



ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 26th, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship	Chris Kimbrell
Hymn	"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise	Hal Pritchard
Hymn	"In Christ Alone"
Hymn	"Great is Thy Faithfulness"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Psalm 63:1-11</i>	Hal Pritchard
Hymn	"Speak O Lord"
The Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — <i>"Worshiping in God's Presence" (Hebrews 10:19-25)</i>	John Divito
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Hymnal	"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
The Benediction	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

EVENING WORSHIP

No Service



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

After laying out the superiority of Christ in chapters 1–10, the author of the letter to the Hebrews begins telling his audience how they should live in light of this information. The doctrinal content of the epistle is given not only for the sake of knowledge, but so that it will produce certain results in faith and life. The preceding section of this epistle that complained the audience was dull of hearing and unskilled in the Word of God (5:11–14) may have made the people afraid to come to God in confidence. Their yearning for the old covenant ways that did not allow them direct access to God’s presence shows that they had some significant doubts as to whether they had the right to approach God at all. However, these doubts were completely unfounded. For Christ’s high priesthood enables His people to come to the throne of grace with confidence. As today’s passage says, “since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near ...” (vv. 21–22). In light of Christ’s priesthood, all that are His must draw near. We must not stay away from Him, but run to Him in our times of doubt and need. And not only are we to draw near in times of doubt, but in all seasons of our lives. For the author includes himself in the exhortation — and he was not doubting the promises of Christ. “Let us draw near” he says in verse

22. All of us must draw near to Jesus and let nothing keep us from Him. Verse 22 says that we are to draw near with full assurance of faith. We must remember that our assurance is not based on how we are feeling about Christ on a particular day. Rather, our assurance is based on our knowledge and confidence in His superiority. The author bases our assurance not on us but on the fact of Christ’s priesthood (v. 21). We can be confident in drawing near only because of this great truth. Thus, full assurance is only possible as we take our eyes off ourselves and look to Christ as revealed to us in His Word. Full assurance is only possible as we look at His unchanging character. Not only do we draw near with assurance, but we also draw near with hearts clean from evil consciences. We have such hearts today if we trust, no matter how weak this trust may seem to us, in His blood that cleanses our consciences (9:14). **Coram Deo:** Are you afraid to draw near to Christ? If you are, do not be afraid to draw near in times of doubt or sin because He has opened up the way into the presence of God. Come boldly before His throne today, not because He owes you, but because His work of sacrifice and intercession truly and graciously enables His people to enter in.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

September 19th
<i>Morning</i> Mary Hunter Sharp & Elise de Waal
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> No Service
<i>Wednesday - September 29th</i> Bethany Wallace (<i>Janet Mullins</i>)

Today's Sound Operator - Cody Wallace



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST SPEAKER

We welcome Pastor John Divito this morning. He is pastor of Cornerstone Fellowship Church in Evansville, IN. He and his wife Jennifer have four children. We have been praying for their daughter, Jubilee, who's leukemia is in remission. Please pray for him and the church as they consider their future. They are making plans to close at the end of this year. John has served on the African Pastors Conference Broad for a number of years. He is also a graduate of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and friends with Dr. Tom Nettles. He continues to serve on the Board of Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary and is one of their graders for their online courses. For a number of years, he served as their administrator. In his spare time he hosts a podcast with Dr. Tom Hicks called the "Modern Marrow Men". Pray for him as he brings God's Word to us this day.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Since we have an abundance of food left over from the RBNet General Assembly, we invite everyone to stay after the morning service for a fellowship meal. Please come help us finish it off. There will be no evening service.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Next Sunday, in our afternoon service, there will be a baptismal service for Jesse Pogue. Please make plans now to stay for this service following our meal.

CANOE/KAYAK TRIP

The canoe/kayak trip down the Okatoma has been postponed. A new date will be announced shortly.

