

Earle Street Baptist Church

10:30 am Worship

February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Scout Sunday Mission Support Sunday

CHIMES

PRELUDE

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

arr. Letha Cole

WELCOME

Dale Lynch

RECOGNITION OF SCOUTS

Joe Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brittney Clow

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us give thanks:

Leader: For our ancestors in the faith who have made this day of gathering with God's people a reality,

People: For our brothers and sisters in the faith who walk beside us to help find the possibilities of faith today,

Leader: For our ancestors in the faith whose experience in God's providential care moved them toward trust in God's steadfast love,

People: For our sisters and brothers in the faith who are journeying with us toward your new mercies every morning,

Leader: For our ancestors in the faith who began telling the story of God's extravagant love for us through Jesus Christ,

People: For our brothers and sisters in the faith who work alongside us to share the good news in this community.

All: Let us live as stewards of both past and promise, blessing the ancient story and celebrating the new day of our life together. Amen.

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE #566

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

(All children, grade 5 and under, may come forward on the final stanza.)

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears mortals all away;

They fly, forgotten , as a dream dies at the opening day.

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Catherine Carnes

(Following this, preschoolers, ages 3 – K5, may go to Sunday School,
and children, grades 1 – 5 may go to Children's Church.)

TESTIMONY

Bob Walker

*OFFERTORY HYMN #488 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed*

BEACH SPRING

**Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.
Make your lives for Him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into His courts with gladness, each your sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.**

**Give your time and talents daily, they are gifts from God above,
To be used by Christians freely to proclaim His wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring.
In your work with Him find favor, and with joy His praises sing.**

**God's command to love each other is required of everyone.
Showing mercy to another mirrors His redeeming love.
In compassion He has given of His love that is divine;
On the cross sins were forgiven; joy and peace now fully shine.**

**Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe.
Worship Him with consecration, grace and love you will receive.
For His grace give Him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story till the world His name has heard.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Joe Jones

OFFERTORY

Trust and Obey

arr. Vicki Bedford

*RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. Jay Rouse

Sanctuary Choir

**Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing.
Help us to praise. Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword.
Our prayer attend. Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success. Spirit of holiness, on us descend.
All glory be to the Father, all glory be to the Son,
All glory be the Spirit, the blessed Three in One.**

**Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou, who almighty art, now rule in every heart,**

And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.
All glory be to the Father, all glory be to the Son,
All glory be the Spirit, the blessed Three in One.

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity, love and adore.
All glory be to the Father, all glory be to the Son,
All glory be the Spirit, the blessed Three in One.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:17-27

Gary Strickland

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” ²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²² At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“I Love You More”

Gary Strickland

Sermon Series: *A Radical Call to a Higher Way*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #490

HENDON

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love, at the impulse of Thy love.**

**Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King, always, only, for my King.**

**Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.**

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

Gary Strickland

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #705

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen, amen.

*POSTLUDE

Concerto in A Minor

J. S. Bach

*Congregation will please stand.

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Acolyte—Reese Young

Deacon of the Week—Joe Jones

Greeters—Margaret Kirby/Bruce Doolittle/Norma Green

Sound Technician—Eddy Leo

Video Technician—Derek Lord

Ushers—Keith Merck, Jay Gibson, Curtis Dobbins, Grant Wooten, Robin Scott Blackburn

Preschool/Children's Volunteers—Tammi Knight, Jan Hubble, Vicki Merck, Jeannie Flowe, Jane Leo, Noellen Groff, Rebecca Register, Brittani Costanza, Grey Register, Judy Lemmons, Calder Standridge, Rachel Brown