



The Best Is Yet to Come

God's Hope in the Book of Isaiah



January 11th, 2026

10:30 AM

543 E Freeman Street, Duncanville

Order of Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Good Morning, God!

All: We welcome you, Lord, with love and praise!

One: Good morning, brothers and sisters!

All: May God greet you this morning! May God's presence welcome you into His day!

SONGS OF PRAISE GOODNESS OF GOD

I love You, Lord

For Your mercy never fails me

All my days, I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

'Cause all my life You have been faithful

And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice

You have led me through the fire

In darkest night You are close like no other

I've known You as a Father

I've known You as a Friend

And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah

'Cause all my life You have been faithful, oh yes You have

And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

With my life laid down, I surrendered now

I give You everything, oh Lord

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me X3

With my life laid down, I surrendered now

I give You everything

Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
I'm gonna sing All my life You have been faithful
(All of my life You've been faithful)
All my life You have been so, so good
(So good with every breath)
every breath that I am able
(Every breath I'm able)
I will sing (I'm gonna sing)
Of the goodness (of the goodness of God, yes I am)
I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

DO IT AGAIN

Walking around these walls
I thought by now they'd fall
But You have never failed me yet
Waiting for change to come
Knowing the battle's won
For You have never failed me yet
Your promise still stands
Great is Your faithfulness, faithfulness
I'm still in Your hands
This is my confidence
You've never failed me yet
I know the night won't last
Your word will come to pass
My heart will sing Your praise again
Jesus You're still enough
Keep me within Your love, oh
Walking around these walls
I thought by now they'd fall
But You have never failed me yet
Waiting for change to come
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For You have never failed me yet
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Great is Your faithfulness, faithfulness

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This is my confidence
You've never failed me yet
I know the night won't last
Your word will come to pass
My heart will sing Your praise again
Jesus You're still enough
Keep me within Your love, oh
Your promise still stands
Great is Your faithfulness, faithfulness
I'm still in Your hands
This is my confidence
You've never failed me yet X2
I've seen You move, You move the mountains
And I believe I'll see You do it again
You made a way, where there was no way
And I believe I'll see You do it again X3
Your promise still stands
Great is Your faithfulness, faithfulness
I'm still in Your hands
This is my confidence
You've never failed me yet X2
Oh, You've never failed me yet
And I never will forget
You've never failed me yet
And I never will forget

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Jesus,

There are times I forget that you will comfort me when I am sad. When I feel alone, ashamed, or sad, you do not forget me. Do not let me forget you. When I get angry, I sometimes take out my anger on others. Remind me to seek your way, to be slow to anger and quick to forgive. There are times where I feel too far away from you, I act as if you do not go with me always. May I be reminded, that nothing is hidden from you. Create in me a clean heart, O God. May I believe, that you can. In your mercy, Forgive me, Lord. (Time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A SONG OF PRAISE Christ Be Magnified

Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from North to South and East to West
We'd hear Christ be magnified
Were the whole Earth echoing His eminence
His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear Christ be magnified
Oh! Christ be magnified
Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
Oh! Christ be magnified
From the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me
When every creature finds its inmost melody
And every human heart its native cry
Oh then in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing Christ be magnified
Oh, be lifted high, Jesus
Oh! Christ be magnified
Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
Oh! Christ be magnified
From the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me
I won't bow to idols, I'll stand strong and worship You
And if it puts me in the fire, I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too
I won't be formed by feelings, I hold fast to what is true
If the cross brings transformation then I'll be crucified with
You 'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life
And if I join You in Your suffering, then I'll join You when
You rise And when You return in glory with all the angels
and the saints My heart will still be singing, my song will be
the same

Oh! Christ be magnified
Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
Oh! Christ be magnified
From the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me X 2

OFFERING Scripture

Isaiah 40:1-5, 10-11

“Comfort my people,” says your God.

“Comfort them.

Speak tenderly to the people of Jerusalem.

Announce to them

that their hard labor has been completed.

Tell them that their sin has been paid for.

Tell them the Lord has punished them enough
for all their sins.”

A messenger is calling out,

“In the desert prepare

the way for the Lord.

Make a straight road through it
for our God.

Every valley will be filled in.

Every mountain and hill will be made level.

The rough ground will be smoothed out.

The rocky places will be made flat.

Then the glory of the Lord will appear.

And everyone will see it together.

The Lord has spoken.”

The Lord and King is coming with power.

He rules with a powerful arm.

He has set his people free.

He is bringing them back as his reward.

He has won the battle over their enemies.

He takes care of his flock like a shepherd.

He gathers the lambs in his arms.

He carries them close to his heart.

He gently leads those that have little ones.

