



June 1, 2025

## A Reflection Before the Service

The good news is actually good: you are not capable of contributing anything to your cause before God because the law of God levels all of us to the ground. That's not reason for self-flagellation, though some people make it out to be. Instead, it is to force your gaze away from yourself and to the ever-compassionate arms of Jesus.. There's the movement: the leveling law showing our need for a Savior, and the Savior giving himself. It is the glorious, good news of our gracious God whose property is always to have mercy.

If you are currently caught in the cycle of chasing worth and meaning, believing even a little bit that you can actually satisfy the constant accusations of not-okay-ness that never let up, or if, perhaps, shame has you in a deathly chokehold that feels like it will crush you, may God give you the gift of clear vision of your desperate need and deep sickness. And this vision is not to engender self-hate; your Creator made and loves you, sick and messy and terrified as you are. This clear vision is so that as you see clearly, you may fall to the ground where the loving arms of Jesus are waiting to embrace you. In a place where all your efforts have been blessedly stripped away from you, your only job is to receive the gift of the God who gives himself freely.

– Lyndsey Holifield, “Insatiable Hunger Pangs: Anorexia and the Burden of Creating Self-Worth” (MBird.com, 5.21.25; emph added)

Faith consists not in doing something but in receiving something. To say that we are justified by faith is just another way of saying that we are justified not in slightest measure by ourselves, but simply and solely by the One in whom our faith is reposed... faith means receiving something, not doing something or even being something.. At bottom, faith is in one sense a very simple thing; it simply means that, abandoning the vain effort of earning one's way into God's presence, we accept the gift of salvation which Christ offers so full and free.

– J. Gresham Machen, *What is Faith?* (1925)

## **The Prelude**

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

## **The Call to Worship: *Psalm 89.11-16***

*The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours;  
The world and all it contains, You have founded them.  
The north and the south, You have created them;  
Tabor and Hermon shout for joy at Your name.  
You have a strong arm; Your hand is mighty,  
Your right hand is exalted.  
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;  
Lovingkindness and truth go before You.  
How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound!  
O LORD, they walk in the light of Your countenance.  
In Your Name they rejoice all the day,  
And by Your righteousness they are exalted.*

**(Prayer)**

## The Opening Hymns of Praise (9:00)

### **“Before the Throne of God Above”**

-Bancroft, Cook

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 heav’n 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 by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

### **“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”**

-Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts no pow’r no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

## The Opening Hymns of Praise (11:15)

### **“Not What My Hands Have Done”**

Bonar, Keyes

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

**These guilty hands are raised. Filthy rags are all I bring,  
and I have come to hide beneath Your wings;  
these holy hands are raised, washed in the fountain of Your grace,  
and now I wear Your righteousness.**

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee,  
can rid me of this dark unrest and set my spirit free. (CHORUS)

I praise the God of grace; I trust His truth and might;  
He calls me His, I call Him mine, my God, my Joy, my Light.  
‘Tis He who saveth me and freely pardon gives.  
I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives! (CHORUS)  
And now I wear Your righteousness (Repeat)

### **“Lead Me to the Cross”**

-Ligertwood

Savior I come, quiet my soul, remember  
Redemption’s hill, where Your blood was spilled, for my ransom.  
Everything I once held dear I count it all as loss

**Lead me to the Cross where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down. Rid me of myself, I belong to You**

Oh lead me. Lead me to the Cross.

You were as I tempted and tried human  
The Word became flesh, bore my sin in death, now You’re risen.  
Everything I once held dear I count it all as loss. (Chorus)

Oh lead me. Lead me to Your heart, to Your heart.  
Lead me to Your heart. Lead me to Your heart. (Chorus)

Oh lead me. Lead me to the Cross.

## The Prayers of God's People

*May you be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.*

-Ephesians 3.18-21

Our Father, open the eyes of our hearts to experience the love of Christ in such a way that we become full and confident in God. **(silence)**

Lord Jesus Christ, make us a church, that knows Your love and expresses Your love to one another and to outsiders. Reign over us. **(silence)**

Spirit of God, we rejoice with Nate and Erin Taylor and their children about the launch of *Crossbridge Church* in Glasgow, Scotland. Make that work flourish and show Yourself to be the Lord and Giver of Life! **(silence)**

Spirit of God, do more than we ask or imagine; come to the aid of the people for whom we now pray; be glorified in their deliverance. **(silence)**

We pray now as our Savior taught His disciples to pray, saying:

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.*

*Thy kingdom come.*

*Thy will be done.*

*On earth, as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:*

*For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## The Confession of Faith:

### *The Nicene Creed\**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by Whom all things were made;  
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
Who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Response: "The Doxology"

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

The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer false teachings that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

Peace. Peace. Shalom.

