

Sunday Gathering

July 16, 2023 - Light of the World, John
8:12 - Nathan Sloan

Call to Worship - Psalm 27:1, 4-5, 7-8, 11, 13

Have you noticed that our Sunday gatherings are always saturated with God's word? It is God's word that illuminates us—it shines on our hearts and lives. So for today's call to worship, let's stand before the light of Psalm 27. Read the underlined portions with me, and pay close attention to how the Spirit lights up your soul from certain words.

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

4 One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

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Rejoice

Confession - John 8:12; 1 John 1:6-7

Hear the word of the Lord from John 8:12:

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Let's respond with the following catechism questions:

Who is Jesus?

He is the light of the world.

Who are we?

We are light bearers.

What has Jesus called us to do?

We are called to walk in the light.

Father, if we say we have fellowship with you while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as you are in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus your Son cleanses us from all sin. Amen.

Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted (Look To Jesus)

We Are Listening

Sermon - John 8:12

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Abide With Me

Awake My Soul

Benediction - Ephesians 5:8

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

Family Groups - We invite you to visit one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week. We describe them as "intentional environments to be transformed by the gospel through relationships. If you would like to join one of them, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us, and we'll make a direct connection for you.

Giving & Visitors - Also, now is our time for giving—ushers, please come forward. If you are a visitor with us this morning, please grab a visitor card from the basket so we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat.

Antioch members, remember that giving is part of how we participate in God's mission. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp.

Announcements

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the following steps:

1) Our July Family Meeting will be this Sunday, July 23rd at 6:00 PM. Dinner and childcare will be provided, but we need everyone to RSVP (FG facilitators, please take an account of your groups). These are important gatherings for covenant members and we encourage you to make every effort to attend. If you have any orders of business—that is, matters that need church-wide consideration—please submit those to the pastors by this Wednesday.

2) On Saturday, August 12th there will be a Mantiach Survival Olympics from 5:00-10:00 PM here at the building. See Josh's amazing slide for more details and general motivation.

Please stand with me. We begin each gathering with a call to worship and end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. I invite you to open your hands in a posture of reception.

Church, at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Go therefore, and walk as children of light. Based on Ephesians 5:8

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

You are sent.
