

1st NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Ephesians 1: 3-12 ~ page 1017 in the pew Bible

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. He destined* us in love to be his children through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us. For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him, according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will, we who first hoped in Christ have been destined* and appointed to live for the praise of his glory.

**destined* in Revised Standard Version; *predestinated* in King James Version

2nd NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Romans 8: 28-30 ~ page 983 in the pew Bible

We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Predestination" Rev. Frank Wyche

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of Hymnal

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #324

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (...*debts/debtors*...)

*HYMN *I Am Thine, O Lord* #552

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Alessio Giacobone

We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

-2 Thessalonians 2:13-14



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10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Alessio Giacobone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Into My Heart

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ 2 Timothy 1: 8a, 9-10; 1 Peter 1: 18a,19a, 20-21

L: Do not be ashamed of testifying to our Lord, who saved us and called us with a holy calling; not in virtue of our works, but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago,

P: The grace that has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

L: You know that you were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the times for your sake.

P: Through him [we] have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that [our] faith and hope are in God.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we gather in response to your call on our lives. We gather to give you worship and thanks and praise, remembering all you have done for us in Jesus, our Lord and Savior. By the Holy Spirit, draw us closer to you, and to one another, we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

#65

RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Isaiah 55: 6-7

L: Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

P: Let them return to the LORD that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION from *When We Gather* by Rev. James G. Kirk

God of forgiveness, grant us your favor as we make our confession. You call us to excellence, but we fall short of your confidence in us. You give us grace, but we abuse your gift. You trust our decisions to match your desires, and our love to be genuine, and in obedience to your will. Yet we trust our own appetites rather than relying on your goodness. We look to our comfort instead of our neighbors’ needs. In Christ, have mercy on us, and forgive our sins.

(Silent prayer, personal confession)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ 1 Timothy 1:15a-b; 1 Peter 2:24

L: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

P: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin, and live to righteousness. By his wounds [we] have been healed.

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

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ANTHEM

Jesus Calls Us

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S LESSON ~ *Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Deuteronomy 7: 6-8a ~ page 158 in the pew Bible

[Moses said] “You are a people holy to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love upon you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples; but it is because the LORD loves you.”

2nd OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Jeremiah 1: 4-10 ~ page 647 in the pew Bible

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am too young.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” Then the LORD put forth his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 6: 44, 63, 65-69 ~ page 929 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said] “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them; and I will raise them up at the last day.”

“It is the Spirit who gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”

And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted them by the Father.” After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”