

September 21, 2025

A Reflection Before the Service

If anyone would like to acquire humility, I can, I think, tell him the first step. The first step is to realize that one is proud. And a biggish step, too. At least, nothing whatever can be done before it. If you think you are not conceited, it means you are very conceited indeed.

– C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

The Holy One seeks the humble. There is nothing that has such an attraction for God, that has such affinity with holiness, as a contrite and humble spirit.

– Andrew Murray *Holy in Christ*, 1887

The cost for the recipient of God's grace is nothing - and no price could be higher for arrogant people to pay.

– Dan Allender and Tremper Longman III, *Bold Love* (1992)

Better is that sin which humbles me than that duty which makes me proud. Rather than a Christian shall be haughty minded, God will let him fall into the devil's hands awhile, to be cured of his swelling pride.

– Thomas Watson, *All Things for Good (A Divine Cordial)* 1663

The 'progress' of the Christian therefore, is the progress of one who has constantly to get used to the fact that we are justified totally by faith, constantly has somehow to 'recover,' so to speak, from that death blow to pride and presumption—or better, is constantly being raised from the tomb of all pious ambition to something quite new. The believer has to be renewed daily in that. The Old Being is to be daily drowned in repentance and raised in faith. The progress of the Christian life is not our movement toward the goal; it is the movement of the goal in upon us.

– Gerhard O. Forde (1927 – 2005), *Justification by Faith: A Matter of Death and Life* (pp. 50-51)

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: *Psalm 131* — A Song of Ascents, of David

*O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty;
Nor do I involve myself in great matters,
Or in things too difficult for me.
Surely I have composed and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned child rests against his mother,
My soul is like a weaned child within me.
O Israel, hope in the LORD
From this time forth and forever.*

(Silent Prayer for Composure)

(Prayer)

The Introit

(9:00) “Alas and Did My Savior Bleed”

-Watts

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 “We Come O Christ to You” (all 5 verses, women v.2, men v.3) #181

“Alas and Did My Savior Bleed” (all 5 verses) #254

11:15 “Holy, Holy, Holy/Cornerstone”

-Mote/Liljero, Myrin, Morgan

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Christ alone! Cornerstone!
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Christ alone! Cornerstone!
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

(Repeat)

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11:15 “Behold Our God”

–Baird, Altrogge, 2011

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice; all creation rises to rejoice.

**Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him**

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon His hand,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign.
(Chorus)

You will reign forever (Let Your Glory fill the earth)
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Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
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(Repeat)

Prayer of Confession (prayed in unison):

Gracious God,

Our sins are too heavy to shoulder,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

We confess what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer carry,
and what has become for us a unbearable fire of guilt and shame.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
Open to us a future in which we **can** be changed;
Grant us grace to grow more and more into
the likeness and image of our older Brother.

We pray this in His name, in the name
of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon and New Grace for All Who Believe the Good News

Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. (Romans 8.33-34)

Prayers of gratitude and Request:

Our Father, thank You for justifying us by the perfect life, sacrificial death and victorious resurrection of Your Beloved Son. Help us to rely on His works and not our own: **(Silence)**

Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for interceding for us. Teach us to pray along with You; Lord, teach us to wait on You: **(Silence)**

Holy Spirit, as Your priestly people, we intercede now, praying for those who are in great need of Your grace, guidance and healing: **(Silence)**

We pray for our member, Jennifer Carpenter, and her gospel-work in Northern Ireland; provide for and use her for Your glory: **(Silence)**

The Declaration of Faith and Offering: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, CH. 2

*(*We use the declaration of faith and offering to "preach to ourselves" the reason for our hope. The Christian's confidence is in God's truth and in God's care. Because Park Road is a church for both convinced Christians and for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we invite you to use this time and the musical reflection to think, pray, offer and consider what God is doing in your life.)*

Reader: Have this attitude in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped.

People: But emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Reader: And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

People: Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

Reader: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,

All: And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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.