Peace I leave with you.  
Peace I give to you.  
Peace. Peace. Shalom  
Peace I leave with you.  
My peace I give to you  
Peace. Peace. Shalom.

Shalom.  
My peace I give to you.  
Shalom. Shalom. Shalom.  
My peace I give to you.  
Peace. Peace. Shalom.

Peace I leave with you.  
Peace I give to you.  
Peace. Peace. Shalom.  
Not as this world gives  
I give to you.  
Do not be afraid.

Shalom. Shalom.  
Shalom. Shalom. Shalom.  
Peace I leave with you.  
My peace I give you.  
Peace. Peace.

Shalom. Shalom.  
Shalom. Shalom.  
My peace I give you.  
Peace. Peace. Peace.  
Shalom.

**11:15 “Power to Redeem”**

- Ebach, Daigle, Mabury

You take what is and You make it beautiful  
When love floods in we're restored forevermore

With breath that brings the dead to life  
With words that pierce the dark with light  
Only by the blood are we set free  
With mercy strong to carry shame  
And nail it to a tree  
You alone hold the power to redeem

No guilt competes with innocence crucified  
No grave can hold what Your grace has justified

(So) Rejoice O child of God  
(Oh) Lift your eyes to see  
With ev'ry morning light  
(Oh) Again we are redeemed

Oh You alone hold the power to redeem  
Oh You alone hold the power to redeem

## **The Scripture Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 3.9ff**

*What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;<sup>10</sup> as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;<sup>11</sup> THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;<sup>12</sup> ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."<sup>13</sup> "THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE, WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING," "THE POISON OF ASPES IS UNDER THEIR LIPS";<sup>14</sup> "WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS";<sup>15</sup> "THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,<sup>16</sup> DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS,<sup>17</sup> AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN."<sup>18</sup> "THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."*

*<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God;<sup>20</sup> because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.*

*<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,<sup>22</sup> even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,<sup>24</sup> being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;<sup>25</sup> whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;<sup>26</sup> for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

*<sup>27</sup> Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.<sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.<sup>29</sup> Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,<sup>30</sup> since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.<sup>31</sup> Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks Be to God!

***The Letter to Rome*** | Slaves Freed to Love  
*“Justified”*

## The Hymn of Preparation

9:00 “There is a Fountain” (vv. 1-2)

#253

11:15 “Run to the Father” ( v. 1 through Interlude)

-Carnes, Maher, Jackson

1. I've carried a burden for too long on my own  
I wasn't created to bear it alone  
I hear Your invitation to let it all go  
I see it now, I'm laying it down and I know that I need You

**I run to the Father, I fall into grace  
I'm done with the hiding no reason to wait  
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend  
So I'll run to the Father again and again  
And again and again**

Oh...oh...oh...

2. You saw my condition, had a plan from the start  
Your Son for redemption, the price for my heart  
I don't have a context for that kind of love  
I don't understand, I can't comprehend. All I know is I need You  
(Chorus)

**(Interlude)** Oh...oh...again and again.

And again and again. Oh...oh...oh...

**(Bridge)** My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath  
Running into Your arms is running to life from death  
I feel this rush deep in my chest; Your mercy is calling out  
Just as I am You pull me in and I know I need You now  
(Repeat)

I run to the Father, I fall into grace  
I'm done with the hiding no reason to wait  
My heart found a surgeon, my soul found a friend  
So I'll run to the Father again and again  
And again and again

Oh...oh...again and again. And again and again. Oh...oh...oh...

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Park Road Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers. (Gluten-Free bread is on the middle of the table.)

### Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief.* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

**The Bread**

**The Wine**

### The Closing Hymn

**9:00 "There is a Fountain" (vv. 3, 5)**

**#253**

**11:15 "Run to the Father" (Bridge to end)**

Carnes, Maher, Jackson

**The Benediction and Amen**

**The Postlude**

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## SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

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### **SERMON SERIES**

***The Letter to Rome*** | Slaves Freed to Love

One author called it “the greatest letter ever written”, another titled it “The Explanation”.

***St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans*** is undoubtedly one of the most influential documents ever produced. The basic theme (the gift of God’s righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ) is a power we need to discover and daily re-discover as it impacts all relationships, decisions and desires in our lives. It’s about slaves (sin) freed (salvation) to love (service) – tune in!

