

**AM. BAPTIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

***Hymn # 657 "He Has Made Me Glad"
"Better is One Day" WORSHIP TEAM**

***Call to Worship**

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,

**But whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law, day, and night.**

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
And whose leaf does not wither—

**Whatever they do prospers.
Praise the Lord!**

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***Opening Prayer**

***Songs of Faith #50 "Great Is the Lord"
#471 "As the Deer"**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Karen Kirby

The First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-31

The Second Reading

James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

Special Song "What Grace Is Mine"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Prayer of Dedication: God of Grace, we seek to be servants,
entrusting these offerings to your care. May they be used to
teach our children all about you, to guide them in the
righteous way, and to raise them in your holy name. May all
your children, young and old, learn by Jesus' example of self-
giving, and may we glorify you by extending to the poor and
lonely, the humble and the heartbroken, both charitable alms
and open arms in the Spirit of Christ's love.**

Offertory Special

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***The Gospel**

Mark 90:30-37

Prayer & Message

**"Wisdom's Alliterations & Attributes"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter**

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship**

***Hymn #408**

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude**

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HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN TODAY

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to redeem all people. The Bible outlines the way to become a follower of Jesus Christ:

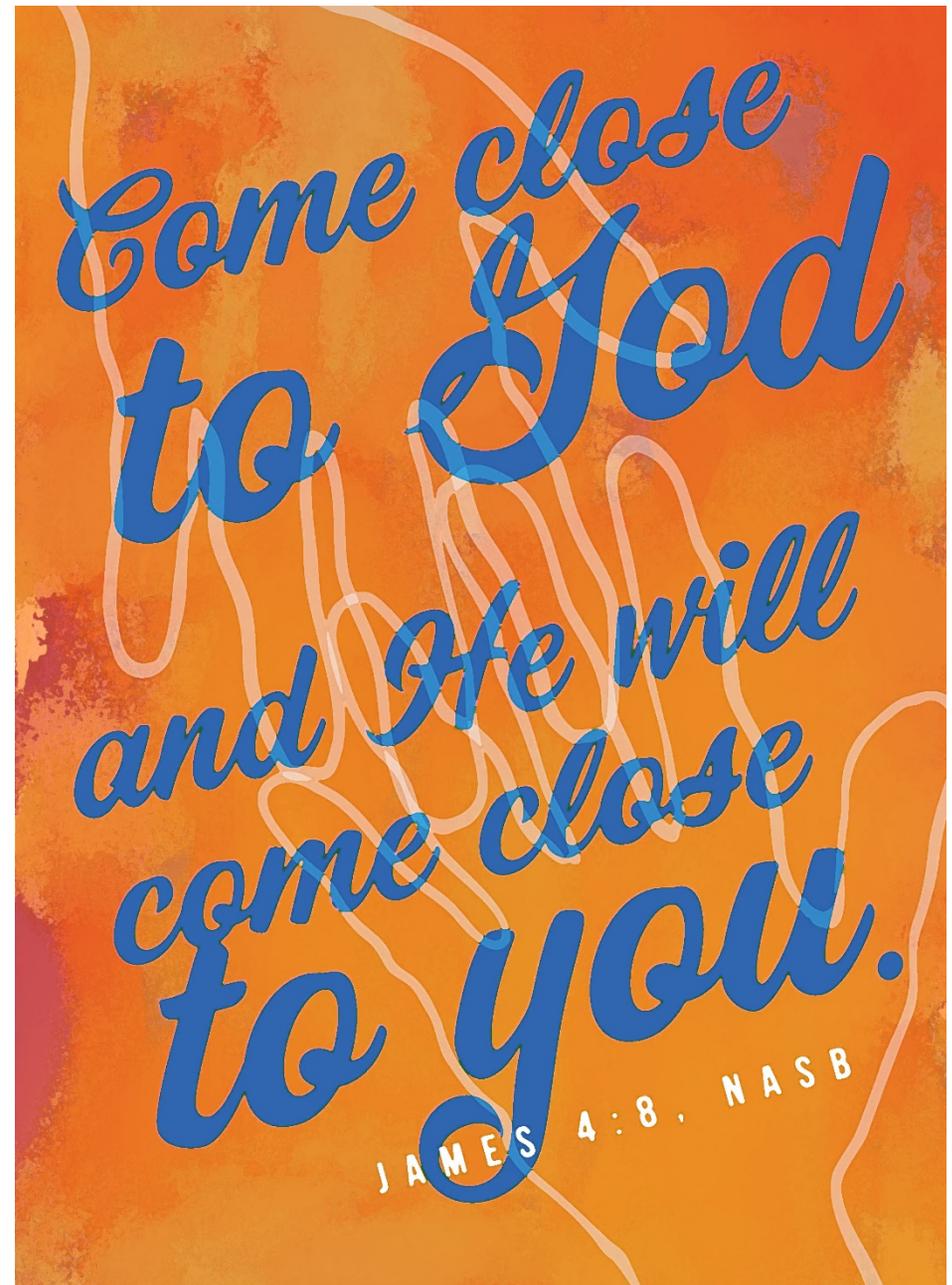
1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you are a sinner (you have done wrong things). Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** - Believe that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross and rose from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Savior (Rescuer and Redeemer) and Lord (Ultimate Leader). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS** - Tell your family and friends about your new faith in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly announce your decision to be a Christian.

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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