



*We proclaim Christ from all the Scriptures
to make disciples from all the nations*

Gathered on September 6, 2026

Order of Service

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We gather this morning to worship Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter
of our faith.

Prelude

“Almost Home”

Hymn

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Praising God for the beauty of His character

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Hymn

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“Rejoice”

Hymn

Benediction

Preacher: Brad Wheeler
Service Leader: Parker Lipetska
Music Leader: Nate Bostic

Almost Home

1. Don't drop a sin - gle an - chor, we're al - most home; Through ev - 'ry toil and dan - ger, we're
 2. The pro-mised land is call - ing, we're al - most home; And not a tear shall fall then, we're
 3. This jour - ney ours to - geth - er, we're al - most home; Un - to that great for - e - ver, we're
 4. This life is just a va - por, we're al - most home; That sun is set - ting yon - der, we're

al - most home. How ma - ny pil - grim saints have be - fore us gone?
 al - most home. Make rea - dy now your souls, for that king - dom come.
 al - most home. What song a - new we'll sing 'round that hap - py throne.
 al - most home. Take cour-age for this dark - ness shall break to dawn;

No stop - ping now— we're al - most home. F 1.
 No turn - ing back— we're al - most home. F 2.3.4.
 Come, faint of heart, we're al - most home.
 Oh lift your eyes, we're al - most home.

Al - most home, we're al - most home. So press on toward that bles-sed shore, Oh

praise the Lord! We're al - most home.

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4 (ESV)

¹ It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
² to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
³ to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
⁴ For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Statement of Faith

Article 13, "Perseverance of the Saints"

We believe that those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by his Holy Spirit, will never totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere to the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that the Godhead watches over their welfare; and that though they may fall through neglect and temptation into sin, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the church and temporal judgments on themselves, yet they shall be renewed again unto repentance, and be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

He Will Hold Me Fast



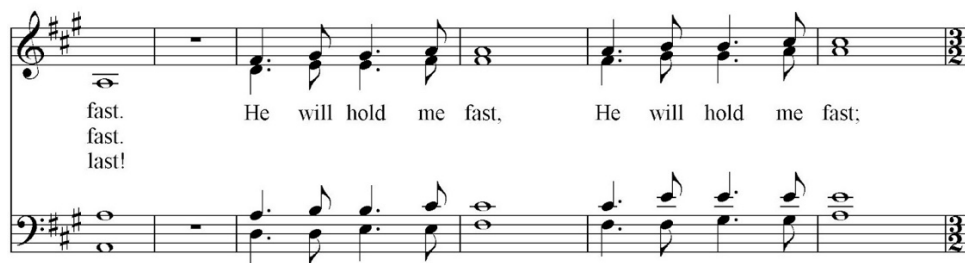
1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er
 2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been



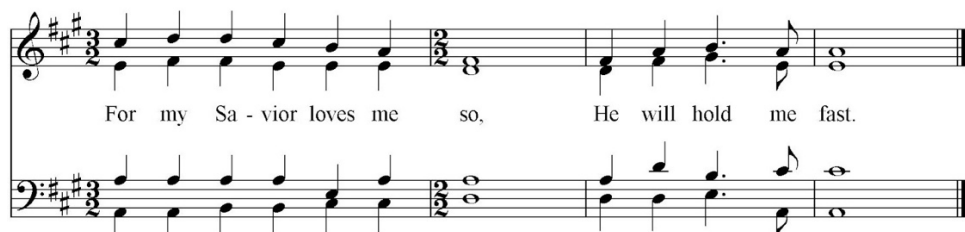
would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold
 ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His
 sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life,



Through life's fear-ful path; For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me
 Prom-is-es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
 He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at



fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
 fast.
 last!



For my Sa-vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

God of Every Grace

O let not this world of sorrows
Steal my only hope away
For the power of Your gospel
Shines within this jar of clay
In affliction You bring wisdom
That my comforts can displace
How my true and greatest treasure
Is in You the God of grace

*Now to the God of every grace
Who counts my tears who holds my days
I sing through sorrows sing with faith
O praise the God of every grace*

Weary with the weight I carry
Give me wings of faith to rise
For You know each grief that lingers
Through the watches of the night
Surely You have borne our sufferings
At the cross took up our pain
And You lead us on to glory
As we trust You, God of grace

Chorus

There's a dawning hope before us
That I know is soon to break
As I wait upon Your mercy
Which will swallow every ache
Cries of joy and songs of victory
When we enter heaven's gates
All Your children home together
All with You the God of grace

Chorus (x2)

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:11-24 (ESV)

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

¹⁶ As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸ And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ²⁰ And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. ²¹ They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³ And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Prayer of Praise

Afflicted Saint to Christ Draw Near

Afflicted saint to Christ draw near
Your Savior's gracious promise hear
His faithful Word you can believe
That as your days your strength shall be

Your faith is weak your foes are strong
And if the conflict should be long
The Lord will make the tempter flee
That as your days your strength shall be

*So sing with joy afflicted one
The battle's fierce but the victory's won
God shall supply all that you need
Yes as your days your strength shall be*

Should persecution rage and flame
Still trust in your Redeemer's name
In fiery trials you shall see
That as your days your strength shall be

Chorus

When called to bear your weighty cross
Or sore affliction pain or loss
Or deep distress or poverty
Still as your days your strength shall be

Chorus

An Expositional Sermon from Philippians 1:1-11

Sermon Notes

Next Week's Sermon: September 13, 2026
Philippians 1:12-20 | Brad Wheeler

Rejoice

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Sing it again we rejoice
Delight in the love He has shown us
Gratefully lift up your voice
His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise
We gather in His goodness
A family of grace

*With each breath He's given praise the Lord
In these times we live in we will praise the Lord
Throughout every season I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing
Praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving
Lay your requests at His feet
His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal
The Shepherd of our lives

Chorus

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Tell of the good He has done
Worship the Lord to remember
All of the joy yet to come
The hope that burns within us
The dark cannot destroy
With praise that's never ending
We say again rejoice

Chorus

Who Is Jesus?

Our greatest hope and prayer for you is that you would come to know Jesus. We all have rebelled against God in our sin. And yet, God is merciful to us. He sent His only Son into our broken world to redeem us from our sin. Through His obedient life, sacrificial death, victorious resurrection, and glorious ascension, sinners can be forgiven and reconciled to God. Will you turn to Christ and receive Him in faith?

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