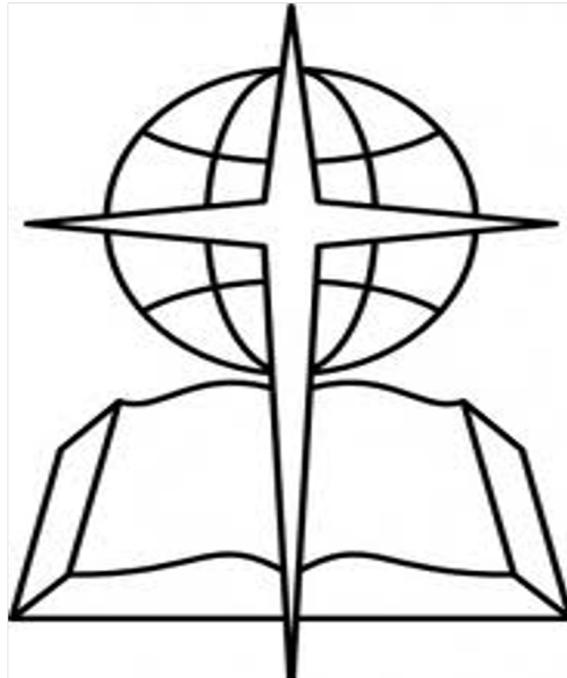


# *Soli Deo Gloria*

*To God Alone be the Glory*



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# Order of Worship

## Call to Worship & Prayer of Praise

*Psalm 1*

Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**His delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.

**In all that he does, he prospers.**

The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**The LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## Hymns of Praise

### **HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION** (*Hymn #456*)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When thro' fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

### **ANCIENT WORDS** (*Hymn #344*)

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Words of Life, words of Hope Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where e'er we roam, Ancient words will guide us Home.

*Ancient words ever true Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts. Oh let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our Faith Handed down to this age.  
Came to us through sacrifice, Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world.  
They resound with God's own heart Oh let the ancient words impart.

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## **Prayer of Confession**

### **Hymn of Response**

#### **BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE** (*Hymn #448*)

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is 'Love,' Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless Righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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## Scripture Readings

### 2 PETER 1:1-21

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup>by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. <sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup>For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. <sup>11</sup>For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. <sup>13</sup>I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, <sup>14</sup>since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. <sup>15</sup>And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## 2 PETER 2:1-22

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. <sup>2</sup> And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. <sup>3</sup> And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

<sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; <sup>5</sup> if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; <sup>6</sup> if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; <sup>7</sup> and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked <sup>8</sup> (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); <sup>9</sup> then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, <sup>10</sup> and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority.

Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones, <sup>11</sup> whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord. <sup>12</sup> But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction, <sup>13</sup> suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you. <sup>14</sup> They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children! <sup>15</sup> Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, <sup>16</sup> but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

<sup>17</sup> These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved. <sup>18</sup> For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error. <sup>19</sup> They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. <sup>20</sup> For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. <sup>21</sup> For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. <sup>22</sup> What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."

## 2 PETER 3:1-18

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, <sup>2</sup> that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, <sup>3</sup> knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” <sup>5</sup> For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, <sup>6</sup> and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. <sup>7</sup> But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

<sup>8</sup> But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. <sup>15</sup> And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, <sup>16</sup> as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. <sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. <sup>18</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

# Sermon “Last and Lasting Words”

## I. INTRODUCTION TO 2 PETER

### A. The Apostle Peter (John 21:15-19; Acts 1-12)

- First L\_\_\_\_\_ and S\_\_\_\_\_ of the Church
- C\_\_\_\_\_ under N\_\_\_\_\_

### B. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter of Peter (1 Pet. 1:1; 2 Pet. 1:14; 3:1)

- Written from Prison in Rome 64-67 AD
- To the Churches in Asia Minor (Turkey)

## II. MAJOR THEMES IN 2 PETER

### A. The Glorious Destiny of the Christian (2 Peter 1)

- Partakers of the D\_\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_
- Entrance into the E\_\_\_\_\_ K\_\_\_\_\_

### B. The Greedy Deceivers in the Church (2 Peter 2)

- False T\_\_\_\_\_ and P\_\_\_\_\_
- Operating with S\_\_\_\_\_ and S\_\_\_\_\_

### C. The Great Day of the Lord

- J\_\_\_\_\_ and D\_\_\_\_\_ for the ungodly
- S\_\_\_\_\_ and G\_\_\_\_\_ for the righteous

## III. APPLICATION OF 2 PETER

### A. The Commands and Warnings

- Be D\_\_\_\_\_ and D\_\_\_\_\_

### B. The First and Final Words

- May you grow in G\_\_\_\_\_ and P\_\_\_\_\_...
- ...in the K\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ

## Hymn of Response

### **STANDING ON THE PROMISES** (*Hymn #339*)

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

*Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God.

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## Prayers of the Church

### **Doxology & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

### **Closing Hymn**

#### **WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN** (*Hymn #603*)

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace  
In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place

*When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be  
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout for victory!!!*

While we walk the pilgrim pathway, Clouds will over spread the sky  
But when traveling days are over, Not a shadow, not a sigh

Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving everyday  
Just one glimpse of Him in glory Will the toils of life repay

Onward to the prize before us, Soon His beauty we'll behold!  
Soon the pearly gates will open, We shall tread the streets of gold

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## Benediction