November 1, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

"The law says, 'Do this,' and it is never done. Grace says, 'Believe in this,' and everything is already done."

--Martin Luther, ***Heidelberg Disputation*** (1518), Thesis 26

"For every look at yourself, take ten looks at Christ."

--Robert Murray M'Cheyne (1840s)

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The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: ***The Thirty-Third Psalm*** (vv. 16-34)

The king is not saved by a mighty army;
A warrior is not delivered by great strength.
A horse is a false hope for victory;
Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength.
Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,
On those who hope for His lovingkindness,
To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.
Our soul waits for the LORD;
He is our help and our shield.
For our heart rejoices in Him,
Because we trust in His holy Name.
Let Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
According as we have hoped in Thee

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 "Come, Thou Fount" (all 3 verses) #457

"For Your Gift of God the Spirit" (all 5 verses) #339

11:15 "Is He Worthy" - Peterson, Shive, arr. Sorenson

LEADER: Do you feel the world is broken? **PEOPLE: We do.**
LEADER: Do you feel the shadows deepen? **PEOPLE: We do**.
LEADER: But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? **PEOPLE: We do.**
LEADER: Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Is all creation groaning? **PEOPLE: It is.**
LEADER: Is a new creation coming? **PEOPLE: It is.**
LEADER: Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **PEOPLE: It is.**
LEADER: Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **PEOPLE: It is.**

ALL: Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave!
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.

LEADER: Does the Father truly love us? **PEOPLE: He does.**
LEADER: Does the Spirit move among us? **PEOPLE: He does.**
LEADER: And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **PEOPLE: He does.**
LEADER: Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **PEOPLE: He does.**

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ALL: **Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?**
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave!
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!

LEADER: Is He worthy? Is He worthy? **ALL: He is!**
LEADER: Is He worthy? Is He worthy? **ALL: He is! He is!**

11:15 "Holy Spirit" -Torwalt

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare, You're our living hope, Your presence Lord

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord
Your Presence, Lord
(Repeat from beginning)

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
(Repeat x2)

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord

A Corporate Prayer in Response to Jesus Christ's Invitation

"I am the Bread of Life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh." (*John* 6.48-51)

Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. (*John* 7.37)

Our Father, we confess that we look for nourishment in the affirmations and approval of people — now, we see in Jesus Christ, the one true Source of sustenance for our souls: **(silent prayer)**

Our Father, teach us to drink deeply of the Gospel by faith and repentance; help us hold out to our generation this one Source of eternal refreshment; we pray for South Florida:**(silent prayer)**

Our Father, we pray now, specifically for those we know who are hungry for life and thirsty, but who may not see the Source that Jesus Christ is: **(silent prayer)**

We pray for our beloved member, Jeni Carpenter, working for the Gospel in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Lord, enrich her in every way to flourish in her walk with You and in all her relationships: **(silent prayer)**

And now we pray as the Bread of Life gave us 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.

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 Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, 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 "Near the Cross"

arr. iJames

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed His beams around me.
(Chorus)

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me.
(Chorus)

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.
(Chorus)

11:15 "Oh My Soul" Herms, Hall, Nordeman

Oh, my soul, oh how you worry. Oh, how you're weary from fearing you've lost control.
This was the one thing you didn't see coming and no one would blame you, though,
if you cried in private, if you tried to hide it away so no one knows.
No one will see if you stop believing.

Oh, my soul, you are not alone. There's a place where fear has to face the God you know.
One more day He will make a way. Let Him show you how you can lay this down.

Here and now, you can be honest. I won't try to promise that someday it all works out,
'cause this is the valley; and, even now, He is breathing on your dry bones.
And there will be dancing, there will be beauty where beauty was ash and stone.
This much I know.

Oh, my soul, you are not alone. There's a place where fear has to face the God you know.
One more day He will make a way, 'cause you're not alone.
Let Him show you how you can lay this down.

I'm not strong enough. I can't take anymore.
And my shipwrecked faith will never get me to shore
Can he find me here? Can He keep me from going under?

Oh, my soul, you are not alone. There's a place where fear has to face the God you know.
One more day He will make a way. Let Him show you how you can lay this down,
'cause you're not alone. Your not alone.

