

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

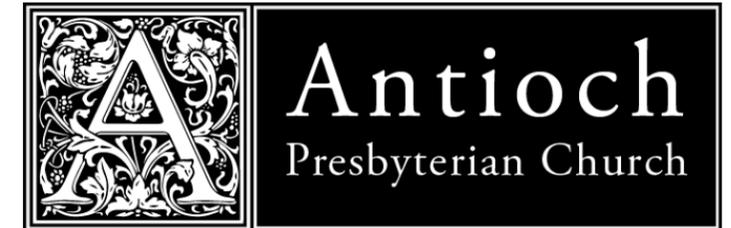
Leadership & Accountability

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
April 18, 2021

“Love of the World Forbidden”

1 John 2:15-17

Mr. Joseph Hamm

Worship – Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

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*Silent Meditation

1 John 4:16

We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in 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. 8C

Lord, our Lord, Thy Glorious Name
EVENING PRAISE

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Revelation of God's Will

Exodus 20:1-17

*Confession of Sin & Supplication for Grace

Eternal Father, Thou art good beyond all thought, but we are sinful, miserable, and blind. Our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways reluctant to amend. We bring our souls to Thee; break them, wound them, and mold them. Unmask to us sin's deformity, that we may hate it and flee from it. Grant us to know that the way of transgressors is hard, that evil paths are wretched paths, and that to depart from Thee is to lose all good. We have seen the purity and beauty of Thy perfect law, the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns, yet we daily violate and condemn its precepts. All those sins we mourn and for them cry for pardon. Work in us more profound and abiding repentance. Grant that through the tears of repentance we may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving work of Jesus Christ on our behalf; in His Name, we trust and pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:12

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His Name's sake.

Offering

No. 351

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
TOWNEND

*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. 63B

O Lord, My God, Most Earnestly
THE GREEN HILL

*Prayer for Illumination

*Old Testament Reading

Joshua 22:1-9

*New Testament Reading

1 John 2:7-17

*Congregational Response

Leader: The earth shall be full of the glory of the Lord,
Congregation: As the waters cover the sea!

Sermon

“Love of the World Forbidden”
1 John 2:15-17

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response

No. 464

The Beatitudes
QUEBEC

*Benediction

*Doxology

No. 72A

O God, Your Judgments Give the King
(stanza 8)
OSTEND

Now blessed be the LORD our God, the God of Israel
for He alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.
And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity.
The whole earth let His glory fill; amen, so let it be.

*Silent Prayer

Main Proposition

If you truly the Father, you must actively put off the love of the world.

Outline

- I. The Commandment Not to Love the World
- II. The Grounds for Not Loving the World
- III. The Consequences of Loving the World

*Congregation standing, unless physically hindered