9:00 “O God Beyond All Praising”

– Holst, Perry, arr. Abriol

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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11:15 “Grace Like Rain”

–Newton, 1778; Agnew/Collins/Excell, 2003

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I’m found
Was blind but now I see so clearly

**Hallelujah grace like rain falls down on me
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away
They’re washed away**

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

When we’ve been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We’ve no less days to sing Your praise
Than when we first begun
(Chorus)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away
They’re washed away

The Scripture Reading: *Second Kings 14.8-14; Second Chronicles 26.15b-21*

2nd Kings 14 ¹⁴ Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us face each other." ⁹ Jehoash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thorn bush which was in Lebanon sent to the cedar which was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son in marriage.' But there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trampled the thorn bush." ¹⁰ "You have indeed defeated Edom, and your heart has become proud. Enjoy your glory and stay at home; for why should you provoke trouble so that you, even you, would fall, and Judah with you?"

¹¹ But Amaziah would not listen. So Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah faced each other at Beth-shemesh, which belongs to Judah. ¹² Judah was defeated by Israel, and they fled each to his tent. ¹³ Then Jehoash king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem and tore down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate, 400 cubits. ¹⁴ He took all the gold and silver and all the utensils which were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasuries of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

2nd Chronicles 26 So Uzziah's fame spread far, for he was marvelously helped until he was strong. ¹⁶ But when he became strong, his heart was so proud that he acted corruptly, and he was unfaithful to the LORD his God, for he entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. ¹⁷ Then Azariah the priest entered after him and with him eighty priests of the LORD, valiant men. ¹⁸ They opposed Uzziah the king and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have been unfaithful and will have no honor from the LORD God." ¹⁹ But Uzziah, with a censer in his hand for burning incense, was enraged; and while he was enraged with the priests, the leprosy broke out on his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the altar of incense. ²⁰ Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous on his forehead; and they hurried him out of there, and he himself also hastened to get out because the LORD had smitten him. ²¹ King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death; and he lived in a separate house, being a leper, for he was cut off from the house of the LORD. And Jotham his son was over the king's house judging the people of the land.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God!

Hope In Disappointing Times | ***Second Kings***
“Great Kings and Proud”

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “When I Survey” (all 4 verses)

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11:15 “Christ is Risen/Blessing”

- Wickman/Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtik

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
For I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave. Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave.

The prodigal is welcomed home, the sinner now a saint
For the God who died came back to life and everything has changed
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave. Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave.

O death, where is your sting? O fear, where is your pow'r?
The mighty King of kings has disarmed you
Delivered and redeemed, eternal life is ours. O praise His name forever
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave.
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave
And all throughout eternity our song will be the same
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave

And on the day You call me in to heaven's sweet embrace
I'll see Your scars, Your open arms, the beauty of Your face
Through tears of joy I'll lift my voice in everlasting praise
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave

Amen! Amen! Amen!

The Lord bless you and keep you,
And make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.
(Repeat)

Amen! Amen! Amen!

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

SERMON SERIES

Hope In Disappointing Times | ***Second Kings***

How are you feeling about the state of the Modern World? On one hand, there are untold comforts, conveniences, cures and conquests over the things that have long plagued humanity. On the other hand, we feel a bit nervous about these times, anxious about new technologies and how they may be misused. Wars and political uncertainties seem to be brewing. Will there be a next pandemic? This was also the case in ancient Judah and Israel. They were looking for kings, prophets and the temple to protect them but all these eventually disappointed. Still, a ray of hope could always be seen.

Sept. 21 – *Kings, Great and Proud* – 2nd Kings 14.8-14; 2nd Chronicles 26.16-21
28 – *The Fallen Tent* – Amos 5.18-27; 9.9-15

SUNDAY CLASSES | 10:10-11:05 AM

Sovereign Grace: A Study of God's Plan, Purpose, and Work of Predestination | Fellowship Hall

The Bible says some startling things about God's overarching sovereignty and His work in the world. It speaks of God's "chosen people" and of how certain events and people have been "predestined." We will look at this topic and ask some of the tough, heartfelt questions and objections that such statements produce. Join Mike McKeon and Nate Dorn upstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

The Gospel-Centered Life | T. J. & Missy Campo | Library

The Gospel-Centered Life is intended to help Christians understand how the gospel shapes every aspect of life and conduct. Colossians 1.6 says that "the gospel is continually bearing fruit and increasing" in and among us even after we first believe it. How does this happen? Why is a continual re-discovery and re-application of the gospel so important? How will our personal growth and mission life be stunted if we don't grasp the gospel deeply? These are the questions that *The Gospel Centered Life* seeks to answer.

