

Sunday Service ~ February 1, 2026

Service for Swansea & Charlestown Presbyterian Church

Welcome & Prayer

The writer of Psalm 47 says these words,

"Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. ² For the LORD Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth. ³ He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet. ⁴ He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved. ⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets. ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. ⁸ God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne."

Let's pray. Dear Lord Almighty, how majestic is your name in all the earth. This day we wish the whole world would recognise your name, would recognise your power and grace and justice and mercy. We admit that we don't always remember how great you are. We don't always live in line with your holiness. We don't always rely upon your power. We don't always listen to your Word. So please forgive us. And place your Holy Spirit within us so that today we might worship you with heart, soul mind and body. We might be renewed in our faith. That we might desire to humble ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus each day. Be with us today and especially throughout this service, for we need you today more than ever. And we ask these things in Jesus' name Amen.

Song – King of Kings <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSnGYGr7sPg>

1. In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus:

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

2. To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

Chorus

3. And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

4. And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Bible Reading – 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (NIV)

"Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still

worldly—mere infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. 3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? 4 For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings? 5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. 8 The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. 9 For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

Announcements

Focus for Month: People. Growth is not about programmes or buildings but about people. So, relationships are extremely important. We can encourage others, learn from others and mentor others, each will help out relationship with the Lord as well as others. What relationships could you strengthen and develop this year?

NSW School Holidays. With NSW schools back this week, all our regular activities will be starting up again. That means all Home Groups, Kids and Youth activities, playgroup, our men’s and women’s walking groups and most other things will be back on this week. So now is the time to join something for yourself and something else to serve in.

Redevelopment. We are very close to moving back in. If things fall our way, our first Sunday back will be next Sunday, 8th February! We will confirm this by email/social media by the end of the week. The day before we move back in (**so at the moment this coming Saturday 8am-2pm**) we will need lots of people’s help to move all the furniture back, clean everything up, fix up paint splotches and lots of other small tasks. Please help out if you possibly can!

Regular Church Activities

Sun	10am	Kids Church & Creche Windale Service	Weekly	See Marris * See Colin W
Mon	10am	Swansea Ladies Morning tea Swansea Men’s Morning Tea	2 nd Mon of month 2 nd Mon of month	See Terry See Mal
Mon	7:30pm	Women’s Bible Study	Fortnightly	See Jo
	9:30am	Bible Study	Weekly	See Doug
Tue	9:45am	Women’s Walking Group	1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Tue	See Jan
	7:30pm	Young Adults Bible Study	Weekly	See Audric
	7:30pm	Bible Study	Fortnightly	See Ross
	7:30pm	Men’s Bible Study	Weekly	See Rob
	7:30pm	Mixed Bible Study	Weekly	See Steve Mc
Wed	10:30am	Swansea Bible Study	Weekly	See Stephen T
	3:30pm	Women’s Bible Study	Weekly	See Kaylene
	7:30pm	Bible Study	Fort	See Simon
	7:30pm	Young Adults bible Study	Weekly	See Audric
Thu	9am	Men’s Walking Group	Fort	See Colin
	7:30pm	Women’s Bible Study	Fort	See Sally
	7:30pm	Sunday @ 6 Home Group	Fort (zoom)	See Steve G
Fri	10am	JOY (Just Older Youth!)	1 st Fri	See Stephen T
	10am	Friday Women’s Home Group	Weekly	See Kerry
		Swansea Singing Group		See Nell
	7pm	IMPACT Youth	Weekly	See Jannah
Sat		Windale BBQ	Monthly	See Andrew M

*If you don’t know these people, please contact one of the people on the front of the Bulletin for more details.

Upcoming Events

TODAY	Kids and Creche Team meeting	From 12 noon
Saturday 7 th	Moving Back in Work Day	8am – 2pm
Sunday 8 th	Moving Back into the Church?!?! Training	Kitchen Operations - 11:15 to 11:30am A/V Operation - 11:30 to 12:00pm Music Team - 12:00 to 12:15pm
Monday 9 th	Swansea Men and Women's Coffee Mornings.	
Sunday 15 th	Breaking the Silence – Child Protection	11:30-1:30pm
Sunday 22 nd	Launch Sunday	More details soon!
Friday 6/3	Church Camp begins	Regos close TODAY

Pastoral Prayer

Pray for TEAR Fund. Give thanks for TEAR Australia's commitment to follow Jesus by serving the poor, and pray that all their work would remain firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel and dependence on God's grace. Pray for discernment, faithfulness, and transparency among TEAR's leaders, staff, and partners, that their advocacy and development work would be wise, effective, and honouring to Christ. Ask that God would bring deep, long-term change through TEAR's projects—addressing poverty and injustice while pointing people to the hope, dignity, and new life found in Jesus.

