids us to neglect or to do anything against the honor and duty which belongs to everyone in their various positions and relationships in life.**

**Leader:** What is the reason attached to the fifth commandment?

**All: The reason attached to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (so far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all those who keep this commandment.**

**Confession of Sin**

I John 3:4

**All: Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Jeremiah 33:8; I John 3:9-10

**Leader:** I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

**All: No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.**

**Leader:** By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

**Hymn and Song of Confession**

**Jesus What a Friend For Sinners**

Hymn 498

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain*            Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,  
even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul. *Refrain*

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,  
storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;  
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*

### **Jesus, Strong and Kind**

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.

*Chorus* For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him  
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him. *Chorus*

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me.  
And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me. *Chorus*

### **Church Life Announcements**

#### **Moment for Missions**

Carol Witthun, Trans World Radio, Guam

#### **Prayer for Offering**

#### **Doxology** (with Alleluias)

Hymn 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

Rick Paules

#### **Scripture Reading**

II Thessalonians 2:1-17

<sup>1</sup> To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup> Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

<sup>5</sup> This is fevidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be gconsidered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— <sup>6</sup>since indeed God considers it just ito repay with affliction those who afflict you, <sup>7</sup>and to grant jrelief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels <sup>8</sup>in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup> They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and

from the glory of his might, <sup>10</sup> when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. <sup>11</sup> To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, <sup>12</sup> so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>13</sup> But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

**Sermon**

“Stand Firm”

Ken Langley

### **Song of Rejoicing**

#### **I'll Not Be Shaken**

For God alone, I wait in silence; my soul is still before the Lord.  
He is my rock and my salvation, my fortress strong; I trust in him.

*Chorus*            I'll not be shaken, I'll not be shaken for all my hope is in his love.  
                          From God alone comes my salvation; I wait and trust his steadfast love!

Put not your hope in gain of riches; seek not your rest in empty wealth.  
The rich are weak; the poor are mighty, who turn to God alone for help. *Chorus*

Pour out your heart to God our refuge and trust in him to hear you cry.  
No other hope will never fail you; no other love will not run dry. *Chorus*

### **Benediction**

All Bible quotations are ESV, unless otherwise noted. Hymn numbers are from the Trinity Hymnal 1990.  
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**Sermon Questions for November 14, 2021**  
**Living in the Last Days - "Stand Firm"**  
**II Thessalonians 2:1-17**

1. Can you find a basic sequence of events which need to happen before the return of Christ?
2. What is the 'rebellion' that Paul describes?
3. What does the 'man of lawlessness' do?
4. Who do you think he is? Explain why
5. Look at Daniel 11:36, I John 2:18, 22. Do these sound similar to the man of lawlessness?
6. Is our society lawless in any way? Explain.
7. Is our society getting morally & spiritually worse? Why or why not?
8. How should Christians approach the return of Christ and living in our current cultural climate?
9. What truths does Paul tell the Thessalonians to cling to?
10. Do Christians (like you) have lawlessness in your heart? Is it possible

## Persecuted Church Resource List

Last Sunday, Pastor Ross mentioned several Christian resources in his sermon. These agencies minister to, and on behalf of, the Persecuted Church, worldwide. Pastor Ross mentioned he would make these resources available to those interested in ministering to our persecuted brethren. Here is the contact information for these ministries, as well as some good beginner books on this subject:

1. **Voice of the Martyrs:** an evangelical ministry offering a free magazine, prayer resources, books and videos, and support opportunities for persecuted Christians worldwide

Voice of the Martyrs  
1815 S.E. Bison Road  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(800) 742-0085  
[www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)

2. **Compassion International:** A Christian ministry to children in crisis and poverty worldwide. Sponsorship of a child, prayer support, personal correspondence and advocacy for children in need.

Compassion International  
12290 Voyager Parkway  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921  
(9800) 366-7676  
[www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com)

3. **International Justice Ministry:** A global organization partnering with local justice systems to end violence against the poor and oppressed. They focus on the rescue and restoration of victims of injustice, bringing criminals to justice and strengthening local justice systems.

International Justice Ministry (IJM)  
PO Box 2277  
Arlington, VA 22202(703) 465-5495  
[www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org)

4. **Open Doors International:** a non-denominational, ecumenical ministry to persecuted churches and believers. They publish the "World Watch" list and provide opportunities for prayer, advocacy and support for martyrs.

Open Doors, USA  
PO Box 27001  
Santa Anna, CA 92799  
(888) 524-2535  
[www.opendoorsusa.org](http://www.opendoorsusa.org)

Four "Starter" Books:

1. *Killing Christians: Living the Faith Where It Is Not Safe to Believe*, by Tom Doyle.

Uplifting stories of believers in the Middle East who survived persecution - they tell the story of their coming to faith in Christ, and witnessing the supernatural deliverance of Jesus Christ. (Published in 2015)

2. *Tortured for Christ* by Richard Wurmbbrand.

The true story of Richard and Sabrina Wurmbbrand, an evangelical

Rumanian Lutheran pastor and his years under Nazi and Communist oppression. The Wurmbrands are the cofounders of Voice of the Martyr ministry. Free book available from VOM. (latest edition – 1998)

3. *Foxe: Voice of the Martyrs – AD 33-Today.*

An update of John Foxe's (1513) famous account of Christian martyrs from Stephen to the 1500's. Now updated and expanded to include the testimonies of more contemporary persecuted saints.

4. *Christianaphobia: A Faith Under Attack*, by Rupert Shortt.

An explanation of why there is worldwide persecution of Christians, and how governments must address a growing worldwide problem. (2013)