Junior & High School Sunday Class | Meegan Dorn & Sky McNeill | Room #4 (2nd floor)

Join us this semester as Senior and Junior High listen to the bold voices of the Old Testament prophets calling for change in the hearts of Israel and Judah. These original "rebels" with a purpose call out corrupt kings and nefarious nations to turn back to God.

Elementary Sunday School (Grades K-5) Fall Session – Rooms #1 & 2 (2nd floor)

This fall, our elementary kids will explore what it means to truly worship God—both in heart and action. We invite all children in grades K-5 to join Eliyah McNeill for this meaningful and interactive learning experience.

THIS WEEK AT PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

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

Sunday	9:00, 11:15 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Sunday Classes
Monday	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
	7:30-9:00 PM	Women's In-person Bible Study Contact Alexa @ alexa@parkroadpres.org
Tuesday	6:30 PM	PRYouth
	6:30-8:30 PM	Women's Online Bible Study Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study on John (via Zoom) Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	11:30 AM	SALT: Pot Luck & AI Presentation
	6:30—7:25 PM	Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:15-11:00 AM	Women's In-person Bible Study Contact Grace Sked at Grace@parkroadpres.org
	11:15 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30 PM	ESL Classes
Saturday	9:00-11:00 AM	Worship Team Group Practice
	9:30 AM	Moms Connect

S.A.L.T. Pot Luck/Lunch & Learn | Wed., Sept. 24 | 11:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Join the S.A.L.T. group as they learn with speaker Mary Diaz covering the topic of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Please bring a salad to share. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form if you plan to attend.

Moms Connect | Sat., Sept. 27 | 9:30—11:30 AM | Rec Room

All moms are invited to join Meegan Dorn and Eva Fleming at the church in the Rec Room (2nd floor) for a time of prayer and fellowship. Moms of all different seasons of life are invited and childcare is provided.

UPCOMING at PARK ROAD

SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch Bunch | Sun., Sept. 28 | 1:00 pm

Once a month on Sunday after the 11:15 AM service the SALT group goes out to lunch! Join them on September 28th at the Outback Steakhouse located at 1760 Stirling Road, Dania Beach, 33004.

S.A.L.T. Movie: *Testament*, Season 1, Episodes 5 & 6 | Wed., Oct. 1 | 11:30 AM | Library

Join the S.A.L.T. group as they gather on Wednesday, Oct. 1st to watch the movie, *Testament*, a modern retelling of the Book of Acts, focusing on the beginnings of the early Church. Bring your own snack to enjoy. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

The Bible Recap | Wed., Oct. 1 | 7:00-8:15 PM | Dottie's home

The Bible Recap is starting the New Testament on October 1st. They will finish discussion of the Old Testament and begin discussing the New Testament, so it's a great time to join them. The study will go from Oct. 1st — Dec. 31st. For the Oct. 1st meeting, please read Luke chapter 1 and John chapter 1, if you get a chance. The group meets at the home of Dottie Wobb, 5716 Polk St., Hollywood. Questions? Call Dottie at 954-649-7930.

Children's Ministry on Sunday Mornings — Volunteer Information Meeting

Come hear how we, as a church, can love, lead, and disciple our kids together. Join us in the library at 10 AM (during the Sunday school hour) on October 5th to hear our vision for the kids and discover how you can be part of it!

Men's Retreat | Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 9-11 | Port of the Islands Resort-Naples

Join us at our Men's Retreat at the beautiful Port of the Islands Resort. We're excited to welcome guest speaker Brian Kelso, pastor of Christ Covenant Church in Southwest Ranches. This retreat is a great opportunity to connect with other men, deepen your faith, and be encouraged through God's Word. No matter your age or stage of life, all are welcome!

Sign-up on our website at parkroadpres.org; or the ***Keeping in Touch*** form; or contact Ronaldo Santos at Ronaldo@parkroadpres.org

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.

