

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 29, 2026

Song: 16 – *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Song: 901 – *No Tears in Heaven*

First prayer: **Mark Brandt**

Song: 67 – *At Calvary*

Communion servers: **Chrishawn Thompson & Brian Zumalt**

Prayer for giving: **Adam Bentley**

Song: 876 – *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Sermon: “*The Colossian Heresy*” (Col. 2:8-16) – **David Ray**

Invitation song: 456 – *There’s a Fountain Free*

Closing song: 2 – *Amazing Grace*

Closing prayer: **Larry Simmons**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Jerry (voice)
- Pattie Hutchinson & Bruce Shive (Sue’s siblings) – health concerns
- Tony Lopez, Starlyn Cooper, Carmen Lawson, Kim Nguyen – cancer
- Marjorie Trammel (Alyssa’s friend) – cancer
- Shane, Alyssa, & Addison – adoption process
- Fannie Ray (Mernie’s sister-in-law)
- 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 & 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))
- [www.youtube.com/@churchofChrist](http://www.youtube.com/@churchofChrist)

### RECORD FOR WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2026

#### ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 16    AM Worship – 17    Sun PM – 15    DBR – 7    Wed (3/25) – 14

Contribution – \$1509

# Yukon Church of Christ

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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 SMELL OF DEAD FISH

The title is not for the sake of novelty. It is the Bible’s own definition of the keyword *abomination*. This word is variously translated; “detestable, abhorred, loathsome, odious, and stink.” Thirteen times the Hebrew word for *abomination* is rendered in terms of “stink” in the Old Testament (e.g., Exo. 7:17; 8:14). The Egyptians must have found the dead fish in the river of blood and the heaps of dead flies piled high on the land more than their sensitive noses could bear. The scene of these plagues turn the stomach; but helps to understand the extreme offensiveness of this word.

God considers the following as **abomination** to Him:

1. The way and the thoughts of the wicked (Pro. 15:9, 26). Wickedness is synonymous with sinfulness. The man who thinks and lives contrary to God’s Word is repulsive before heaven.
2. “A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren” (6:16-19). Guilty of any?
3. The worship of the wicked (15:8). Men believe they can live for self and sin throughout the year just so long as they are careful to go through some form of worship at Easter or other special holy day. Perhaps some Christians who never

miss a service just as hypocritically are wedded to some secret sin. If these could “smell” their worship as God does, the aroma would shock and nauseate.

4. “He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination” (28:9). How many retreat to prayer in sickness, fear, calamity, yet just never seem to find the time to study God’s Word when things were going well for them?

By way of contrast, note how the Bible uses the expression: “an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of a sweet smell” (Eph. 5:2—ASV). This describes the one who humbly and faithfully submits to God’s will.

In our modern age of the aerosol can, which comes in a family size or matching his and hers, no one would dare venture into a crowd without having first sprayed on a good protective coat of deodorant, lest he or she offend. But how many are so concerned about offending God? What is the fragrance of your life to heaven?

Ralph Williams

## ***HARD TIMES***

The other day I was sitting and talking with a friend who had been a member of the church where I preached at more than 30 years ago. We talked about “those good-ole days.” But suddenly the smile on my friend’s face vanished and was replaced by a deep frown. “But you know, it’s not like it was then,” he said. “We would invite our friends to study the Bible with us, and they would. They would obey the Gospel and become workers in the church. Now, people think you are some kind of self-righteous nut if you try to show them the truth,” he continued.

He was right. These are hard times for the Lord’s church. I feel for young preachers today who face a hostile audience, often even in their own congregations. Religion is still popular, but the truth has suffered at the hands of a nation that has come to believe everything is relative. No wonder even men who once preached the truth have given up and joined the rest of those who submit to the wishes of the people.

But hard times are nothing new to the Lord’s church. It was conceived in a world that was full of religions which men had created. But, when people realized that the philosophies of men did not meet their real needs, they returned to the Lord’s church which had preserved the truth for them.

People have rejected the truth for the lifestyle that Hollywood has expounded for years. The family has been all but destroyed. Sexual perversion has become normal. Violence and hatred run rampant. Children are abused. Drug addiction is increasing rapidly. There is mass murder in the workplace, the schoolroom, on the streets, and in the home. Someday people will awaken and begin to search for a better way. The Lord’s church must be there to show them the truth when they do awaken!

So buckle up and hang on. Take the beating the world is giving the Lord’s church right now. If we give up and go along with the crowd, who will be there when the crowd wants the truth again? We have not shed our blood (yet), but we have the truth because others were willing to die for it. We must not let them down. We must not let the lost down. We must not let the Lord down. Better days are coming.

Bill Smith

### **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.”