The Scripture Reading: *Galatians* CH 5.16-26

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. [17] *For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.* [18] *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.* [19] *Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,* [20] *idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,* [21] *envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.* [22] *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,* [23] *gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.* [24] *Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

[25] *If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.* [26] *Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks Be to God!

The Sermon

— Lucas Tanner

Manufactured Fruit

Today's Guest Speaker, Lucas "LT" Tanner is *Reformed University Fellowship* (RUF) Campus Minister at *Florida Gulf Coast University*. His previous and more prestigious post was as Minister to Youth and Families at Park Road Presbyterian Church, Hollywood Florida. He and Bobbilee have three children, Isaac, Sadie and Molly.

The Hymn of Preparation

9:00 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (vv. 1-2) #334

11:15 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" (vv. 1 & 2) -Matheson; Sears

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (vv. 3-4) **#334**

11:15 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" (vv. 3 & 4) -Matheson; Sears

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SERMON SERIES

Nehemiah | Not Just Another Brick in the Wall

The *Book of Nehemiah* narrates the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem following the Babylonian Exile. The work was spiritually motivated but intensely physical in nature. The story helps answer questions about deliberate, intentional planning and leadership in the church and in our lives ***while also*** being led by God's Spirit. Is spontaneity and spiritual freedom compatible with strategy and organization? This fast-paced, divine-human adventure will aid us to discover liberated leadership and Spirit-led creativity in our lives, family, church and mission and more importantly shows the God who tells His people, *"Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are always before Me."* (*Isaiah* 49.16)

Nov. 8—*Revival Begins with the Word of God* –Nehemiah 8.1-10:39
Nov. 15—*Joyful Worship and a Holy People* – Nehemiah 11.1-12.47
Nov. 22—*Rebuilding Isn't the Same as Renewal*- Nehemiah 13.1-31

NEW SUNDAY CLASSES BEGIN TODAY

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! If you would like to be a part of this class.

Archaeology & the Bible | Led by John Stevenson & Sky McNeill |Fellowship Hall

We'll turn stones into bread each week as we explore by sight and sound the many finds and excavations of the Biblical past that open up our understanding of the Bible. Come and join us, you'll "dig it."

Elementary Sunday School | Eliyah McNeill | Rooms 1 &2

Eliyah will be using the Jesus Storybook curriculum.

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	Sunday Classes
Monday	10:00 AM – Noon	Women in Stitches (Rec Room)
	6:30-8:00 PM	Men's Bible Study Contact David King at ironaeus@aol.com
	7:15-9:00 PM	Women's In-person Bible Study (Rec Room) Contact Kristen at kescobar97@gmail.com
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Park Road Youth
	7:00-9:00 PM	Women's Online Bible Study Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
Wednesday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Online Bible Study Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	7:00-8:15 PM	The Bible Recap-NT (Dottie's home)
	7:30-8:30 PM	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00-11:00 AM	Women's In-person Bible Study Contact Grace at Grace@parkroadpres.org
	11:15 AM	Women' s Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30-8:30 PM	ESL Classes
Saturday	11:30 AM	Joanna DeAngelo Memorial Svc. (Fred Hunter's-Davie)
	2:00-4:00 PM	Fall Market & Chili Cookoff

Women in Stitches | Mon., Nov. 2 | 10:00 AM – Noon | Rec Room

Welcome to all ladies who enjoy crochet, knitting, embroidery, hand sewing of any kind. This group meets on the 1st Monday of every month. Bring whatever you are working on or just come for the fellowship!

The Bible Recap-NT | Wed., Nov. 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.

LOOKING AHEAD AT PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

Fall Market & Chili Cook-Off |Sat., Nov. 7 | 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of swapping, snacking, and fellowship! Our Fall Market is a chance to share something you love & take home a few treasures from your church family.

How the market works: Bring 12 of one item to share. When you arrive, set out your dozen, then browse the tables & trade. You'll go home with a variety of goodies from friends and neighbors.