June 1—Rom 3.21-31—Justified

June 8—Rom 4.18-25—Father Abraham Had Many Sons

June 15—Rom 5.12.21—Righteousness & Life Reign through Christ

### **SUNDAY CLASSES | 10:10-11:05 AM**

#### **Inquirer’s Class | Led by T. J. Campo | Library**

This is our “Park Road 101” class where you have the opportunity to hear from TJ about the belief statements of our Church, the membership commitments, and foundational beliefs of the Christian faith. This 8-week class is required for anyone interested in membership at our Church. Please join us or invite others!

#### **Genesis - From Paradise to Prison | Led by John Stevenson | Fellowship Hall**

The Book of Genesis is foundational, both to the Bible as well as to so many issues that we face today: Who am I and why am I here? Questions of ecology, of marriage and family dynamics, of race relations, of peace in the Middle East, of legal and illegal immigration, and the list goes on. But through the entire story, there runs a promise that will bring about a world transformation. That means Genesis is a book of hope. And we hope to have you join us for the journey.

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## THIS WEEK AT PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

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Welcome to Park Road Pres! We are glad to have you with us today.

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<b>Sunday</b>	9:00, 11:15 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Sunday Classes
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 PM	Men's Fellowship (Narthex)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Narthex) Contact David King at ironaeus@aol.com
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study on Ephesians (via Zoom) Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	6:30 PM	Young Adults (Top Golf I Miami Gardens)
	7:00P	The Bible Recap (See below)
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635

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### **Women's Ministry -Baby Bottle Boomerang**

Hope Women's Centers has been helping women navigate through tough pregnancy decisions for 38 years. We will be partnering with this ministry to raise money that will go directly to supporting women in unexpected / crisis pregnancies. Drop off your Baby Bottle filled with coins, cash, or a check by Father's Day, June 15th in a box located in the Narthex. Contact Alexa Cannella if you have any questions

### **The Bible Recap | Wed., June 4 | 7:00-8:15 pm | Dottie's home**

Contact Dottie Wobb at 954-649-7930 for info on this women's in-person Bible study meeting once a month at her home located at 5716 A Polk Street, Hollywood, 33021.

### **Young Adults | Wed. June 4 | 6:30-9:30 PM**

This month, we're heading to Top Golf in Miami Gardens. Join us next Wednesday for great conversations, plenty of laughs, and maybe even a few impressive golf swings. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just along for the fun time, we'd love to see you there!

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## UPCOMING at PARK ROAD

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### **Anxiety Support Group | June 9 | 7:00-8:00 pm | Library**

Join a supportive group of adults (within the membership and from outside) to help encourage one another in dealing with anxiety. This will be their last meeting until the Fall when they will resume.

### **VBS Volunteer Meeting | Tues., June 10 | 5:30-7:00 PM**

Mark your calendars and plan on attending the Volunteer Training Meeting on June 10th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to [jennifer@parkroadpres.org](mailto:jennifer@parkroadpres.org) or call her at (682) 218-7655.

### **SALT Pizza Party & Ice Cream Social | June 11 | 11:30 AM -1:30 PM | Fellowship Hall**

Save the date and join us for a fun time in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

### **Women's Ministry Summer Pot-Luck Brunch | Sat., June 14 | 10:30 AM—Noon**

All women are invited to a pot-luck style brunch on June 14th from 10:30am-12:00pm upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we enjoy fellowship with one another and hear about the upcoming plans for the Women's Ministry. We are also looking for volunteers to help set-up, serve food, and clean-up. Please RSVP your attendance & if you'd like to volunteer online or on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form. Elementary-aged girls & up are encouraged to attend! Young babies may stay with their moms. Childcare will be provided for all other kids.

### **S.A.L.T. Movie: Sabina: Tortured for Christ | Wed. June 18 | 11:30**

The film opens with Sabina Wurmbrand risking her life to show Christ's love to a trio of Nazi soldiers. Why? Why would a Jewish Christian risk her life to help her enemies – members of the army that killed her entire family? Experience the amazing true story that has redefined the concepts of love and forgiveness for millions around the world. Sign-up starts next week.

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## UPCOMING at PARK ROAD

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### **VBS is Happening!!! | June 23-27 | 9 AM—12 PM**

We need YOU!! Kids ages 4-11 years old—join us for a fun-filled week of learning how to live like Christ. Youth and adults—please lend a helping hand to make this the best week ever! Use the QR code on the table in the Narthex to register your children and/or sign up to be a volunteer. If you would lend us the following, we would appreciate it! —Let us know on the *Keeping in Touch* form.