Pray for Our Kids & Youth Ministries. Pray that every child and young person attending would encounter Jesus in a personal and meaningful way, growing in faith, joy, and love for Him. Ask God to grant wisdom, patience, energy, and creativity to all who serve, that they would shepherd, teach, and encourage children and youth with clarity and compassion. Pray that our young people would build strong friendships, a sense of belonging, and a desire to follow Christ in everyday life, both at church and beyond.

Pray for Somalia. (Population 19 million, Christians 500). Christians in Somalia live in one of the harshest environments in the world. It is a place where openly following Jesus is impossible. It is illegal to convert from Islam to Christianity under the 2012 Provisional Constitution. Sharia (Islamic) law is upheld in all regions and this, coupled with social & clan pressure, forces Christians to practise their faith in secret and isolation. Conversion can lead to violence, being disowned by family (which in clan-based Somalia leaves individuals highly vulnerable) & even execution, often by family members. Christians have no legal protection.

Pray for social cohesion. Gracious Father, you have made us one in Christ, tearing down every dividing wall through the cross. In a fractured and anxious Australia, help us as your Church to be a humble, truth-speaking community—loving our neighbours, seeking peace, and bearing patient witness to the gospel of grace. By your Spirit, make us instruments of reconciliation, so that our life together points our nation to Jesus, the true hope and unity of the world.

Bible Reading – 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (NIV)

10 "By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. 14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. 15 If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames."

Song – Be Thou My Vision

[Be thou my vision - \(with lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

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| <p>1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light</p> <p>2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one</p> | <p>3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art</p> <p>4. High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all</p> |
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Sermon – Gospel Growth. (Stephen T)

Growth is one of the most common goals in Australian life. We want growing super balances and bank balances, growing skills at work and at home, growing kids - healthy and strong in body, mind, and soul, and growing relationships with friends, neighbours and families.

And churches want growth too. They hope that more people will come along to their services. They want those people to grow in their faith not remain babes in Christ. They want to see more fruits of the spirit within their community. And to do that they often want more money to pay staff and bigger and better buildings in order to run their programmes.

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And Paul in 1 Corinthians 3 will tell us that God wants growth. He wants the kingdom to grow, he wants Churches to become bigger, he wants us to grow and mature in our faith. But it is He that must give the growth. Numerical growth, bigger buildings & bank balances can be deceiving if God is not in it. We have all seen Churches rise and then fall because they placed their emphasis on the wrong things. Some but not all big churches out there grow by giving people a feel-good message & human packaging. On the other end of the scale, some small churches think they are being faithful but never see any fruitfulness.

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But in our passage today, Paul gives us four images to help us achieve Gospel Growth. **God's food is all about what sort of diet we serve up at our Church. God's field emphasises the role that each of us has to play in order to see real fruitfulness in our Church's life. God's foundation reminds us that we must build only on the work of Jesus Christ. And God's fire warns us that if we get it wrong, all that we have done for the Lord will one day come crashing down.** Growth is what we want to see this year in our faith and in our Church. But it must be God's growth. Gospel growth. And that firstly requires

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1. God's Food (verses 1-4)

"Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. 3 You are still worldly."

Paul is writing to the Corinthian church, a Church that he himself planted and spent 2 years ministering there. And he is writing this letter to them because he hears there is something rotten not just in the state of Denmark (and I am not talking about Greenland), but in the Corinthian church. They are not growing in their faith. They are still babes in Christ. And why is that? It is because of the spiritual diet they are consuming.

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They are still on a milk diet. And they haven't as yet progressed to the meat diet. They are still caught up on the basics, and haven't graduated to wrestling with the tougher issues. And how do we know that? Because of their emphasis on their leaders and because of the

divisions amongst themselves.

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“For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? 4 For when one says, ‘I follow Paul,’ and another, ‘I follow Apollos,’ are you not mere human beings?”

These Christians are still too influenced by the world and not enough by the word. They are acting like spoilt children rather than mature adults. They are aligning themselves with human leaders not the head of the Church, Jesus. And they are treating one another as combatants, rather than brothers and sisters in Christ.

