

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 57:9-10

"I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds."

HYMN My Country, 'Tis Of Thee

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way. I confess to You that I am by nature sinful and unclean, and that at times I have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and actions. Holy Father in heaven, I humbly ask You to forgive me all of my sins through the precious blood of Jesus, Amen.

SCRIPTURE 2 Samuel 7:8-16
John 5:16-23

God made David a Great Leader
Jesus is Persecuted for Doing Good

CONFESSION OF FAITH - True Greatness

Our Lord Jesus Christ defines greatness as one who is a servant and the greatest among us should be like a young child. Jesus also gave us the supreme example of greatness as He loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER - OFFERING

Special Offering - AFLC General Fund

HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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MESSAGE True Greatness!

Luke 9:46-48

HYMN Jesus Shall Reign

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

GROWTH AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Fellowship	10:00am
	Sunday School	10:30 am
TUES:	Deacon's meeting at the parsonage	6:30 pm
WED:	Confirmation Class at Salem	6:00 pm
	Ladies Bible Study at St Paul's	6:45 pm
NEXT SUN:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Fellowship	10:00am
	Sunday School	10:30 am

Announcements and Looking Ahead

March 5, Wed, 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday service at St. Paul's (no meal)
March 12, Wed, 6:00 pm - Fellowship Meal / 7:00 pm - Family Worship and Prayer Time

Pastor Benson can be reached at 815-768-7606. Please direct calendar events and any bulletin information to secretary.salemstpaul@gmail.com

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