Not sure what to bring? Here are some ideas:

- **Something Baked:** Little bags of cookies, mini loaves, muffins, fudge, caramel corn
- **Something Crafted:** Cocoa mix jars, homemade spice rubs, candles, sugar scrubs, ornaments
- **Something You Love:** No baking or crafting required! Bring 12 of your favorite things: individually wrapped chocolates, teas, pens, small jars of honey, seasonal treats from the store

Chili Cook-Off: Do you have a recipe worth bragging about? Bring a batch of your best chili and enter the cook-off! Everyone who attends will vote for their favorite, so come hungry and ready to taste. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form by **TODAY** if you plan to enter the contest.

Fall Fun: Kids can enjoy lawn games and face painting, and we'll have snacks and drinks for all.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, tear-down, face painting, & serving chili. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form to volunteer. *Questions? Contact Jennifer.*

Joanna DeAngelo Memorial Service | Sat., Nov. 7 |11:30 AM | Fred Hunter's Davie

A memorial service will be held for Joanna at Fred Hunter's Funeral Home located at 2401 S. University Drive, Davie, 33324.

S.A.L.T. Sanctuary Tidy-Up Crew |Mon., Nov. 9 | 10:00 AM -Noon

Drop by for the fellowship and to sharpen pencils, replenish offering envelopes, and straighten our hymnals in preparation for the upcoming holiday season.

S.A.L.T. Thanksgiving Potluck & Bingo | Wed., Nov. 18 |11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving comfort food to share. (casseroles, Mac and cheese, cornbread, pumpkin pie, cider, etc.) and a wrapped item you are willing to part with. (Our Bingo prizes). Please sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form and note what food you'd like to bring.

Advent Devotional Bible Study: The Women's Ministry Team is planning an Advent Bible Study this December. For those of you who participated last year, the devotional is from the same company. This year's study is entitled, *Joy of Every Longing Heart: Sustained by Jesus in Our Waiting and Weariness.* If you are interested in participating, please fill out the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

LOOKING AHEAD AT PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

Calling All Cooks! Here is an opportunity to help our ESL students celebrate Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is Nov.26. The week before on **Thurs., Nov. 19,** our ESL ministry will celebrate Thanksgiving with our students! We'll share a taste of a traditional Thanksgiving meal, with turkey, mashed potatoes, corn casserole, cranberries, and a pumpkin dessert. We'll also show a short movie about the Mayflower, Pilgrims, and prayer as part of our country's beginnings.

We're looking for volunteers willing to cook a turkey. We'll gladly provide a frozen turkey for you to prepare. Please return your cooked bird to the church on **Wed., November 18**, so we can have it ready to serve the next day.

We're also looking for a few volunteers to prepare 5 pounds of mashed potatoes. We can provide the potatoes or reimburse you for the potatoes you purchase.

If you are willing to help us, please contact Karen at 781-808-7598. Thank you for helping us welcome our ESL students and share the joy of Thanksgiving. Your time and generosity are greatly appreciated!

Thanksgiving Eve Service | Wed., Nov. 25 | 7:00 PM

Come praise God and give thanks for His grace to you this year. Communion will be offered.

S.A.L.T. Christmas Luncheon | Sat. Dec. 12 | 12:00-2:00 PM | Tropical Acres

Join the SALT Group for their annual Christmas lunch at Tropical Acres, located at 2500 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale, 33312. The cost of the meal is $30.00 per person. The meal includes a garden salad, rolls, baked potato, vegetables, choice of entrée, Black Forest cake, coffee, tea, and soft drinks. Deadline to RSVP and pay is Sunday, December 6. Please sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form and note your entrée choice: Sliced beef sirloin, Broiled salmon fillet, or Stuffed chicken breast.

Book Talk Review | Tues., Jan. 12 | 10:00 Am-Noon | Church Library

Judi Ungar, retired librarian, will facilitate a review and discussion of "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi.

Hope Women Centers needs slightly used baby clothing and baby accessories for women who do not have the financial means to purchase these items. Drop off your items at the church office. Questions? Call Lisa at 954-773-3737.

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.

Give thanks With a grateful HeART

What I remember most from the sermon today is...

TODAY'S CHALLENGES:

(should you choose to accept them)

1) Say "happy fall y'all" to ten people.
2) Dance down the hall on your way out today.
3) Fist bump Theo after the service.

Think of eight things or people in your life that you're thankful for (that start with the following letters)...

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H _____

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K _____

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