



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Rodelio Baaqin & Family - working with congregations of the Lord's church in the Philippines
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- CA Fires - Please pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes & possessions and the fire fighters & rescue personnel; also the Pasadena church of Christ whose building was destroyed
- Leslie Denbow - left knee needs replacement surgery; experiencing nerve pain in right foot
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Retha Flack (Terry & Betty's Christian friend) - 2 blockages in heart; treatment being evaluated
- Kathleen Judkins - scheduled for right knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, May 14th
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma; recently had large tumors surgically removed from his abdomen; prognosis is not favorable
- Hurricane Victims - prayers for those affected by the devastation brought on by these storms
- Tornado Victims - prayers for those affected by more than 100 tornadoes in 8 states; at least 43 lives lost; Cave City Church of Christ building in Arkansas was completely destroyed
- Families of those who perished - in the January plane crashes in Philadelphia /Washington DC
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today — the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble."

- Psalm 50:15 -

The True Essence of Worship



At its core, worship is a knowledgeable heartfelt response to the divine character and attributes of God. Psalm 95:6 says it well, "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." This verse encapsulates the very essence of worship. It is an act done in humility, with a proper regard and respect for God's majesty, authority and sovereignty. More than a mere ritualistic act, worship is an open acknowledgment of who God is – our Creator, our Sustainer, and our Redeemer.

In the Old Testament Hebrew scriptures, the word most commonly translated as worship is *shachah*, which means "to bow down," "prostrate oneself," "humbly beseech," or "do reverence." This has reference to a physical act of submission and reverence – expressing honor, adoration and deep respect towards God. In the Greek New Testament, the most common word for worship is *proskyneō*. This term means "to kiss towards one in reverence" or "to prostrate oneself in homage." This too, reflects an act of deep respect and profound adoration towards God. Both of these words emphasize showing reverence, submission, and honor – whether through a physical posture – or through one's attitude towards God.

Genuine worship has its roots in love and devotion. The word devotion and its derivations can be defined as: (1) Ardent, often selfless affection and dedication, as to a person or principle; earnest attachment to a cause, person, etc. (2) Religious ardor or zeal; piety; profound dedication, esp. to religion; consecration. Devotion can include feelings of ardent love or a strong positive emotion of regard and affection for another. It also carries the meaning of a firm, dedicated commitment to some purpose – the act of binding yourself (intellectually and/or emotionally) to a course of action with a willingness to serve (*thefreedictionary.com*).

Devotion is synonymous with dedication and commitment, and has its roots in words like loyalty, faithfulness and allegiance. And these words have

their roots in love. Scripture affirms that "we love Him because He first loved us" (1 Jn 4:19). And when you "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mk 12:30), your loyalty and allegiance will be to Him only and you will be ever faithful in His service (Mt 6:33; 1 Cor 15:58), and steadfast & sincere in your worship (Jn 4:24). We will echo the determined words of the psalmist: "My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise!" (Ps 57:7).

So, out of our grateful response of love for God and what He has done for us through Christ, grows a solid allegiance to God which produces an unwavering devotion to Him, which produces willing obedience, acceptable worship and selfless service. Even if this Christian duty should include sacrifice and suffering, the devout Christian will not be discouraged nor deterred from rendering faithful obedience and devoted worship to his loving God (Ps 112:7-8). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for MAY

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: George Cuvellier

Scripture Reading: Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper:

Louis Bureau (lead) & Mike Doucette

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jim Miller

Alternates: Jason Kennedy/
David Larrabee

Lord's Supper Prep: Jan Sampson

☺ **Welcome Visitors!** ☺

We are glad to have you as our honored guests!

Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Pat — April 28th
George & Cathy — May 31st

Happy Birthday!

Paula Kennedy - May 3rd
Leslie Denbow - May 5th
Jim Miller - May 9th
Louis Bureau - May 14th
Betty Schmidt - May 16th

"Be still, and know that I am God."
- Psalm 46:10 -

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 5,889
This Month: 24,057



SNACKS!

April 27: Betty
May 4: Cathy

Attendance & Contribution for April 20, 2025

Attendance — 29
Contribution — \$1042

Order of Worship

April 27, 2025

*"It is good for me to draw near to God;
I have put my trust in the LORD God,
That I may declare all Your works."*

 - Psalm 73:28 - 

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—50

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song—163

Scripture Reading: *Louis Bureau*
~ Zechariah 7:8-10; 8:16-17 ~

Song—179

The Lord's Supper
Jim Miller (lead) & David Larrabee

Song—256

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"God's Call for Compassion, Worship
and Restoration"

Song—643

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Jason Kennedy

Alternates: *George Cuvellier /*
Mike Doucette

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.*  
- 1 John 4:19 -

## April 27, 2025

### Meeting on the Lord's Day:

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship

*"Let us consider one another in order  
to stir up love and good works, not  
forsaking the assembling of ourselves  
together, as is the manner of some, but  
exhorting one another, and so much the  
more as you see the Day approaching."*

- Hebrews 10:24-25 -

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