November Sermon Series: Doxology

Doxology // 3 Week Series about the Glory to God

“Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

Chances are you have sung those words in a church service. The song is simply known as the Doxology. It is an expression of praise, giving glory to God. Although these words are not found in the Bible, there are many places in the Scriptures when the author pauses to give glory to God. After we finish our Lighthouse series, we will be looking at three Doxologies that will prepare us for Thanksgiving.

11.02 Be the Light // Acts 27 / Pastor Karl Schad, Senior Minister
11.09 Walk in the Light // Acts 28 / Dr. Ladd Haverly, Executive Pastor
11.16 To Strengthen You // Romans 16:25-27 / Karl Schad, Senior Minister
11.23 To Keep You from Stumbling // Jude 24-25 / Karl Schad, Senior Minister

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

On November 23, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will have our annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner. This is always a very special evening for our church family, with dinner beginning at 6:00 pm. Gateway provides the turkeys and when each family/individual brings two dishes—a vegetable dish and either a salad or a dessert—we always have lots of great food! During dinner we will have a very brief congregational meeting to approve new elder candidates and the 2015 budget. Of course, you can also expect some stories of how God has blessed His people. You do not want to miss this special night! No sign-up is required. Look at The Card in the Sunday bulletins for ways you can help, if interested. Also, check out Pastor Karl’s article regarding the special Thanksgiving offering.

Cook a Turkey for Our Potluck Dinner?

Would you be willing to cook a turkey for our Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 23? To provide enough turkey for everyone, we need 15 people to cook a bird. Turkeys will be purchased by the church; all you need to do is cook it, cut it up, and bring it that evening. If you could make gravy, that would be helpful. Please contact the church office (314.821.2156 or office@gccstl.org) if you can help. [NOTE: Turkeys will be available for pick-up at church on Wednesday, November 19.]

Fall Wednesday Night Life Program Ends

Wednesday, November 19, is the final night of our fall WNL program at Gateway. Our spring program, including our fellowship meal, activities and classes for all ages, will start up again on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. In the meantime, please check the Sunday bulletins and our online church calendar for special events during the Christmas holidays for all ages.
$40,000 Thanksgiving Offering Goal for STL Church Plant and Gateway Campus Needs

“But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”  

2 Corinthians 8:7

It is always exciting to partner with God in a mission to reach the lost and fallen. It is exciting and special when you get to partner with Christ followers who have been discipled through your fellowship and are stepping out into the adventurous call of church planting. This Thanksgiving we are asking you to give big, as we partner with Brock and Kristi (Hill) Howard.

“Brock and Kristi are preparing to launch a new church in urban St. Louis, with a timeline for launch sometime in early 2015. They both have the distinct advantage of being from the metro St. Louis area, and are exceptionally familiar with the culture of the city and the particular area they have targeted for their church plant.

“Their initial strategy upon arriving in St. Louis is to build intentional relationships, strategic ministry partnerships, and to launch a localized ‘house church’ in their own community. From this initial community ministry base, they will continue to birth more house churches, until they are prepared for an official Sunday gathering and launch.”  

(plantwithhoc.org/brock-kristi-howard)

Kristi is the daughter of Ken and Jane Hill, whose family began attending in 1974, one year after Gateway was planted. As Brock finishes seminary, they make their transition from Lynchburg, VA to plant a church in the St. Louis Loop. Brock and Kristi will do great things for the Kingdom of God and we are excited to support this new mission prayerfully and financially through our Thanksgiving offering.

In addition to our $25,000 general budget, we are praying for:
- $5,000 for Brock & Kristi Howard
- $5,000 for repairs to Children’s Playground (it is closed for repairs due to vandalism)
- $5,000 for improvements through security

Lead like Jesus,  
~Pastor Karl

START YOUR JOURNEY

Sign up in the CROSSECTION for the course that is appropriate for you:

LIVE FOR CHRIST—101 COURSE  
Sunday, November 16 — 9:00 am

GROW IN CHRIST—201 COURSE  
Sunday, January 4, 2015 — 9:00 am

SERVE LIKE CHRIST—301 COURSE  
Sunday, January 11, 2015 — 9:00 am
WORSHIP CORNER BY RAGAN

Intimacy with God begins with prayer. Here is a guide to prayer to do alone, with your kids, or in a small group. Let us clear a path for God’s presence in our lives. The veil (barrier) between God and man was torn when Jesus died. We can enter in to the Holy of Holies, God’s throne room, with confidence. Why? Because of the love and sacrifice of Jesus—amen!

ADORE Him. God does not need our flattery but He desires our praise! We were made to declare His glory. When we proclaim words of adoration, we speak truth about our God, recognizing how great He is. God, You are ____ (eternal, loving, faithful, Abba, merciful, forgiving, mighty, giver of life...).

CONFESS Your Sin. Our admission of need shows our humility. Open up to the Lord the things hidden, locked away. The Holy Spirit will convict your heart, not condemn. Being specific and voicing your repentance to God breaks the enemy’s chains, giving us freedom and forgiveness. Jesus, forgive me for ____. Help me be transformed.

GIVE THANKS To God. How beautiful is a thankful heart! Have you ever been recognized for your work? God deserves honor and gratitude for all He has done. When we praise God in the highs as well as the lows, we are strengthening our faith for times to come. God, thank You for _____.

MAKE Your Request. You have not because you do not ask. God, pour out Your power as we exercise our faith. We believe You are able to answer and able to do anything we could ask or think. Lord, I pray You would _____ (help me heal, forgive someone, bring salvation to my neighbor/family, etc). The source of all life, God, is seeking hearts who will trust Him. God is near, and He desires to have relationship with His children and use us to accomplish His plan of salvation on this earth. Enter into the presence of God, the Savior is waiting.

Thank You

Dear Gateway Family,

We greatly appreciate the beautiful peace lily you gave us in memory of Mom. Thank you for your prayers & continued prayers for our family. Prayer gives us the strength we need. We have been blessed by your friendship.

Love in Him, Ellie & Chris Goeke

Dear Friends at Gateway,

Wow! We were speechless and eyes full of tears when Toni brought a receipt down for our month’s rent. We never could imagine strangers to us taking us under their wings like this...we are eternally grateful to all of you for your wonderful kindness and generosity. As Gary heals and we get past the worst of the flu season, we hope to come and meet you.

In Christian love, Gary & Cindy Viar

How to Survive the Holidays

Have you recently lost someone through death or divorce? Plan to attend DivorceCare’s Surviving the Holidays event on Sunday, November 9 at 6:00 pm, and/or GriefShare’s Surviving the Holidays event on Thursday, November 13, at 6:45 pm. Both will provide you with practical insights on how to cope during the holiday season. If you know others suffering from a recent or past loss, invite them. For DivorceCare’s November 9 event, contact Paula Reed (stlpaula@gmail.com); for GriefShare’s November 13 event, contact Reta Kirk (reta.kirk@gmail.com).

A WORD FROM PASTOR TOM

Who are you? How would you answer that question? Probably by describing what you do or what you believe. You might say, “I am a mom”, “I am a student”, “I am a teacher”, “I am a grandpa”, and especially this time of year, you might say, “I am a Democrat” or “I am a Republican.” But deeper than any of those things is your true identity that should determine all your actions. If you have placed your faith in Jesus, then you are “in Christ.” That is how the apostle Paul describes it --being “in Christ.” And those of us who are in Christ are forgiven (Eph. 1:8); we are saints (Eph. 1:18); we are blameless (1 Cor. 1:18); we are protected (John 10:28); we are God’s workmanship (Eph. 2:10); and we are victorious (1 Corinthians 15:57). Here is one more: “We are God’s coworkers” (2 Cor. 6:1). When we receive that new “in Christ” identity, we become His coworkers. We join Him in His work. His work includes love, redemption, forgiveness, and making disciples. Let us embrace our identity and join God in His work.

~Pastor Tom

Young at Heart

On Wednesday, November 19, you will have a chance to hear music from yesteryear when the Young at Heart group attends Sheldon Hall’s coffee concert. Brian Owens, a vocalist from the military band Sidewinder, will give tribute to Nat “King” Cole in his 10:00 am performance. Sign up at the kiosk in the CROSSECTION by November 2. YAH will provide a van and arrange car pools as needed. On the 19th, arrive at the church by 8:30 am to allow time for complimentary pastries and coffee at The Sheldon before the show. Lunch at Triumph Grill and a self-guided tour of the Moto Museum will complete the outing; both are located on Olive in the vicinity of Grand Center. YAH will fund the excursion, plus give you $5 cash towards your individual lunch bill, since Triumph Grill is a little pricier than our usual eating establishments.

In Christian Sympathy

Our sympathies to those who lost loved ones: Ron Lang (dad); Doyle & Rita Cozadd (daughter Laura Gunthner); Ellie Goeke (mom); friends/family of Neava Roberts.

Gateway to F.U.N.

On Wednesday, November 19, Gateway to F.U.N. will visit the Civil War Museum located at Jefferson Barracks. We will explore the museum starting at 10:00 am and, weather permitting, take a look around Jefferson Barracks. This event is for all ages. Museum admission is $7.00 for adults, $5.00 for students, and 5 and under are free. RSVP by Nov. 18 to Carrie Imhoff.

Next Hymn Sing Fellowship:
Sunday, November 30
at 6:00 PM
**LIFE GROUPS**

Are you in a Life Group yet? It is the place to be so you can study, pray, talk—do life together. It is a place to connect in a deeper way with other Christians. Gateway has many Life Groups all over the St. Louis and Saint Charles areas. Contact the office at office@gccstl.org or 314-821-2156 for information on a group near you and begin the adventure of allowing God to move you into a closer relationship with Him and others.

