



September 28, 2025

## A Reflection Before the Service

I'm goin' up the country, baby, don't you wanna go?  
I'm goin' up the country, baby, don't you wanna go?  
I'm goin' to someplace where I've never been before

I'm goin', I'm goin' where the water tastes like wine  
I'm goin' where the water tastes like wine  
We can jump in the water, stay drunk all the time

—Alan Wilson, “Goin’ Up the Country”, Track 4 from  
the 1968 album, *Living the Blues* by *Canned Heat*

I have said that Asia and the ancient world had an air of being too old to die. Christendom has had the very opposite fate. Christendom has had a series of revolutions and in each one of them Christianity has died. Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave.

At least five times, therefore, with the Arian and the Albigensian, with the Humanist sceptic, after Voltaire and after Darwin, the Faith has to all appearance gone to the dogs. In each of these five cases it was the dog that died.

—G .K. Chesterton, *The Everlasting Man* (1925; p. 244, 249)

To be clear: I'm not predicting the end of the world or the arrival of the millennium here, and indeed my arguments for the sustainability of decadence would cut against any crude attempt to read the book of Revelation, with all its wars and plagues and disasters, into the warp and woof of current events. I'm just saying that if this were the age in which some major divine intervention happened, whether long prophesied or completely unforeseen, there would be, in hindsight, a case that we should have seen it coming. And it shouldn't surprise anyone if decadence ends with people looking heavenward: toward God, toward the stars, or both. So down on your knees—and start working on that warp drive.

—Ross Gregory Douthat, *The Decadent Society: How We Became the Victims of Our Own Success* (2020; p. 240)

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## **The Prelude**

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

## **The Call to Worship: *Psalm 84.9-12***

*Behold our shield, O God,  
And look upon the face of Your Messiah.  
For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand outside.  
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.  
For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
The LORD gives grace and glory;  
No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.  
O LORD of hosts,  
How blessed is the man who trusts in You!*

## **(Prayer)**

## The Opening Hymns of Praise

**9:00 “O Breath of Life” (all 5 verses)**

**#341**

**“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” (vv. 1,3,5)**

**#338**

**11:15 “I Speak Jesus”**

-Benton, Dutton, Pratt, Prince, Reeves, Smith

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind  
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence, I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus 'til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break  
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom, I speak Jesus

**(‘Cause) Your Name is power, Your Name is healing, Your Name is life  
Break ev'ry stronghold, shine through the shadows, burn like a fire**

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus over fear and all anxiety  
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression, I speak Jesus

**(Chorus)**

Shout Jesus from the mountains, Jesus in the streets  
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy  
Jesus for my fam'ly, I speak the holy Name, Jesus

**(Repeat)**

**(Chorus)**

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind  
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence, I speak Jesus

## **11:15 “Better is One Day”**

Redman

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty  
For My soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

**Better is one day in Your courts. better is one day in Your house**  
**Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere**  
(Repeat Chorus)

One thing I ask and I would seek to see Your beauty  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells  
(Repeat)

**(Chorus)**

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me  
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You

**(Chorus)**

## **Facing Our Faults and Looking for New Grace in Christ:**

Reader: Heavenly Father, loving King, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from Your sight. Our self-pity and arrogance, our cowardice and sloth, our anger and our envy are laid bare before Your eyes . Mercifully, help us to see as *You* see. Grant us that true sorrow leading to repentance and new joy.

People: Father, give us a view of Christ's glory that overwhelms our desire to sin. Empower us to see ourselves, clothed in His beauty. Open the eyes of our hearts to see that:

His obedience is our standing,  
His blood is our peace,  
His righteousness is our new identity,  
His Spirit is our power,  
His resurrection is our hope,  
and service to the Living God is perfect freedom. Amen

(Silent confession)

## **Words of Grace and Peace for All Who Trust in Jesus Christ:- *Romans* 8.14-17**

*For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ...*

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Request:**

Our Father, give us an ongoing sense of joy at the amazing privilege of being allowed to address You as "*Abba! Father!*": **(silence)**

Lord Jesus Christ, teach us to live as co-heirs with You, to live as children of God: **(silence)**

Holy Spirit, sweep over these for whom we now pray and liberate them from whatever binds them: **(silence)**

We pray for areas of the world where there is war or disaster and where people made in God's image are suffering or debased: **(silence)**

## **The Declaration of Faith and Offering:**

*(\*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.)*

## **The Apostles’ Creed:\***

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**He descended into hell;**

**the third day He rose again from the dead;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;**

**from thence He shall come to judge the quick \* and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,**

**the holy catholic church,\*\***

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. 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.**

\*Although not written by the apostles, the *Apostles’ Creed* is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. \*i.e. “living” \*\* ‘Catholic’ means international unlike the Old Testament Church which was a single nation.

**9:00 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

arr. Ijames

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee,  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee.