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Think of someone who has had their red P-plates for a couple of years. They know the road rules, they’ve passed the test—but they still drive aggressively, tailgate, and lose their temper in traffic. They are technically licensed, but practically immature. That’s Corinth. Gospel knowledge without gospel-shaped character. Still on the milk when they should be also onto the meat.

Actually, they think that they have nailed Paul’s milkshake like sermons and moved onto something more substantial. And by doing so they are in danger of leaving the gospel behind. Moving from an emphasis on Jesus to doctrines and teachings that seem Christian but are really sub-Christian. Because they concentrate on what we do rather than what Jesus has done and is doing and will do in our lives.

And Paul wants to show in the books of 1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians that the milk of the gospel has incredibly important implications for life, faith, worship, leadership and spiritual gifts and love. That turn it from milk to meat. While keeping everything still all about Jesus.

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In the words of commentator, Morna Hooker *“Yet while he uses their language, the fundamental contrast in Paul’s mind is not between two quite different diets which he has to offer, but between the true food of the gospel with which he has fed them (whether milk or meat) and the synthetic substitutes which the Corinthians have preferred.”*

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Which means if we are going to grow as a Church, or in our faith, we need to be very careful about the spiritual diet that we consume. For growth in the Christian life is not measured by how much theology we can debate, how long we have been Christians, or how busy we are in church life. Gospel growth is seen in hearts increasingly shaped by Christ—marked by humility, unity, repentance & love. For a church can look active and impressive and yet still be spiritually immature if the gospel has not sunk deeply into how people treat one another.

Friends as your minister, I have met people who lack assurance or they just want to talk to me about their hobby horse or they are getting their spiritual food just from the internet or who are paralysed by the state of the world. Often that is because they are not getting the milk of the gospel & the meaty applications to the whole of their lives. That’s our emphasis here. So, make the most of it. Come every Sunday or if not listen to the sermon online. Meet up and discuss it in our small groups. Apply it to your life. Stop thinking like the people of the world all around you and instead be saturated by God’s word served up to you here.

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2. God’s food and then God’s field (verses 5- 9)

5 “What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe— as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it but God has been making it grow.”

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Paul moves from food to farming. Paul and Apollos are not rivals; they are farmhands. One plants, another waters, but God makes it grow. Paul strips away the celebrity culture of Corinth. Paul and Apollos are not the ones that we should be celebrating, they are just gardeners in God's field. Paul was good at PLANTING new churches. Apollos was good at WATERING and nurturing the people in the scriptures. Two different people, doing two different types of work. But one in purpose and vision. Working together for the Lord.

That's what we want to be here at Charlestown. Building on the great work of Kirk Patson, John Seaton, Todd Galvin, John Brown and countless Kids church leaders and numerous youth and small group leaders, elders, cleaners, musicians, visitors we work together, as a team in God's field, seeking God to bless us with his growth.

I like the story of the mayor who was driving around his town one day when he saw two council workers. One was digging a hole and then a few minutes later the other would fill it. And they did this a number of times and so the mayor went up to them and said, 'What are you doing?' We are doing our job they replied. We are a gang of three working together, one man digs the hole, the other one plants the tree and third guy fills in the hole. It is just that the guy who plants the tree is off sick today, but here we are, still faithfully doing our job!

When we all faithfully do our job and when we look to God for the growth we find out that we are not independent of our other Christians but interdependent upon them and completely and utterly dependent upon God Himself.

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7 "So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. 8 The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour."

One purpose. And what is that purpose? Growth. Gospel growth. To do what we are called to do by God so that he can do what he wants to do among us, grow us in our faith, grow our church in faithfulness and grow the Kingdom so it reaches the ends of the earth. Why else would Paul plant? Why would Apollos bother to water unless their vision was aligned with God's vision. To grow his Kingdom.

And so that is why Paul is placing the emphasis on what God wants to do in us and around us. 9 *"For we are co-workers in **God's service**; you are **God's field, God's building.**"*

These are co-workers in God's service. They are not going rogue, they have been chosen by God and given God appointed tasks. The effectiveness of their ministry is determined by the Lord, not by their personality or gifting. So, when they minister, they need to be a bit like John the Baptist who when pointing to Jesus said *"He must increase while I must decrease."*

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Because when they work, they don't work in their own field, but God's field, and the constructing site is not their Church but God's building. God alone is the owner, the architect, and the giver of life. In short, 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 teaches that **God uses servants, but God alone deserves the credit**. The church grows not because of who stands at the front, but because of who is at the centre of all that they do, Jesus Christ.

