The Worship of God

Salem Church, Sunday, November 15, 2026

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: Hebrews 1:1-6 *ESV*

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" 295

Confession of Faith: 2 Timothy 2:11-13 *NASB*

It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him;
If we endure, we will also reign with Him;
If we deny Him, He also will deny us;
If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

The Pastoral and Congregational Prayer

The 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.

"As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams" 662

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 19:9-18

Gloria Patria 735

Scripture Reading and Message: James 4:11-12 "Do Not Speak Against One Another"

"Christ the True and Better"

Christ, the true and better Adam, Son of God and Son of man,
Who, when tempted in the garden, never yielded, never sinned.
He who makes the many righteous brings us back to life again.
Dying, he reversed the curse; then rising, crushed the serpent's head.
Amen, amen, from beginning to end. Christ the story, his the glory; alleluia, amen.

Christ, the true and better Isaac, humble Son of sacrifice,
Who would climb the fearful mountain, there to offer up his life.
Laid with faith upon the altar, father's joy and only son;
There salvation was provided, oh, what full and boundless love.
Amen, amen, from beginning to end. Christ the story, his the glory; alleluia, amen.

Christ, the true and better Moses, called to lead a people home,
Standing bold to earthly powers, God's great glory to be known.
With his arms stretched wide to heaven, see the waters part in two;
See, the veil is torn forever, cleansed with blood we pass now through.
Amen, amen, from beginning to end. Christ the story, his the glory; alleluia, amen.

Christ, the true and better David, lowly shepherd, mighty king.
He the champion in the battle; where, O death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered; crown him Lord of majesty.
His shall be the throne forever; we shall e'er His people be.
Amen, amen, from beginning to end. Christ the story, his the glory; alleluia, amen.

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The Lord's Supper

Benediction and Doxology 731

<u>Questions for Reflection and Conversation</u>

1) What does it mean to speak against another? What are the ways and venues one may speak against another?
2) What does it matter that James is speaking to Christians (brethren, brother)? Why is it worse when the family (as opposed to the street) is not a safe place?
3) If something is true, is it OK for you to say it? How would you want someone to treat you?
4) Read Revelation 12:10. Who is the ultimate speaker against the brethren? Read 1 John 2:1-2 and compare? Whom are you more like? Which do you want to be like?
5) Is there any Christian against whom you are speaking? Have you or are you judging any Christian? If so, what should you do about it?
6) Have you ever apologized, sought forgiveness, for speaking against a Christian?
7) If someone speaks against a Christian in your presence, what do you do? How should you react?
8) Meditate on the phrase "There is only one Lawgiver and Judge". As you think of letting go of being a self-appointed judge of others, what do you feel? Relief? Sense of loss? Read Romans 14:1-13.

<u>Announcements</u>

- Men's Prayer Meeting is 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays at the Buis residence, 1701 Mandeville Rd, Bremen, GA 30110.