

July 26, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

*Now there were some **Greeks** among those who were going up to worship at the feast; these then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and began to ask him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip came and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip came and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."*

— **The Gospel According to St. John** (Ch. 12)

The Great Commission as the divine mandate to the Church to be a witnessing Church, is not only a law similar to that which was promulgated at the beginning of human history, but it is its spiritual counterpart in the new creation. It is a statement of the task of the renewed humanity as the other is a statement of the task of the old humanity. The urge to witness is inborn in the Church, it is given with her nature, with her very being. She cannot not-witness.

— Harry Boer, **Pentecost and Missions**

The gospel does not become public truth for a society by being propagated as a theory or as a worldview and certainly not as a religion. It can become public truth only insofar as it is embodied in a society (the church) which is both "abiding in" Christ and engaged in the life of the world.

— Leslie Newbigin, **Proper Confidence**

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: *The Prophet Isaiah 61.1-3*

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
Because the LORD has anointed me
To bring good news to the afflicted;
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to captives
And freedom to prisoners;
To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
To grant those who mourn in Zion,
Giving them a garland instead of ashes,
The oil of gladness instead of mourning,
The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting.
So they will be called oaks of righteousness,
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.*

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” (all 4 verses)

#311

“Amazing Grace” (vv. 1-3, 6)

#460

11:15 “Holy Forever”

Ingram, Johnson, Tomlin, Wickman, Johnson

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

**(Jesus) Your Name is the highest. Your Name is the greatest.
Your Name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,
Your Name stands above them all.**

And the angels cry, “Holy!” All creation cries, “Holy!” You are lifted high, “Holy, Holy!”
forever!

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb!
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His Name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb!
We'll sing the song forever and amen!

Chorus (X2)

And the angels cry, “Holy!” All creation cries, “Holy!” You are lifted high, “Holy, Holy!”
forever!

Hear Your people sing, Holy to the King of kings, Holy!
You will always be Holy, Holy forever!

You will always be Holy, Holy forever!

11:15 “Grace Unmeasured”

Kauflin

Grace unmeasured, vast and free, that knew me from eternity,
that called me out before my birth, to bring You glory on this earth.
Grace amazing, pure and deep, that saw me in my misery,
that took my curse and owned my blame, so I could bear Your righteous name.

Grace (grace, grace)
paid for my sins and brought me to life.
Grace (grace, grace)
Clothes me with pow'r to do what is right.
Grace (grace, grace)
Will lead me to heav'n where I'll see Your face,
and never cease to thank You for Your grace.

Grace abounding, strong and true, that makes me long to be like You,
that turns me from my selfish pride, to love the cross on which You died.
Grace unending all my days. You'll give me strength to run this race;
And when my years on earth are through, the praise will all belong to You.

Grace (grace, grace)
Paid for my sins and brought me to life.
Grace (grace, grace)
Clothes me with pow'r to do what is right.
Grace (grace, grace)
Leads me to heav'n where I'll see Your face,
And never cease to thank You for Your grace.

(Repeat)

A Corporate Confession of Sin:

Reader: God of truth and mercy, we seek assurance of Your forgiveness.

We are unworthy to be Your children, unfit to be Your servants.

We are burdened with memories of things undone that ought to have been done, and of things done that ought not to have been done.

People: Our Father, we need a wider, deeper view of the Cross of Jesus Christ. Break us and grant us repentance leading to new joy.

Reader: Bring afresh the healing and reviving power of Your Spirit, that we may lay hold of Your salvation by faith and walk in the newness of life, to the glory and praise of Your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon and New Grace In Christ: Ezekiel 36.26-27 (NLT)

And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my judgments.

Prayers of Request:

We ask for a greater display of the Holy Spirit's work in us; let us see increasing evidence of the new heart graciously alluring us toward holiness and love: **(Silence)**

We pray for a powerful sense of God's presence with us in our daily routines, our work and in the way we love people whom we find to be difficult: **(Silence)**

We pray for our church, for people we've not seen for a time, for brothers and sisters in need; Holy Spirit, give us wisdom leading to practical acts of love: **(Silence)**

For Nate and Erin Taylor and their children, Father, thank You for our time with them; support and bless them as they return to Scotland; help us to pray regularly for them and the good work You are doing there: **(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 Heidelberg Catechism**: Question and Answer One**

Reader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**ALL: That I am not my own,
but belong - body and soul,
in life and in death - to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to Him,
Christ, by His Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and is making me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.**

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 Heidelberg Catechism, written in 1563, originated in one of the few pockets of Calvinistic faith in the Lutheran and Catholic territories of Germany. Conceived originally as a teaching instrument to promote religious unity in the Palatinate, the catechism soon became a guide for preaching as well.

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin!
How shall my tongue describe it? Where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free
oh, the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

**Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
All sufficient grace for even me.
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame.
O magnify the precious Name of Jesus! Praise His Name!**

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost;
by it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost!
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty
for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled
by its transforming power, making me God's dear child.
Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity
and the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

11:15 **“Left It in the River”**

Wedgeworth, MacDonald, Gamble

I had burdens on my shoulders all my life
I tried and tried to leave 'em all behind
But freedom's one thing I could never find

I said a prayer from the banks of a river
God met me there showing me something better

My life was changed when I stepped into the water
Ain't seen my chains since I gave 'em to the Father
Hallelujah I've been delivered
Where is my guilt, where is my shame
I left it in the river (river)
I left it in the river (river)

Now there's nothing
That can take this joy I've found
He raised me up and I ain't coming down
He washed me clean and now there ain't no doubt
He turned it all around

I said a prayer from the banks of a river
God met me there showing me something better
I left my wrongs at the bottom of the river
I said so long said goodbye forever

I left it in the river (river)
I left it in the river (river)
I left it in the river

(Chorus)

The Scripture Reading: Acts 11:19-30

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

²⁷ Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). ²⁹ So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰ And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God!