So, friends we need to give credit where credit is due. We need to give God the praise & the glory; He so rightly deserves. This is His Work. This is His idea, His plan. As our passage says, *"so neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, only God, who makes things grow."*

So, we constantly need to redirect our focus away from buildings, even new buildings, from programmes, leaders, & structures and place it where it deserves to be. On God himself. The Church and all we do

belongs to him. Which means that he will supply all we need. For really what we are set up to do is a superhuman task. To grow in holiness. To reach out to our community. To spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. It's beyond us, isn't it? Without his help, his word, his Spirit, his son, we don't have a hope in hell. Nor do those around us.

So, we need to pray. Your will be done. On earth as it is heaven. Pray Lord the field is ripe for the harvest raise up more workers and send them into the field. Lord I can't do this by myself. I can't change. I can't make a difference. I can't grow any aspect of this church's life. But I can plant and I can water and I can encourage and I can serve and I can teach. And I can model the Christian life. I can do the work that you give me to do but only you can do the work of growing my faith, growing your Church and growing your Kingdom.

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3. God's Food, God's field and thirdly God's foundation. (Verses 10-12)

10 "By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."

It starts with grace. Of course it starts with grace. God's grace. If it is God's building then it can't begin with our works or our faith or our skills or our thinking. The Church is not our Church; it is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Established by his death on the cross. Founded upon the grace that God has given us in his son.

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So, Paul says I laid the only foundation that was capable of holding such a massive undertaking. And that foundation is Jesus Christ. Not on doctrine. Not on buildings. Not on wisdom. Not on relevance. Not on entertainment. Not on friendship. These things may be a part of the superstructure. But the foundation has got to be Jesus Christ. For it is Jesus that will determine the size, shape and strength of everything we add to the foundation.

So, the foundation is already here, so we don't need to lay it again. We don't start each Church by scratch. We don't work up a new set of plans. We build upon what the apostles, the prophets, the Scriptures have already laid down. Jesus. For only Jesus can take the weight, the pressure of a worldwide family of believers. The Church is built on Jesus because every member of God's Church has their lives build upon the rock that is Jesus Christ. He is their cornerstone. We sing "On Christ the solid rock I stand; for all other ground is sinking sand."

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12 "If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light."

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What we build upon Jesus must be using quality materials. It is God's church after all. So, we need to use the very best materials available. Which is why Paul now contrasts two types of materials - the gold, the silver, the costly stones; with the wood, the hay and the straw. The first group are valuable; the next group are of a lesser worth. The first group will last; the second group will deteriorate. The first group were beautiful and special while the second group are ordinary and plain. The first group are the sort of materials used in the Temple; the second group were used in ordinary houses.

All this goes on to say that we should build with the sort of materials God wants us to build with. We have to follow his master plan. We are to use things that are valuable, not the left overs. We are to do things that will last generations, not be thrown away in a disposable society. We are to make something substantial as a Church for what we are doing as God's people could last for all eternity.

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For what lasts for eternity? But people. Living stones. Not really committees unless they affect people. Not really teaching Kids Church unless they shape our young people. Not really raising money unless that money is converted into building up the people of God. If we are not building up people in the faith & helping bring people to faith then really, we are just painting over the cracks. We are just plastering over a wall of cardboard. And that is not going to survive. Remember our work will be shown up on the last day.

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Winston Churchill once said *"We shape our buildings, then our buildings shape us."* And that is what the apostle Paul is saying to us here today. What we build our church with, will ultimately shape our lives. So, use the costly, the permanent, the beautiful, the materials that were used in the OT temple. For God's word was the centre of that building & God's word needs to be the centre of all we do in the Church of the living God. Because we have to ask ourselves, 'Will what we build survive

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4. God's fire? (Verses 13-15)

"It will be revealed with fire & the fire will test the quality of each person's work. 14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. 15 If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames."

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One day, God will test the quality of everything we have ever done. This is not about earning salvation—that foundation is already laid in Christ alone—but about the faithfulness and substance of our work as believers and as a church. This should sober us. Busy ministry is not the same as faithful ministry. Activity is not the same as fruitfulness. The question is whether what we are doing for the Lord is shaped by the gospel, grounded in Scripture, and aimed at genuine spiritual maturity.