SERMON
“Speak Tenderly”-Rev. Rachael
McConnell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S
PRAYER

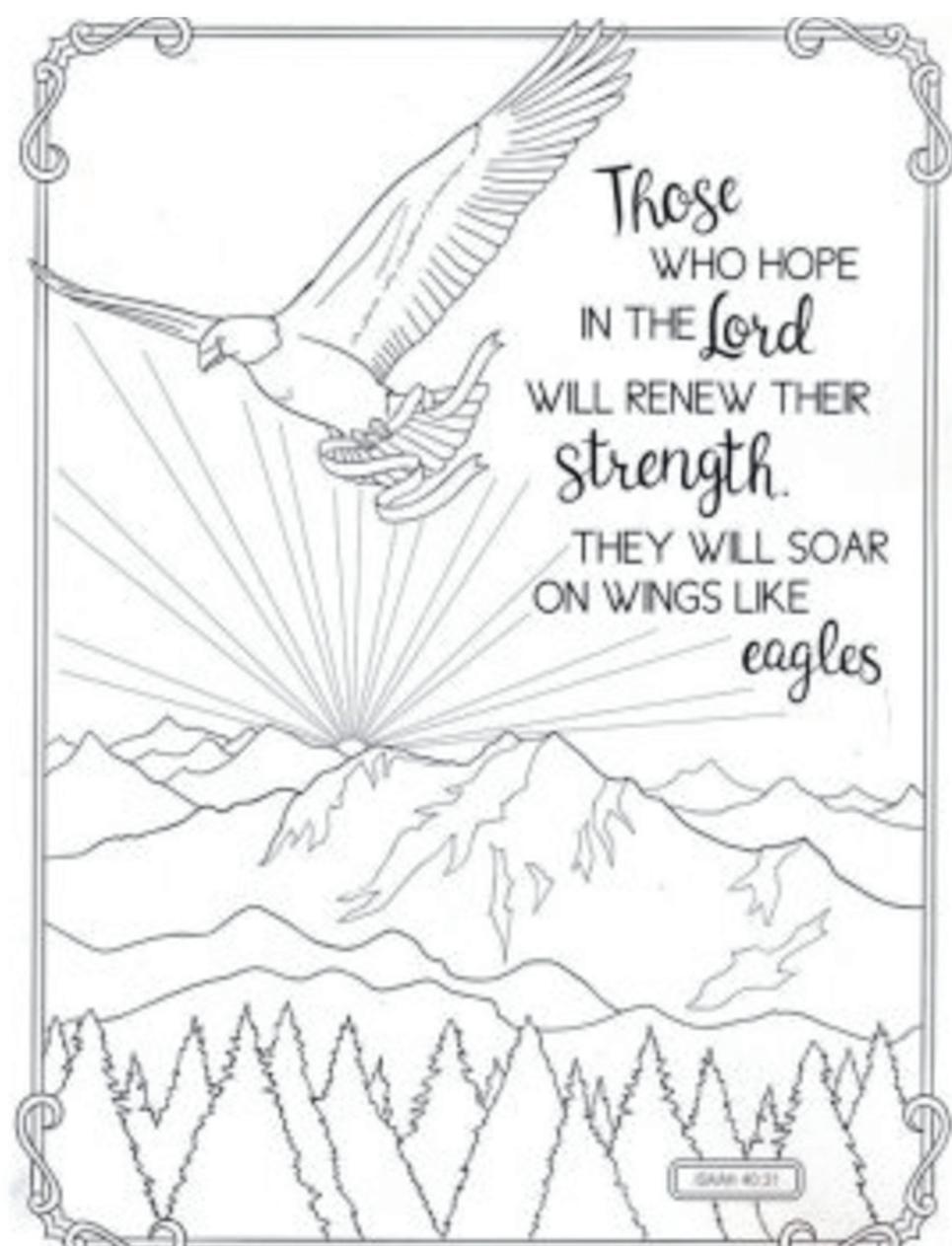
SONG OF RESPONSE
BUILD MY LIFE

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You
Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You
Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me
Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You
Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me
And I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken
And I will build my life upon Your love

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Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
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And lead me in Your love to those around me
I will build my life upon You
Lead me in Your love

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION



Announcements

- **The Session invites you to a 2026 Informational Budget Meeting will occur following worship on January 11th. This meeting is for informational purposes only, it is not an official congregational meeting and no voting will occur.**
- **A Congregational Meeting is called, following worship for Sunday, January 18th. Members, please attend this meeting if possible. More information will be provided the weekdays prior to the meeting.**
- **Feel free to take a Star Word for a family member or friend who might be interested in this spiritual practice.**
- **The Nominating Committee is seeking two members, please e-mail Pastor Rachael for more information or to nominate someone or yourself.**

Sermons are available online at www.fpcd.org/sermons.

The "W" stands for Hymnal for Worship & Celebration.
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Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We want to get to know you! If it's your first time here, please fill out a visitor card from the seat back in front of you and place it in an offering plate, located throughout the sanctuary.

Sunday School and Children

Sunday school for adults and children meets at 9:15 AM in the Education Building. During the service, nursery is provided for ages 0-4 in the Education Building. Children are welcome to stay with you during the service, and are invited to come forward during the Children's Moment. If your child needs something to keep them busy, kids' activity boxes are available in the entry hall!



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