

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 21, 2025

Song: 232 – Heavenly Sunlight

Song: 239 – Angry Words

First prayer: **Mark Brandt**

Song: 104 – 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

Communion servers: **Larry Simmons & Shane Upton**

Prayer for giving: **Chrishawn Thompson**

Song: 173 – Count Your Blessings

Sermon: "Paul's Defense Continues" (2 Cor. 12) – **David Ray**

Invitation song: 465 – Are You Washed in the Blood?

Closing song: 144 – Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Closing prayer: **Adam Bentley**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Jerry – upcoming surgery
- Tony Lopez, Starlyn Cooper, Carmen Lawson, Kim Nguyen – cancer
- Brian & Kim (health issues)
- Marjorie Trammel (Alyssa's friend) – cancer
- Shane, Alyssa, & Addison – adoption process
- Kevin Lively (Mark's friend)
- Mernie's sisters-in-law: Kathy Ray (eyesight) and Fannie Ray
- Kim's cousin's son (Isaac Wood) – hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David

**Please continue to remember:** Connie Townsend, Lucinda, Vipin & family, India work, Aruna Kavali, Marinda Breeding, Holley Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Dylan Walker

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- "Precept Upon Precept" is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren ([www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495](http://www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495))

### RECORD FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2025

#### ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 17    AM Worship – 17    Sun PM – 13    DBR – 5    Wed (12/17) – 15

Contribution – \$1538

# *Yukon Church of Christ*

## **THE LABORER**

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**Sunday** Bible class: 9am   Worship 10am & 12:30pm   **Wednesday** Bible class: 7pm

**Matthew 9:37-38** "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

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### **"LET ME NOT BE ASHAMED"**

The psalmist David was surrounded by enemies. He was chased into exile by his father-in-law, King Saul, faced rebellion from his own son, Absalom, and was always harassed by the enemies of God. In many of the psalms, we find David praying for deliverance from his enemies.

In one such occurrence, we read, "Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause" (Psalm 25:1-3). Though it is the case that David prayed often that his enemies not triumph over him in a physical sense, and that such a triumph would bring shame and disgrace to David, it seems that an even sadder principle is here proclaimed. Sorrowfully, it is indeed the case that in regard to faithfulness to God, those who should be ashamed are not while those who need not be ashamed (due to their obedience to God) are. David proclaims his trust in God and prays that no temptation causes him to be ashamed of his faithful service to God. If an individual becomes ashamed of doing the Will of God, apostasy from the truth will follow. The enemies of God will stop at nothing to assault the faithful child of God and seek to make him ashamed. Harsh statements like, "you are unloving, unkind, and without compassion," and "you think you're the only ones going to

Heaven" are attempts to make the Christian ashamed. If such an attack is successful, it is indeed a triumph over one's faith.

The Bible teaches that the faithful child of God, they who "wait" on the Lord (25:3), has nothing for which to be ashamed. The apostle Paul states, "*I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth*" (Romans 1:16). Jesus proclaims, "*Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels*" (Mark 8:38). If we desire to be with Christ in eternity, we cannot allow anything today to make us ashamed of being wholly obedient to His Word.

On the other hand, they who should be ashamed are they who are not obedient to God. The psalmist states that disobedience to God is "without cause," because there is no rational reason for transgressing God's Laws. God is "good and upright" (Psalm 25:8), just (25:9), merciful and forgiving (25:7, 10). Any who will not or have not obeyed God should be ashamed. Shame can lead one to repentance. The inspired Paul writes, "*If any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother*" (2 Thessalonians 3:14-15, emphasis B.G.). Paul also states by inspiration, "*Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death*" (2 Corinthians 7:10).

Let us remember the words of the inspired psalmist, "*O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.*" Let us never be ashamed of the truth of God's Word and let us never be made to feel ashamed because we submit to it. Let us trust in the Lord and seek Him often in prayer that we do not succumb to the attacks of those who desire to "triumph over" our faith. Let us, with patience and love, seek to help those who are lost and those who have erred from the faith to understand that it is not shameful to preach and practice only that which God authorizes. The shame is to have a lifetime of opportunity to be faithful to God but choose to reject His loving call to "*come unto Me*" (Matthew 11:28; Revelation 22:17).

Brad Green

# CONTROLLING THE TEMPER

An old Chinese proverb states: "If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow." I am not certain about the number of days, but the basic idea is true. Have you ever said something like one of these: "I would give anything if I had kept my mouth shut...I wish that I could take it all back...?" Most of us have been guilty of one of these. What about that determination to keep ourselves under control?

Some folks brag that they "speak their mind." Those who have to hear them know that is not a good thing. The rest of us need, in calmer moments, to resolve that we will speak with poise, even when provoked. Each of us ought to say, "I am determined with God's help not to let anyone make me angry enough to lose control of my temper!"

When we lose control, we lose every time. Remember the words "He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city." (Pro. 16:32).

Allen Haun

## What Must I Do to Be Saved?

1. [HEAR THE WORD](#)  
*Romans 10:17 – "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God."*
2. [BELIEVE IN JESUS](#)  
*John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 8:24 – "...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."*
3. [REPENT OF YOUR SINS](#)  
*Luke 13:3 – "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Acts 17:30 – "And the times of this ignorance God overlooked, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." 2 Corinthians 7:10 – "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."*
4. [CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD](#)  
*Romans 10:9-10 – "if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Also Matthew 10:32-33; see Acts 8:37 for an example.)*
5. [BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS](#)  
*Mark 16:16 – "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved"; Acts 2:38 – "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."; Acts 22:16 – "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord"; 1 Peter 3:21 – "...baptism doth also now save us..."*
6. [REMAIN FAITHFUL](#)  
*1 Corinthians 15:58 – "Therefore...be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord"; Colossians 1:23 – "...if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard"; Revelation 2:10 – "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."*