For fire will test the quality of each person's work. When those bushfires ravaged homes in Victoria, not every home was destroyed by fire. Some were built to be fireproof. Others had a good buffer between the trees and the house. Many homeowners had sprinkler systems or had prepared well for fire season by cleaning out the gutters of leaves or removing loose flammable materials.

For a bushfire is the ultimate test. Has this house been built with such catastrophic conditions in mind? And similarly on the last day, the Church will face a catastrophic day of testing. And all those who are in the Church, all of us who are believers will have our work well and truly tested. The quality of our work will be tested. And the materials used in building up the Church will also be tested. Fire will be God's ultimate building inspector.

And much of what you and I have done in this life will not survive. Let's just think about that for a moment. At the final judgement you and I will be judged. Our lives will come under scrutiny. For our work for the Lord Jesus and His body, the Church, will be put to the test. So, what have we done? How much effort did we put in? What part of what we have done is going to last for all eternity?

You see it's not the amount of work that you have done that is important. It is not how busy you have been. It's the quality of your work. It's the materials you used in your work, that's what is important. Some of us, unfortunately, haven't even found our way onto the worksite. We haven't even valued the work of the Church enough even to make it to the site orientation. Others started their work well but they became disappointed or disillusioned or hurt by their fellow workmates. While others have invested heavily in the people in the Church and will be rewarded for all their hard work on the last day.

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And its work that will continue on until the day we die. Many of you will have heard about Philip Yancy, the author of 'What's so amazing about Grace,' 'Disappointed with God', & 'The Jesus I never knew', all books that have helped me so much in my faith. Yancey has just confessed to an 8-year-old affair. Which means

so much of his work will be destroyed by the fire of God's judgement. He will still be saved, but so much of what he worked for will be destroyed.

Friends, we don't want that to happen to what we are doing in our homes, in our church, in our workplace, in our community. For our work matters. So, are we investing in deep discipleship or just attending church? Are we building people up in the word or just keeping others busy? Is what we are doing today faithful and fruitful? Building on the work of Jesus? Am I growing in faith, in godliness, in good works?

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In Barcelona stands one of the most remarkable buildings in the world — Antoni Gaudí's cathedral, the Sagrada Família. Construction began in 1882. Gaudí devoted the last years of his life to it, knowing full well he would never see it finished. When asked why, he famously said, "My client is not in a hurry." Now more than a century later, it is still being built.

Different generations of workers have taken up the plans. Some laid foundations. Some raised walls. Others carved details they knew they would never see completed. But they all worked toward the same vision — one structure, one purpose, for the glory of God.

That is what Paul is describing here. We are God's field, planting and watering what others began. We are God's building, laid on the one foundation, Jesus Christ. We are under construction, growing steadily, carefully, faithfully. Hoping that God would use what we are doing to grow His kingdom. Which means as a church, we are building on the work of others. We are contributing what we can. We are labouring faithfully, knowing that what we do now will shape what comes after us. And one day, God will test the work — not to shame us, but to reveal what was truly done for His glory.

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So let us commit ourselves again to gospel growth: fed by God's Word, labouring in God's field, building on God's foundation, with our eyes on God's glory. We are not finished. We are not complete. But by God's grace, we are growing — a living structure, rising generation by generation, for the glory of God and of God alone.

Song – Live for the Kingdom https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89_LvReFill

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| 1. Hear the good news, repent and believe
Follow the saviour and everything leave
Taking the yoke that's easy and light
Dressed for the battle equipped for the fight
Learn from the master to sacrifice all
Glady obeying his call
Live for the kingdom all of our days | Chorus. Now is the moment, the day of salvation
This is the hour to be serving the king
Bearing the gospel go to the nations
Now is the time for our tribute to bring
And live for the kingdom
And give God the glory and honour and praise |
| 2. Love one another, care for the lost
Learn to live simply and carry your cross
Jesus is near so stand and be strong
Lift up your hearts in the victory song
When you're mistreated be certain to bless
Seeking his righteousness | 3. Learn to pray daily your kingdom come
And may your will on this earth soon be done
Forgive our sins as we forgive
Strengthen us while in these bodies we live
So we might work for that glorious day
When sin and death pass away |

Benediction. "7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. 8 The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. 9 For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building." (Romans 16:25 & 27)