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A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Worship at a Glance

A Brief Overview of our Worship Service and How to Participate

A Note to Parents

Children are encouraged to be in the sanctuary because we believe the Bible commands us to include children in the worship service. Parents have the privilege of training their children for worship every Lord's Day. We are happy to partner with you in that training. To assist in training, we encourage families with children to sit closer to the front with their kids and make use of the children's worship bags in the sanctuary. Childcare rooms are also available when additional training or discipline is necessary. For more information, feel free to contact Nadine Michalak or Pastor Nate.

What is a Bulletin?

The bulletin contains our order of worship and includes all the information you need to worship with us on Sundays. The bulletin is not something we simply "work through" but a guide that helps us in our worship of God. **Our worship services are approximately 90 minutes.**

Announcements

Announcements about the ministry are given before the worship service begins. In the summer, we include a time of musical instruction as part of the announcements.

Prelude

The prelude is a musical selection that is played at the beginning of the worship service. During that time, worshipers are encouraged to pray and prepare their hearts and minds for worship. The prelude ends with the "ringing of the hour," which includes the Westminster Chime, followed by a Trinitarian bell.

Congregational Responses

Worship at Beverly Heights is "dialogical," meaning it is a dialogue between God and His people. The Pastor calls and the congregation responds throughout the service. All responsive readings for the congregation are in **bold**. The congregation also responds by kneeling for confession, standing for the reading of God's word before the sermon, and declaring "Amen" after prayer and song.

Confessions of Sin and Faith

Each Sunday, the congregation is invited to confess their sins. We first confess corporately, followed by a time of silent and private confession. Everyone is invited to bow their heads and, for those who are able, to kneel for confession. Following the confession of sin, the pastor offers assurance of your forgiveness. The congregation then joins in a unison confession of faith through one of the ecumenical creeds (Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Definition of Chalcedon).

Music

Our worship service includes weekly special music. Normally, the choir (which is the "first-fruit" of the voice) sings an anthem on behalf of the congregation. When the choir is in recess, special music is offered by soloists or ensembles. We refrain from clapping for these musical offerings but respond as a congregation by lifting up our hands and singing the Doxology *a cappella*. All congregational music for the service can be found in the bulletin, the Trinity Hymnbook, or the Summer Psalter. Our Director of Music cantors to assist the congregation in singing.

Scripture Readings

There are two scripture lessons during the worship service, normally one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. We always stand for the reading before the sermon in keeping with the model found in Nehemiah 8:5.

Sermon

The preaching of the word is understood as a direct address by God through the preacher to the congregation. Our sermons are predominantly exegetical (derived from the text) but sometimes topical. Most sermons will include an introduction, an explanation of the text, an application, and a takeaway (call to action).

Offering

Every Lord's Day includes the opportunity to present an offering to the Lord in the form of gifts, tithes, offerings, and prayers. (A "tithes" is defined by the scriptures as a tenth of our income.)

Pastoral Prayer

Following the offering, a pastoral prayer is made on behalf of the congregation. The subject of the prayer varies weekly, and worshipers are encouraged to join in the prayer by faith.

Communion

We practice weekly communion in worship. All baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper (See additional note in bulletin). Worshipers come to the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and wine, but all partake of the elements together in the pews. As you receive the elements, the congregation is invited to sing. After communion, there is a "Eucharistic" (thanksgiving) prayer, followed by the singing of the threefold "Amen."

Closing

After communion, the congregation sings a closing hymn or Psalm, followed by the benediction. The benediction is a blessing given by God to the congregation by the pastor. All worshipers are encouraged to stretch out their hands as a gesture of receptivity as they receive the benediction.

Postlude

The service ends with the playing of a postlude.

Beverly Heights Church

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Lead on, O King Eternal
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Hayes

*The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum. **Please refrain from clapping unless led to do so.***

Call to Worship

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Let us worship the LORD with gladness!

Choral Introit

Behold How Very Good It Is

*Behold how very good it is, a pleasant thing to see;
When brothers join to live as one in peace and unity!*

*Yes, it is like the precious oil poured out upon the head,
Which, running down from Aaron's beard, upon his garments spread.*

*It is as though Mount Hermon's dew on Zion's hills descends;
For there the LORD bestowed the gift of life that never ends.*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Psalm of Praise **No. 660**

vv. 1-2

O God beyond All Praising

Responsive Reading from Psalm 139

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Leader: O LORD, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

Leader: Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

People: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

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O God beyond All Praising

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart. Ps. 138:1

Unison

1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring

and sing the love a maz - ing that songs can - not re pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
and wheth er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill.

at bless - ings with out num - ber and mer - cies with out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

LOVE FOR GOD

The musical score is written in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system of music covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal melody.

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up on your word,
to mar vel at your beau ty and glo ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a dore you, our great and might y Lord.
and make a joy ful du ty our sac ri fice of praise.

Michael Perry, 1982

THAXTED 13.13.13.13.13.13.
From Gustav Holst, *The Planets*, 1918

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THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Confession, Followed by Silent Confession of Sin

Pastor Bennett

Please bow your head. For those who are able, you are invited to kneel during the confession of sin.

Lord Jesus, help us not to marvel at Your words when You said, “You must be born again.” We believe that what is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind blows where it wills, and we hear the sound of it, but we do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit, who convicts us of sin and leads us into all righteousness. Bless us as we confess our sins. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: It is God who has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, you are forgiven.