## **11:15 “The House You’re Building”**

-Assad/Glover

Yeah these are old shoes that I’ve been walking in  
I’m wearing weary like it’s a second skin  
I’ve been looking for a place to lay my head

**All this time, like a vagabond,  
A homeless stranger, I’ve been wandering  
All my life You’ve been calling me  
To a home You know I’ve been needing  
I’m a broken stone  
So lay me in the house You’re building**

You are a shelter for every misfit soul  
We are the four walls and you’re the Cornerstone  
And You’re the Solid Rock that we are built upon

**(Chorus)**

‘Cause in You I find my meaning  
Yeah and in You I find my beauty

**(Chorus)**

## **The Scripture Reading: Amos 5.18-27; 9.9-15**

*(Amos 5) Alas, you who are longing for the day of the LORD, For what purpose will the day of the LORD be to you? It will be darkness and not light; <sup>19</sup> As when a man flees from a lion And a bear meets him, Or goes home, leans his hand against the wall And a snake bites him. <sup>20</sup> Will not the day of the LORD be darkness instead of light, Even gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup> "I hate, I reject your festivals, Nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup> "Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them; And I will not even look at the peace offerings of your fatlings. <sup>23</sup> "Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps. <sup>24</sup> "But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*

*<sup>25</sup> "Did you present Me with sacrifices and grain offerings in the wilderness for forty years, O house of Israel? <sup>26</sup> "You also carried along Sikkuth your king and Kiyun, your images, the star of your gods which you made for yourselves. <sup>27</sup> "Therefore, I will make you go into exile beyond Damascus," says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.*

*(Amos 9) "For behold, I am commanding, And I will shake the house of Israel among all nations As grain is shaken in a sieve, But not a kernel will fall to the ground. <sup>10</sup> "All the sinners of My people will die by the sword, Those who say, 'The calamity will not overtake or confront us.' <sup>11</sup> "In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, And wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins And rebuild it as in the days of old; <sup>12</sup> That they may possess the remnant of Edom And all the nations who are called by My name," Declares the LORD who does this. <sup>13</sup> "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "When the plowman will overtake the reaper And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; When the mountains will drip sweet wine And all the hills will be dissolved. <sup>14</sup> "Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit. <sup>15</sup> "I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them," Says the LORD your God.*

**Reader: The Word of the Lord**

**People: Thanks Be to God!**

Hope In Disappointing Times | ***Second Kings***  
***“The Fallen Tent”***

## The Closing Hymn

**9:00 “For Your Gift of God the Spirit” (all 5 verses; v2-women; v3-men) #339**

**11:15 “Great Are You, Lord”**

-Leonard, Ingram, Jordan

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.  
And great are You Lord.  
(repeat)

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.  
And great are You Lord.

(Chorus)

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord.  
(repeat x2)

(Chorus)

## The Benediction and Amen

## The Postlude

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## SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

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### **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.

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

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

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

**Junior & High School Sunday Class | Meegan Dorn & Sky McNeill | Room #4 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Elementary Sunday School (Grades K-5) Fall Session – Rooms #1 & 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Elijah McNeill for this meaningful and interactive learning experience.

**Sunday Class in October: THE REFORMATION | John Stevenson | Fellowship Hall**

So much of the Reformation was less about dusty debates and more about one burning question: How can a sinner be made right with a holy God? The Reformers—Jan Hus, Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, and John Calvin—were not inventors of a new faith, but rediscoverers of the old gospel. In a world where the message of grace had been buried beneath layers of ritual, fear, and human authority, they heard again the voice of Scripture: “The just shall live by faith.” This class is not merely about their lives; it’s about the gospel for which they contended, the truth they proclaimed, and the Christ they exalted.

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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
	1:00 PM	S.A.L.T. Lunch Bunch: Outback Steakhouse
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
	7:30-9:00 PM	Women's In-person Bible Study Contact Alexa @ alexa@parkroadpres.org
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 PM	PRYouth
	6:30-8:30 PM	Women's Online Bible Study Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study on John (via Zoom) Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	11:30 AM	SALT Movie: Testament-Season 1, Episodes 5 & 6
	6:30—7:25 PM	Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal
	6:30-9:00 PM	Young Adults Gathering @ Cannellas
	7:00 PM	The Bible Recap-NT (Dottie's home)
	7:30 PM	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
	9:15-11:00 AM	Women's In-person Bible Study Contact Grace Sked at Grace@parkroadpres.org
<b>Thursday</b>	11:15 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30 PM	ESL Classes

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### **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.

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## UPCOMING at PARK ROAD

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

On October 1st, the group 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. 1<sup>st</sup>— Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. For the Oct.1 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.

### **Young Adult Gathering | Wed., Oct. 1 | 6:30– 9:00 PM | The Cannella's Home**

The Young Adults Group will be gathering for a time of fellowship & dinner on Wednesday, October 1st, at 6:30pm. The group will be meeting at Caleb & Alexa Cannella's home. 719 N 31st Rd, Hollywood FL 33021. Contact Alexa Cannella if you have any questions at 407-739-1571. If you have children, they are welcome, the more the merrier.

### **Children's Ministry on Sunday Mornings — Volunteer Information Meeting—Sun. Oct. 5**

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](http://parkroadpres.org); or the ***Keeping in Touch*** form; or contact Ronaldo Santos at [Ronaldo@parkroadpres.org](mailto:Ronaldo@parkroadpres.org)

### **Harvest Festival | Sat., Nov. 8 | 4-8 pm**

Join us at the Harvest Festival, a community outreach event to connect with our neighbors and be witnesses for Jesus Christ. We will need volunteers to make chili, help out with games, face painting, food servers, set-up and tear-down. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form if you would like to volunteer.

### **Orchid:**

The orchid is given by Wayne & Angela Carey in celebration of their granddaughter, Jaylen's first birthday (9/30). 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.

