

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 7, 2025

Song: 11 – *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Song: 2 – *Amazing Grace*

First prayer: **Chrishawn Thompson**

Song: 93 – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Communion servers: **Mernie Ray & Larry Simmons**

Prayer for giving: **Shane Upton**

Song: 86 – *Sing to Me of Heaven*

Sermon: “*Paul’s Defense of His Character*” (2 Cor. 11:1-15) – **David Ray**

Invitation song: 67 – *At Calvary*

Closing song: 22 – *Be with Me, Lord*

Closing prayer: **Mark Brandt**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- 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:

- Happy birthday to **Bridgette Thompson** (December 10th)!
- “*Precept Upon Precept*” is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)

RECORD FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 16 AM Worship – 16 Sun PM – 15 DBR – 6 Wed (12/3) – 16

Contribution – \$1531

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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THE GOSPEL OF JUDAS

On Paul Harvey’s Friday broadcast, April 7th, came the following news item:

National Geographic has located an ancient manuscript in the Egyptian desert. It’s written on papyrus. It has authenticated itself with carbon dating. It has been translated by Biblical scholars. And unlike the other four gospels, this one indicates that Judas betrayed Jesus at Jesus’ request—that Judas, hear this carefully, that Judas helped Jesus get rid of His physical flesh and liberate His spiritual self.

This announcement is not nearly so damaging as it sounds—in fact, it is not damaging at all. What makes this “news” item sound even remotely interesting is our modern-day ignorance of church history and writings. Most of us are unaware of how many “gospels” were actually written. There was the Gospel according to Thomas, the Gospel of Nicodemus, the Gospel of the Nazarenes, and others listed below. The *Cyclopedia, of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature* was first published from 1867-1887. The Gospel of Judas was mentioned by them:

Of the gospels no longer extant, we know little more than that they once existed. We read in Irenaeus, Epiphanius, Origen, Eusebius, and other ecclesiastical writers of the Gospels of Eve or of Perfection, of Barnabas (ancient and modern), of Bartholomew, of Basilides, of Hesychius,

of **Judas Iscariot**, of the Valentinians, of Apollos, of Cerinthus, of the Twelve Apostles, and several others (3:940) (emphasis gws).

Many of these were known but rejected and perhaps lost because they were fabrications—counterfeits considered unworthy of any merit. That someone found a manuscript of a lost, bogus book might be news, but it is not news that the writing existed. Before anyone makes another stupefying find, there are plenty of other works that were written. Philip Schaff, in his monumental work, *History of the Christian Church*, points out that many apocryphal books of Acts were written, including The Acts of Peter and Paul, The Acts of Thomas, The Acts of Thaddeus, The Acts of Barnabas, The Acts of Andrew, The Acts of Simon and Jude, and several others (1:188).

Many of these apocryphal books were written to establish some heresy that a sect had developed over the years. They all contradict the truth of the 27 books of the New Testament. They were written after the first century, after inspiration had ceased, and were fairly easily identifiable as fraudulent.

The very idea that Jesus asked Judas to betray Him is farcical. There were several times that they wanted to put Him to death; our Lord did not need any help in raising the ire of the Jews or giving them opportunities. But consider these facts (from real gospel accounts).

1. Jesus said: “The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born” (Matt. 26:24). How hypocritical would it have been to have asked Judas to do that which he would regret eternally? There is a vast difference between God allowing men to sin and encouraging them to do so.
2. Jesus’ spiritual self did not need to be liberated. He was God in the flesh (John 1:1, 14). He was so spiritual that He told Philip, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (John 14:9).
3. Judas did not betray Jesus to help Him, but rather for 30 pieces of silver—because he was a covetous man—a thief, who stole from the money box (John 12:4-6).

Gary W. Summers

I'M SAVED; I CAN FEEL IT

A gospel preacher was talking to a woman who said she knew she was saved. The preacher said, “How do you know you are saved?” She made the following reply: “I was attending a religious service one time and all of a sudden I felt light as a feather...I felt I was floating...I felt I was saved.”

The preacher questioned the woman as follows: “Were you really floating?” “Certainly not,” she replied. “Were you light as a feather?” he asked. “Of course not,” she said. “Were you saved?” asked the preacher, “Oh yes, I was saved,” the woman said.

The preacher then asked this significant question: “If you could not trust your feelings about the first two things, why do you trust them about the third thing? Even though you felt light as a feather that didn’t make it so. Even though you felt you were floating, you were not floating. And because you felt like you were saved, that didn’t make it so.”

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32).

Author unknown

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. [HEAR THE WORD](#) Romans 10:17
2. [BELIEVE IN JESUS](#) John 3:16; 8:24
3. [REPENT OF YOUR SINS](#) Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; 2 Corinthians 7:10
4. [CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD](#) Romans 10:9-10 (cf. Acts 8:37)
5. [BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS](#) Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
6. [REMAIN FAITHFUL](#) 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 1:23; Revelation 2:10