

What is the Gospel?

Dr. R.C. Sproul | taken from ligonier.org/blog/what-is-the-gospel

There is no greater message to be heard than that which we call the gospel. But as important as that is, it is often given to massive distortions or over simplifications. People think they're preaching the gospel to you when they tell you, 'you can have a purpose to your life', or that 'you can have meaning to your life', or that 'you can have a personal relationship with Jesus.' All of those things are true, and they're all important, but they don't get to the heart of the gospel.

The gospel is called the 'good news' because it addresses the most serious problem that you and I have as human beings, and that problem is simply this: God is holy and He is just, and I'm not. And at the end of my life, I'm going to stand before a just and holy God, and I'll be judged. And I'll be judged either on the basis of my own righteousness—or lack of it—or the righteousness of another. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus lived a life of perfect righteousness, of perfect obedience to God, not for His own well being but for His people. He has done for me what I couldn't possibly do for myself. But not only has He lived that life of perfect obedience, He offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice to satisfy the justice and the righteousness of God.

The great misconception in our day is this: that God isn't concerned to protect His own integrity. He's a kind of wishy-washy deity, who just waves a wand of forgiveness over everybody. No. For God to forgive you is a very costly matter. It cost the sacrifice of His own Son. So valuable was that sacrifice that God pronounced it valuable by raising Him from the dead—so that Christ died for us, He was raised for our justification. So the gospel is something objective. It is the message of who Jesus is and what He did. And it also has a subjective dimension. How are the benefits of Jesus subjectively appropriated to us? How do I get it? The Bible makes it clear that we are justified not by our works, not by our efforts, not by our deeds, but by faith—and by faith alone. The only way you can receive the benefit of Christ's life and death is by putting your trust in Him and in Him alone. You do that, you're declared just by God, you're adopted into His family, you're forgiven of all of your sins, and you have begun your pilgrimage for eternity.

Announcements

- Prayer Meeting this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the church.
- Caroling at 3:00 p.m. this Saturday; meet at the church.
- To volunteer to help clean the church property, please contact the church at info@antiochpca.com.

Vision

Our vision is to see the historic Antioch Presbyterian Church revitalized as a worshipping community to be a blessing to every man, woman, and child in the growing residential hub west of Woodruff and south of Reidville, to the glory of God.

Mission

Our mission as a parish church at the crossroads of Greenville and Spartanburg Counties is the gathering and perfecting of God's people through biblical worship, evangelism, and pastoral care.

Areas of Ministry Focus

Expository Preaching

Biblical Worship

Parish Evangelism

Pastoral Care

Discipleship

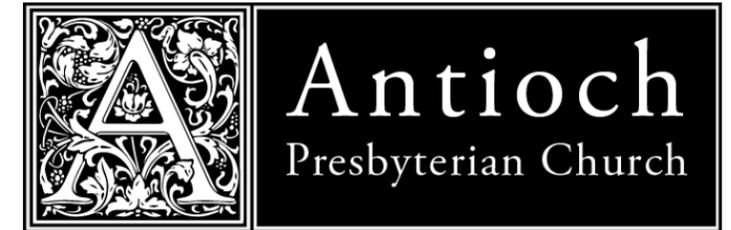
Leadership & Accountability

As a *mission work*, Antioch Presbyterian Church (PCA) is governed and overseen by a *provisional session* of elders serving as a *commission* of Calvary Presbytery. The six men appointed to the *provisional session* are active elders within the bounds of Calvary Presbytery, and they have graciously agreed to serve "above-and-beyond" to encourage the revitalization of Antioch. They include:

Dr. Chipley Bennett, Ph.D. – Ruling Elder, Providence Presbyterian Church
Dr. E. Todd Buchner, D.Min. – Pastor, Reidville Presbyterian Church
Mr. Richard Hollifield – Ruling Elder, Roebuck Presbyterian Church
Mr. William Johnson – Ruling Elder, Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church
Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr., Ph.D., D.D. – Professor of Systematic & Applied Theology, President Emeritus, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary;
Organizing Pastor & Moderator of Session, Antioch Presbyterian Church
Pastor Richard Thomas – Senior Pastor, Mount Calvary Presbyterian Church;
Clerk of Session, Antioch Presbyterian Church

Church Staff

Mr. Zachary Groff – Ministerial Assistant
Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr. – Organizing Pastor & Moderator of Session



The Lord's Day
December 13, 2020

“Women in the Life of the Church”

1 Timothy 2:9-15

Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.

Worship – Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

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Meditation

Romans 16:27

To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

*Call to Worship

*Congregational Commitment

Minister: Congregation, in whom is your confidence?

Congregation: Our help is in the Name of the Lord, Who made the heavens and earth.

*Salutation

*Hymn of Adoration

No. 33

With Joy Let Us Sing to the LORD
(stanzas 1-3)
ASH GROVE

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Revelation of God's Will

Matthew 22:34-40

*Confession of Sin & Supplication for Grace

Holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, our sinful thoughts, our sinful words, and our sinful deeds. Our sicknesses and diseases derive from Adam's sins and ours. We often forget Your love and Your commandments; we often grieve and quench Your Spirit. But Father, we cry to You for mercy; for saving faith; for cleansing faith; for healing faith for our soul. Help us to glory in the gospel promises, that we may live in freedom from condemnation. Help us to walk according to Your precepts, that we may live in Your light and love. We pray on the basis of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 32:1, 2

¹How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! ²How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit!

Offering

No. 299

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come
ANTIOCH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn of Preparation

No. 119F

Let Your Mercy and Love
MULCHAICH

*Prayer for Illumination

*Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:18-25

*New Testament Reading

Titus 2:1-10

*Congregational Response

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

Congregation: But the Word of our God stands forever!

Sermon

"Women in the Life of the Church"

1 Timothy 2:9-15

Prayer of Application

*Hymn

No. 196

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, and crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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.

Communion

*Hymn of Response

No. 204

A Parting Hymn We Sing
SCHUMANN

*Benediction

*Doxology

No. 567
Doxology
OLD HUNDREDTH

"Women in the Life of the Church"

1 Timothy 2:9-15

Main Proposition

Women in the church are to develop godly character as they learn in submission and serve as nurturers.

Outline

I. The Character of Godly Women (vv. 9-11)

II. The Role of Godly Women (vv. 12-15)

*Congregation standing, unless physically hindered