

What is the Gospel?

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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.
- To volunteer with physical projects, 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

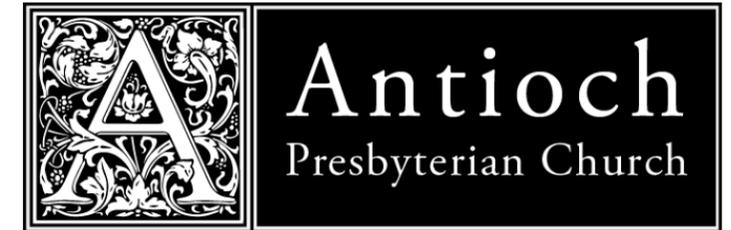
Leadership & Accountability

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
Mr. Johann Xie – Ministerial Intern



The Lord's Day
February 28, 2021

"The God Who Sees"
Revelation 2:18-29
Mr. Zachary Groff

Worship – Sunday, 5:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

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Meditation

Genesis 16:13

Then [Hagar] called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are a God who sees"; for she said, "Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?"

*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 the earth.

*Salutation

*Hymn of Adoration

No. 356

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
ST. KEVIN

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Revelation of God's Will

Galatians 6:1-3

*Confession of Sin & Supplication for Grace

Most merciful God, we sadly admit that we have transgressed Your holy law in many ways. Particularly, we have been people of little faith, worrying about what we shall eat, what we shall wear, and what we shall do with tomorrow's problems. We have not sought Your kingdom and righteousness as You have commanded. O Lord, forgive Your people! O Lord, deliver us from evil worry! O Lord, lead us to see You as our portion and our inheritance. O Lord, increase our faith, that we may rest in Your care and providence and thereby show to the world that You are our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7-8

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He lavished on us in all wisdom and insight.

Offering

No. 208

All Glory Be to Thee, Most High
ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH'

*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. 119Q

Wonderful Are Your Statutes, LORD
ST. CRISPIN

*Prayer for Illumination

*Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 21:17-29

*New Testament Reading

Revelation 2:18-29

*Congregational Response

Leader: Your Word is a lamp unto my feet,
Congregation: And a light to my path!

Sermon

"The God Who Sees"
Revelation 2:18-29

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response

No. 139A

O LORD, You See and Search My Life
ST. MATTHEW

*Benediction

*Doxology

No. 117B

Praise the LORD God, All You Nations
REGENT SQUARE

Main Proposition

Christ is the God who sees the truth about the church and gives Himself as the church's eternal reward.

Outline

- I. Christ is the God who sees you. (v. 18)
- II. Christ sees the impurity of the church. (vv. 19-23)
- III. Christ is the church's eternal reward. (vv. 24-29)

*Congregation standing, unless physically hindered