10 Christmas Trees  
(any size)

Camping Lanterns

Blue, brown, & green fabric  
(large pieces)

1 tent (2–4 person)

1 inflatable raft

6 wooden fireplace logs

### **Volunteering for VBS?**

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### **Congratulations to the Trujillo Family!**

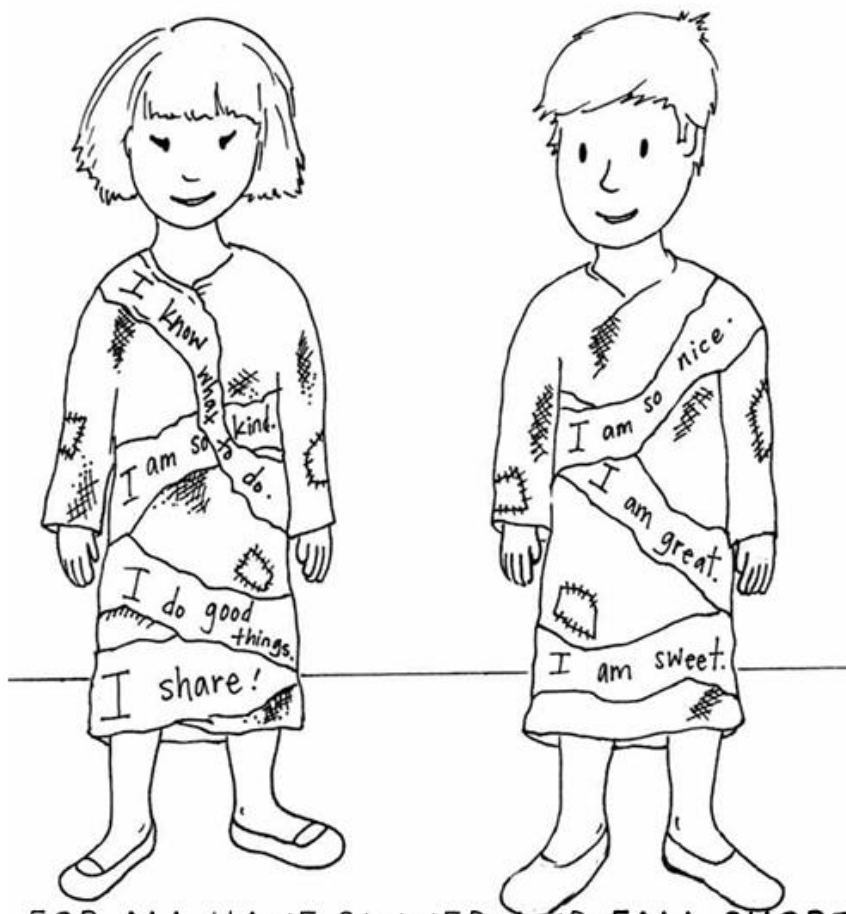
The Trujillos are joyful to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Isabella Sofia Trujillo, the first child of Jonathan Trujillo and Alexis Nassimos. Isabella was born on May 25, 2025. She weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz, and measured 20.5 inches.

### **Orchid:**

If you would like to purchase (\$30) an orchid for 2025 to be placed in the Sanctuary for a special occasion, fill out your request on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

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My righteousness is not enough!



FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT  
OF THE GLORY OF GOD, AND ARE  
JUSTIFIED BY HIS GRACE AS A GIFT,  
THROUGH THE REDEMPTION THAT IS IN  
CHRIST JESUS. ROMANS 3:23-24

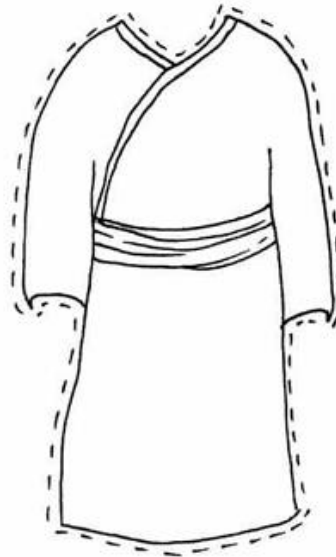
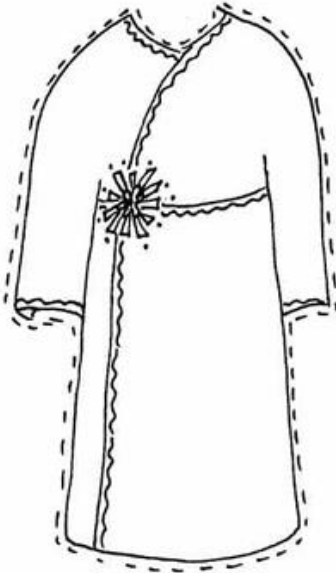
My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Today is \_\_\_\_\_

♡♡ Christ's righteousness covers me!

When we receive the gift of life through Christ's sacrifice on the cross, we are clean in the sight of God.

Decorate the clean clothes, cut them out, and glue them on top of the children's dirty clothes.



Title of the Message:

