

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”
2 Peter 3:18*

Sermon Notes

Title: “Confessing Christ” by Rev. John Downs

Text: 1 John 2:18-27

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 28:1-9

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

For All The Saints
The Church’s One Foundation

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1-2 “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.”

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Psalm 31

†CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed, Elder Ed Baker

WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Brian Riedel

WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

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WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD’S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

†SONG OF RESPONSE

It Is Well With My Soul

†BENEDICTION

†DOXOLOGY

+ Congregation standing, as you are able

Life in the last hour is found in confessing Christ.

I. Life in the last hour v. 18-23a

I. Conflict

II. Confidence

II. Confessing Christ v. 23b-27

I. True confession

II. Anointed abiding

Application – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).

Our responsibility, by God’s grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God’s Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?