

## OPENING HYMN #296

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastor Don Fortner from Grace Baptist Church in Danville, Kentucky is scheduled to preach here next Tuesday and Wednesday evening, January 22, 23. Lord willing we plan to meet at 6:30 each evening, all are welcome.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 117:1-29

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## OFFERING

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” *2 Cor 9:7*

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## WORSHIP HYMN #236

Amazing Grace

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## MESSAGE

THE PRIEST KING - PASTOR ANGUS FISHER

PSALMS 110

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## CLOSING HYMN #186

The Church's One Foundation

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## THINGS TO PONDER

*Four things comfort the child of God in trials and afflictions:*

1. We can trust the God who appoints them. (1 Thessalonians 3:3)
2. We can trust that He knows our frame. (Psalm 103:14)
3. We can trust that good will always be waiting at the end of the trial. (Romans 8:28)
4. We can trust that one day soon He will “...stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.” (1 Thessalonians 3:13)

*-Pastor Gabe Stalnaker*

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Some of God’s elect are, like Saul of Tarsus, suddenly converted in a climactic experience of overwhelming grace. Others, like Lydia, gently have their hearts opened by that same overwhelming grace. It is not our experience of grace that is our hope, but Christ in whom all grace is found and from whom all grace comes.

*-Pastor Don Fortner*

## SOVEREIGNTY

“How precious are Your thoughts unto me, O God!” — *Psalm 139:17*

“I form the light — and create darkness; I make peace — and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.” — *Isaiah 45:7*

What a sad world this would be — were it governed by *Fate!* Were its blended lights and shadows, its joys and sorrows — the result of *capricious accident* — or blind and wayward *chance!* How blessed to think that each separate occurrence which befalls me — is “a thought of God” — the fulfillment of His own immutable purpose!

Is it the material world? It is He who “forms the *light* — and creates *darkness*” — who appoints the *sun* and *moon* for their seasons — who gives to the *sea* its decree — who watches the *sparrow* in its fall — who tends the *lily* in the field — and who paints the tiniest *flower* that blossoms in the meadow.

Is it the moral world? All events are predetermined and prearranged by Him! “*I make peace — and create evil!*” Both *prosperity* and *adversity* are His appointment. The Lord who of old prepared Jonah’s shade-plant, prepared also the *worm*. He *gives* — and He *takes away*. He molds every tear. He “puts them into His bottle.” He knows them all, counts them all, treasures them all. Not one of them falls unbidden — unnoted.

“The *lot* is cast into the lap — but the whole *disposing* thereof is of the Lord.” Over every occurrence in nature and in providence He writes, “I the Lord do *all* these things!” True, His *thoughts* are often mysterious, and His *ways* are past finding out. We are led at times, amid the *bewildering mazes of His providential dealings*, to exclaim, “O Lord, how great are Your works, and Your thoughts are very deep!” Be it ours to defer our *verdict* — until their *full development*.

We cannot envision the thoughts and intents of the architect or engineer in the first clearing of the ground for the foundation of some gigantic structure. The uninitiated eye can discover nothing but piles of unshapely rubbish — a chaos of confusion. But gradually, as week by week passes — we see his thoughts molding themselves into visible and substantial shapes of order and beauty; and when the edifice at last stands before us complete, we discern that all which was mystery and confusion at first — was a necessary part and portion of the undertaking.

So is it, at present, regarding the mysterious dealings of God. Often, in vain, do we try to comprehend the purposes of *the Almighty Architect*, amid the dust and debris of the earthly foundations. Let us wait patiently, until we gaze on the finished structure of eternity.

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Oh, blessed assurance — ‘precious thought’ of God — that *the loom of our life* is in the hands of the Great Designer — that it is He who is interweaving the *threads of our existence*: the light — and the dark, the acknowledged good — and the apparent evil. The *chain* of what is erroneously called “destiny,” is in His keeping. He *knows* its every connecting link — He has *forged* each one on His own anvil! Man’s purposes have failed, and are ever liable to fail — his brightest anticipations may be thwarted; his best-laid schemes may be frustrated.

Life is often a retrospect of crushed hopes — the bright rainbow-hues of morning, passing in its afternoon into damp mist and drizzling rain. “Many are the thoughts in a man’s heart,” (knowing no fulfillment nor fruition) “but the counsel of the Lord — that shall stand.” “From eternity to eternity I am God. No one can oppose what I do. No one can reverse My actions!” “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns!” Revelation 19:6

*John MacDuff (1818 - 1895)*

***And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. Luke 19: 7***

This was said by those in the crowd when Christ effectually called Zacchaeus to faith. Indeed, Zacchaeus was a great and notorious sinner. Some may have said this as a slur; others may have said this in astonishment. But regardless

of how they meant it, this is the best news you will ever hear if you ever find yourself to be a sinner.

Are you a sinner? That is the question God is asking of you now. Are you a sinner? Are you totally incapable of saving yourself? Left to yourself in your sins would God be just to cast you into hell before this minute is over? If not you cannot have Christ; you are not fit for him!

Oh, but if you are a dirty, rotten sinner then this is great news for you. Yes, Christ went to be guest with a man that is a sinner. Christ came to call sinners. (Lu 5: 31-32) If you are a sinner then you are qualified to be saved entirely by another, even the Lord Jesus Christ who shall save his people from their sins. But note this; Christ left the self-righteous alone to murmur amongst them.

Christ Jesus came to save that which was lost. Are you lost? Then may he come today to whatever tree you are hiding in and speak your name in power, commanding, “Make haste, come down, for today I must abide at your house!”

*-Pastor Clay Curtis*

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**Wednesday, January 16, 2017**

**“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”**

*Rev 22:17*



**“But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.” 1Cor 8:6**