

Daniel 5:1–31

⁵ King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand.

² Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. ³ Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.

⁴ They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

⁵ Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote. ⁶ Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. ⁷ The king called loudly to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." ⁸ Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation. ⁹ Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, and his color changed, and his lords were perplexed.

¹⁰ The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting hall, and the queen declared, "O king, live forever! Let not your thoughts alarm you or your color change. ¹¹ There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers, ¹² because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation."

¹³ Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, "You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah. ¹⁴ I have heard of you that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you. ¹⁵ Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me to read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not

show the interpretation of the matter. ¹⁶ But I have heard that you can give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

¹⁷ Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. ¹⁸ O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship and greatness and glory and majesty. ¹⁹ And because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he would, he killed, and whom he would, he kept alive; whom he would, he raised up, and whom he would, he humbled. ²⁰ But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him. ²¹ He was driven from among the children of mankind, and his mind was made like that of a beast, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until he knew that the Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind and sets over it whom he will.

²² And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, ²³ but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.

²⁴ "Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed.

²⁵ And this is the writing that was inscribed: Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin.

²⁶ This is the interpretation of the matter: Mene, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; ²⁷ Tekel, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; ²⁸ Peres, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

²⁹ Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

³⁰ That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. ³¹ And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

Welcome! To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and seek comfort, to all who are lonely and need friendship, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer Church Murfreesboro opens wide its doors to you.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, you are welcome!

We Worship the Lord Together

Praise the LORD in Scripture

Psalm 100

Leader Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!

**Congregation Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His.
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Leader Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Congregation Give thanks to Him; bless His name

Praise the LORD in Song

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

CHORUS

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

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Pastoral Prayer

Praise the LORD for our Children

Children's Lesson

Praise the LORD in Giving

Offering

We Are Built Up Together

Scripture Reading & Sermon

Daniel 5:1–31

Praise the LORD in Song

God Be Merciful

God be merciful to me
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me make me pure within
Cleanse O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess
Grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgment just
Speechless I Thy mercy trust

I am evil born of sin
Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure Thy grace bestow
Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear Thy voice
From my sins O hide Thy face
Blot them out in boundless grace

Gracious God my heart renew
Make my Spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me
Thy salvation's joy impart
Steadfast make my willing heart

Sinners then shall learn from me
And return O God to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips O Lord
And my mouth shall praise accord

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Respond through Declaring our Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q.21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.

1 Tim. 2:5-6; John 1:14; Gal. 4:4; Rom. 9:5; Luke 1:35; Col. 2:9; Heb. 7:24-25.

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Confession of Sin

Holy Father, we have sinned against You. Though You should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though You should rule us, we try to control ourselves. Though You should fulfill us, we try to console ourselves. Heal our confused minds with Your word, heal our divided will with Your law, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

“God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” All who are in Christ are forgiven and right before God!

Receive the LORD's Supper

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

CHORUS

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness, sorrow, pain, and death
Are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest?

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Receive the Benediction

Announcements:

1. Come grow with us! Sunday school for adults, youth, and kids will continue today after worship. If you have questions, please see Martha Long or Pastor Paul.
2. Join us for our next picnic in the park! We will meet at Barfield Park on October 26 after worship for a fun time of fellowship. Invite a friend!

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Monthly Financial Update

*Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2025
as of September 19, 2025*

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| Anticipated Giving YTD | \$140,625.00 |
| Actual Giving YTD | \$125,476.00 |
| Difference YTD | -\$15,149.00 |

Operations—2025 Annual Budget \$195,327

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| Current Operations Reserve* | \$50,356 |
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*Reserve = funds over and above 2.5 months of budgeted operating expenses

Defined Savings

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| Building Fund | \$81,114 |
| Other Defined Savings | \$19,415 |



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