# Worshiping the God of Our Salvation!

**Prelude**  *Concerto in D Minor* (after Vivaldi)  J. S. Bach
      I.  Introduzione-Grave-Fuga
      III.  Allegro
Dennis Bergin, organ

**Welcome**
Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

**We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship**  *Come Ye Sinners*
Kyrstan Brantley, Belle George, Aidan George, vocals; Carrie Smith, piano;
Matt Brantley, bass; Bill Myers, Billy Stulac, Ariana Stout, guitar; Greg Wagener, drums

> Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
> Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
> He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.
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> Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
> True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
> Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.
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> Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
> Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
> None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

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**\*God Calls Us to Worship**  Psalm 63:1-4
Reverend David Barnes, Associate Pastor

    Pastor:    O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
    **People:**    **My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,  as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**
    Pastor:    So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
    **People:**    **Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**
    Pastor:    So I will bless you as long as I live;
    **All:**    **In your name I will lift up my hands.**

**\*God is Robed in Majesty**   **No. 64**   *God, the Lord, a King Remaineth*

**\*We Invoke His Presence**

**God Exposes Our Need**   Exodus 20:1-6
Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands  of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**We Confess Our Sin**

**Christ Provides for Our Need**   Psalm 130:1-4

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

**\*God's Peace**   **No. 691**   *It is Well with My Soul*

**\*Confession of Faith**   Westminister Confession of Faith 2:1
Pastor:   What is true about our saving God?
**People:**   **There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of His own immutable and most righteous will, for His own glory, most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him; and nevertheless most just and terrible in His judgments; hating all sin; and who will by no means clear the guilty.**

**\*Let the People Rejoice!   No. 55**   *To God Be the Glory*

**We Invoke His Help**   Psalm 54:4
Nathan Reddick, Elder
Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

**God Calls Us to Stewardship**   2 Corinthians 9:10
He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

**We Give Our Grateful Offerings**

**WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD** *God of Every Grace*
Kyrstan Brantley, Belle George, Aidan George, vocals

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,

*Chorus*
Now to the God of ev'ry grace,
Who counts my tears, who holds my days,
I sing through sorrows, sing with faith.
O praise the God of ev'ry 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 suff'rings
At the cross, took up our pain.
And You lead us on to glory
As we trust You, the 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 ev'ry ache.
Cries of joy and songs of vict'ry
When we enter heaven's gates.
All Your children, home together,
All with You, the God of grace. (*Chorus*)

I lift my eyes up to the Lord Most High.

"WE SHINE THE SPOTLIGHT ON CHRIST"

**Children's Church - Pre-K, Kindergarten & 1st Grade** Children & Teachers please come forward **AFTER** the Offertory. **Meets in Room 207**

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| **GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD** | Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor |
| **SERMON SERIES** | "Anatomy of a Bad Decision" |
| **SCRIPTURE TEXT** | 1 Kings 11:1-8 \| page 291 in the pew Bible |
| **SERMON TITLE** | *Solomon's Folly* |

**\*THE LORD WILL GIVE YOU PEACE** **NO. 667** *God is My Strong Salvation*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** Reprise: *God is My Strong Salvation*

# *Solomon's Folly*
Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor
1 Kings 11:1-8 | page 291 in the pew Bible

How did Solomon become a foolish idolator?

1. Solomon chose forbidden women

2. Solomon chased forbidden gods

"We shine the Spotlight On Christ"