

August 16, 2026
Sermon Notes - Pastor Robert Johnson
"We Are Blessed In Christ"
Ephesians 1:3



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First, Blessed Be Our God & Father (3)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steven Edging

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 113:1-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SONGS OF WORSHIP

*Jesus Shall Reign
O Worship The King
Come People Of The Risen King*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*Please fill out the friendship folder found at the end of the row.
**PreK4 through 1st graders dismissed to children's church.
If you are a first time visitor, please escort your children to the side door to ensure they are signed in appropriately.*

SONG OF PREPARATION

Oh The Deep Deep Love

SERMON

*"We Are Blessed In Christ"
Ephesians 1:3*

Robert Johnson

SONG OF RESPONSE

My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

BENEDICTION

WELCOME TO HPC! WE ARE EXCITED THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US IN WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY! Please fill out your information on our friendship folder to let us know you are worshipping with us!

Finally, God Blessed Us "In Christ Jesus" (3)

**FIRST SERVICE ONLY
**SECOND SERVICE ONLY*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRIMETIMERS THIS THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 12:00 PM in the Commons for a potluck luncheon. For any questions, please contact Bob Marlin at gatornutbob@msn.com.

CHOIR FAMILY COOKOUT: If you're a part of the choir, or interested in learning more about the choir, join us this **Saturday, August 22** from **5:00-7:00 pm** in the Commons for our annual choir kickoff cookout. This is a family event, so please RSVP for everyone who is coming to Daniel Tomynt at danielt@hixsonpres.org. We will have food, fellowship, bingo, and prizes! Plan to bring a side or dessert to share, and the church will be providing burgers and hotdogs and drinks.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place after both worship services **NEXT Sunday, August 23** to elect church officers.

Elder candidates: Doug Jones and Ed Heidel

Deacon candidates: Bob Marlin, Chase Nichols, & Dave Loftin

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTING WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2 OR FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4! Join us this fall as we study the book of James and explore what a life of genuine faith looks like. We will have two options: Wed evenings 6:00 -7:30 pm (during midweek with activities for all ages) and Friday mornings 9:30 - 11:30 am (RSVP for childcare to alisag@hixsonpres.org no later than August 21). Books are available in the foyer for \$5. Please contact Christine Parker women@hixsonpres.org) or visit hixsonpres.org/biblestudy to learn more and sign up.

SMALL GROUPS SIGN-UP ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER. CONNECT WITH OTHERS AND JESUS. This is a great way to be involved in the lives of fellow members and grow in your faith. Also available are Home Fellowship Groups – monthly meals in a home.

GUESS WHO'S COMING FOR DINNER is a new ministry designed to **build connections through shared meals and meaningful conversation**. Groups of eight gather monthly during the fall in one another's homes. This group of eight will change in the Spring. What a great way to get to know others in the church. Sign up today in the foyer!

FALL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 19 - Mid-week starts back

Thursday, August 20 - Primetimer Luncheon 12:00 pm / Commons

Saturday, Augusts 22 - Choir Family Cookout - 5:00 pm / Commons

Sunday, August 23 - Congregational Meeting / after both worship services

Wednesday, September 2 & 4 - Women's Bible Study Start

WALK. TALK. CONNECT: Ladies, the 1st Saturday of each month we will meet at the church pavilion at 9:00 am and walk the trail around the church property. Kids and leashed dogs are welcome too!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL. Two great options available. **Galatians – M1** – Stephen Archer looks at this great book's teaching on the gospel and the role of grace in the Christian's life. **On Being Presbyterian – M6** – Brient Hobbs looks at the theology, history, and practice of presbyterian churches.

HPC ROOM USE POLICY: If you are a part of HPC and need to use one of our rooms for a meeting, personal event or a church ministry event, it must be reserved through the church office by filling out a building request form. This is not optional. It can be found at hixsonpres.churchcenter.com/people/forms/206617 (on our church website).

If you use an HPC room, it must be left in the same configuration in which you found it. You may want to take a picture of the room before changing the setup so that you can return it to the original configuration after the meeting. *This policy applies to **everyone**. Yes, that means you.* If you have any questions, please contact Wendi at office@hixsonpres.org/ 423-875-0616.

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