Unison Confession of Faith

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.**

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 36:22-36

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Hymn of Praise No. 331

vv. 1-4

Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

Free Me, My God

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us.
—2 Corinthians 5:21

59A

Psalms 59:1-9

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1. ¹Free me, my God, from all my en - e - mies;
2. ³See how they lie in am - bush for my life;
3. A - rouse to meet me and be - hold my plight.

From those who rise a - gainst me, keep me safe.
Fierce men have launched at - tacks a - gainst me now;
⁵LORD God of hosts, the God of Is - ra - el,

²Save me from those who work in - iq - ui - ty;
They quick - ly come, op - pos - ing me, O LORD,
A - wake to pun - ish na - tions ev - ery - where;

De - liv - er me from men who thirst for blood.
⁴For no of - fense nor sin— no guilt of mine.
To wick - ed, treach - 'rous men, no fa - vor show.

4. ⁶They come at evening snarling like a dog;
And they encircle all the city wall.

⁷See evil things that spew forth from their mouth—
Their lips are swords; they think You will not hear.

5. ⁸But You, O LORD, will laugh at them in scorn;
You scoff at all the nations in disdain.

⁹I wait for You, because You are my strength;
Truly a mighty stronghold is my God.

Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

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*I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—
the Spirit of truth. John 14:16, 17*

1. Come, O come, thou quick - 'ning Spir - it, God from all e -
 2. Grant our hearts in full - est mea - sure wis - dom, coun - sel,
 3. Show us, Lord, the path of bless - ing; when we tres - pass
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, strong and might - y, thou who mak - est

ter - ni - ty! May thy pow - er nev - er fail us;
 pu - ri - ty, that we ev - er may be seek - ing
 on our way, cast, O Lord, our sins be - hind thee
 all things new, make thy work with - in us per - fect

dwell with - in us con - stant - ly. Then shall truth and
 on - ly that which pleas - eth thee. Let thy knowl - edge
 and be with us day by day. Should we stray, O
 and the e - vil foe sub - due. Grant us weap - ons

life and light ban - ish all the gloom of night.
 spread and grow, work - ing er - ror's o - ver - throw.
 Lord, re - call; work re - pen - tance when we fall.
 for the strife and with vic - t'ry crown our life.

Special Music

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Justine Campagna, *violin*; Joe Campagna, *double bass*; Jinna Park, *piano*

Manuel

Congregational Response **No. 731**

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Children ages 18 months to kindergarten are dismissed to the Walkabouts Room and Runabouts Room downstairs.
Please use the back sanctuary exits to access the stairs to the childcare rooms.
The Nursery is open but not staffed. All other children remain in worship with their families.*

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-13

Sermon

The Spirit of Our Age
Come, Holy Spirit

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Thewes

Pastoral Prayer

Witness of the American Church

Pastor Chace

Congregational Response **No. 734**

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (*See below)

Invitation and Coming to the Table

Please note: we will eat together in the pew.

Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pew.

The Elders are serving bread and wine.

To better serve those with restrictions, please see Pastor Devlin for gluten-free bread and/or grape juice.

Communion Hymn

See Screen or Bulletin

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen **No. 740**

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Psalm **No. 59**

v. 4, 5 (See Bulletin)

Free Me, My God

Benediction

Postlude

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Wagner

****May I Come to the Lord's Table?***

We warmly invite all baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, to partake in the Lord's Supper. As we come to the table, we rejoice as we remember our need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord, to repent of sin, and to covenant once more to live as followers of Jesus. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Those who are ignorant in their knowledge of Christ or who are living ungodly and unrepentant lives should refrain from the table. Baptized children may be admitted to the Lord's Supper provided their parents have appeared before the Pastor or Session to share their child's profession of faith, in a manner acceptable to the Session.

Christ is Our Cornerstone

Gregory Wilbur, 2011

Unknown author, 6th or 7th Century (Angularis fundamentum lapis);
translated from Latin to English by John Chandler, 1837.

C F Gsus4 G C F Gsus4 G

Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build; With
O then with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring; Our
Here may we gain from Heav'n, The grace which we im - plore; And

Detailed description: This system contains the first line of music. It features a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, and the bass line is on a separate staff below. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

A min G F C F Gsus4 G A min G

His true saints a - lone The courts of Heav'n are filled; On His great
voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing; And thus pro -
may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more; Un - til that

Detailed description: This system contains the second line of music. It features a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The melody continues on the treble staff, and the bass line is on a separate staff below. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

F C F G/B C F Gsus4 G C

love our hopes we place Of pre - sent grace and joys a - bove.
claim in joy - ful song Both loud and long, that glor - ious name.
day when all the blest To end - less rest are called a - way.

Detailed description: This system contains the third line of music. It features a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The melody continues on the treble staff, and the bass line is on a separate staff below. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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| January 18 | Acts 1:12-26 |
| January 25 | Acts 2:1-13 |
| February 1 | Acts 2:14-36 |
| February 8 | Acts 2:37-47 |
| February 15 | Acts 3:1-10 |
| February 22 | Acts 3:11-26 |
| March 1 | Acts 4:1-22 |
| March 8 | Acts 4:23-37 |
| March 15 | Acts 5:1-16 |

THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
 10:00 AM Worship Service
MS & HS Students return from Snow Camp

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM Men's Study Group
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Fusion for MS & HS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

4:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting
 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
 10:00 AM Worship Service

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