The Sermon

Nate Taylor

The First Christians

*Nate and Erin Taylor are missionaries planting Crossbridge Church in Glasgow, Scotland. Their three children are the grandchildren of Dwight and Carol Taylor and Katie Taylor is their aunt. Nate is an ordained minister in the PCA; he grew up at Park Road and continues to grow in Scotland.

The Closing Hymn

9:00 **“We Are God’s People” (all 4 verses)**

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11:15 **“Who You Say I Am”**

Fielding, Morgan

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost, but He brought me in;
Oh His love for me! Oh His love for me!

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed!
I'm a child of God! Yes I am!

Free at last! He has ransomed me;
His grace runs deep. While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me. Yes He died for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed!
I'm a child of God! Yes I am!
In my Father's house there's a place for me,
I'm a child of God! Yes I am!

I am chosen, not forsaken;
I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me;
I am who You say I am,

(REPEAT)

Oh I am who You say I am.
Yes, I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed!
I'm a child of God! Yes I am!
In my Father's house there's a place for me,
I'm a child of God! Yes I am!

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

JULY SUNDAY CLASS | 10:10-11:05 AM

All Church Sunday School | Fellowship Hall

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for hot coffee, delicious pastries, and great community. Tables will be equipped with sample ice-breakers to get us talking OR your table may decide to "freestyle" and just chat. This is a great opportunity to connect with new friends and families at Park Road. Get to know the people sitting by you each Sunday! Nursery care is available for children 3 and younger. We encourage your children to join you for our Combined Sunday Class.

AUGUST SUNDAY CLASSES | 10:10-11:05 AM

The Gospel-Centered Life | T. J. & Missy Campo | Starts Aug. 9 | 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. Discussion topics include: *Pretending & Performing, Believing the Gospel, Law & Gospel, Repentance, Heart-Idolatry, Conflict and Forgiveness.*

How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth | John Stevenson | Fellowship Hall

How can I read the Bible and understand it for myself? What about those difficult passages? Together we'll learn practical tools for interpreting Scripture in its historical and literary context, discover how different genres should be read, avoid common mistakes in interpretation, and see how every passage points us to Christ.

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
	10:10 AM	All-Church Sunday Class (Fellowship Hall)
	1:00 PM	S.A.L.T. Lunch bunch (Applebee's)
Monday	6:30-8:00 PM	Men's In-person Bible Study (Narthex)
	7:30-9:00	Women's Book Study: <i>J-Curve</i> (Rec Room)
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Park Road Youth
Wednesday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Online Bible Study Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	7:30 –8:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30 PM	ESL Citizenship Classes
	7:00 PM	Young Adults (18-25) Bible Study (Dehmer's home)

SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch Bunch | July 26 | 1:00 pm

Once a month on Sunday after the 11:15 AM service the SALT group goes out to lunch! Join them on July 26 at Applebee's located at 10135 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines, 33026.

Young Adults Bible Study | Thurs., July 30 | 7:00-8:30 pm

Young Adults (18-25) join us for a Bible study on Philipians. The study is led by Joseph Dehmer at his home located at 11960 Brim Way, Cooper City, 33026. Questions—contact Joseph at 954-558-5047.

LOOKING AHEAD at PARK ROAD

Kid's Water Park Meet-up

Please join us for a water park meet-up on **Tuesday August 4th** from **3:00-4:30 pm** at **C.B. Smith Park in Pembroke Pines** (900 N. Flamingo Rd. Pembroke Pines 33028). The cost is \$10 per person. All ages are welcome as the park includes everything from water slides to a water play-ground. Contact Meegan Dorn or Jen Misomali with any questions.

Back-to-School Beach Party Bingo | Wed., Aug. 5 | 11:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome to kick off the new school year! Join us on **August 5th at 11:30 AM** for a beach-themed bingo event featuring lunch, bingo games, and prizes. Bring your family and friends as we celebrate the end of summer and get ready for a fantastic school year together! If you plan to attend, please sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

Lifeline Screening | Mon., Aug. 10 | Fellowship Hall

Lifeline Screening offers a 4-screening package (Carotid Artery, Peripheral Artery, Atrial Fibrillation, & Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm) at a special price of \$129. To book your appointment or get more info, visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](https://llsa.org/social/habc)

The Bible OT Recap | Wed., Aug. 12 | 7:00-8:15 PM | Dottie's home

This month, The Bible Recap-OT will meet on the second Wednesday of the month. 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.

Orchid:

If you would like to purchase (\$30) an orchid for 2026 to be placed in the Sanctuary for a special occasion, fill out your request on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

LOOKING AHEAD at PARK ROAD

Young Adults Bible Study | Thurs., Aug. 6, 13 ,20, 27 | 7:00-8:30 PM

Young Adults (18-25) looking for community and direction, join us for a Bible study on Philippians. The study is led by Joseph Dehmer and it meets at his home located at 11960 Brim Way, Cooper City, 33026. Any questions contact Joseph at 954-558-5047.

Moms Connect | Sat., Aug. 22 | 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.

Church Work Day | Sat., Aug. 29 | 8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

We are spending the morning beautifying our campus by doing landscaping projects. Come out for all or just part of the morning to lend a hand.

Women's Ministry Kick-off | Sat., Aug. 29 | 11:00 AM

Save the date! More details to follow about this upcoming event.