**What on earth am I here for?** That’s a question we’ve all asked ourselves at one time. **The answer is to worship God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.** He created you and longs to have a relationship with you. God made a way for us to find forgiveness, peace, and meaning through His Son, Jesus Christ. We will never find or fulfill our purpose in this life until we let Jesus rescue us from our sin and become the leader of our life. So how do we do that?

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever **believes** in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.” *(John 3:16)*

“**Repent**, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord…” *(Acts 3:19)*

“If you **confess** with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved.” *(Romans 10:9)*

“**Repent and be baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.” *(Acts 2:38)*

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**MONTHLY GROWTH AND GIVING**

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Healing Heart Counseling Center is available to assist individuals, couples, groups and families to face and overcome life’s greatest challenges and changes.

Contact the center at 314.821.1120 and begin to heal by tending to your heart (calls are strictly confidential; sliding fee scale used).
November Mission Opportunities

Get involved this month with our two November mission projects: Operation Christmas Child and Angel Tree. You will be blessed as you bless children, both near and far, giving them love and care through Christmas presents you send them.

Operation Christmas Child — October 19 — November 16

Each Gateway family or person is encouraged to fill a shoebox (or multiple shoeboxes) with gifts for a male OR female child in ONE (or more) of the following age ranges: 2-4 years, 5-9 years, or 10-14 years old. Gifts may include small, age-appropriate toys and/or toiletries that fit into a shoebox. Family photos and personal messages are also encouraged; $7.00 should also be included to cover shipping. Brochures at the missions’ table will tell you everything you need to know about packing your box. The brochure also includes a label that must be included in your shoebox and an envelope for your donation inside. You may use a shoebox of your own or take an empty one from the missions’ table. The boxes must be returned unwrapped to the missions’ area no later than Sunday, November 16, so they can be packed up and delivered to a local drop-off site. Samaritan’s Purse will then sort and ship them around the world. This is a great opportunity for whole families (including small children) to work together to make another child’s Christmas bright and meaningful. If you have any “extras” that do not fit in your box/es, please bring those items by the 16th as well, and we will use them to fill more shoeboxes at our packing party on Saturday, November 22 at 10:00 am, or you can plan to come to the packing party and join the fun.

Angel Tree — November 23 — December 7

Gateway is hosting an Angel Tree again this year. There will be a Christmas tree in the foyer with angel tags provided by the Salvation Army. Each tag will contain the first name, gender, age, sizes, and suggestions of gifts for a child. If you would like to give a Christmas gift to a local child who would otherwise not receive one, take a tag or two. Buy something for the child, but please do not wrap it. Attach the angel tag to the gift and return it to Gateway by Sunday, December 7. Help make Christmas brighter for children around our city. The presents will be picked up by the Salvation Army the week of December 8-12.

You Made a Difference!

In September, a group of 10 Gateway members served a weekend at Shiloh Christian Children’s Ranch and helped to get the Ranch ready for their annual open house. Thank you for your service!

Bread Basket November Collections

| November 02: | Canned goods (i.e. soup, meat, vegetables, fruit) |
| November 09: | Toiletries (for men, women, and children) |
| November 16: | Dry Goods (i.e. spaghetti, rice, flour, etc.) |
| November 23: | Paper Goods (i.e. paper towels, bath tissue, Ziploc bags) |
| November 30: | Baby Goods (diapers, diaper wipes, baby food, etc.) |

We have many Gateway families in need; please help keep our shelves stocked. Drop off your donations in the baskets at the missions’ table in the hallway.
KIDS’ MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 2

As we hope you realize, much has changed in the kids’ worship center so far this year. As with any renovation project, there are always more things to accomplish throughout the kids’ ministry building, and this is your chance to see firsthand what is finished and what is next on our agenda. For all those who were unable to come to our earlier open house, we want to give you the opportunity to meet some of the great folks who minister to your kids each and every week!

On Sunday, November 2, come by for a guided tour of our Kids’ Ministry Department before or after either worship service and/or join your child in class or Kids’ Worship. What a great opportunity to come, ask, and enjoy Gateway’s PURSUIT Kids’ Ministry!

A BIG “THANK YOU” TO ALL WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY TO MAKE THE FAMILY FALL FUN FEST A SUCCESS THIS YEAR!

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 - 12:00 — 4:00 PM

Parents: do you need an afternoon to yourself to relax or do some power shopping for Christmas? If so, please note that your kids 4 years old – 5th grade are invited to an afternoon filled with food, fun, service projects, and the opportunity to make gifts for family members on Sunday, December 7! In order to properly prepare, pre-registration by Sunday, November 30 and a $6 fee will be needed to provide the craft projects. Two or more children attending from one family only pay $5 a piece. Registration forms will be available on the parent take-home papers starting November 2. The event will begin with a special treat—a short Christmas program given by Joyful Noyz! Do not let your kids miss out on this great event!

THE SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

As we enter into this season of Thanksgiving, my prayer for our Gateway kids and families is that our eyes are truly open to all the blessings God so generously gives each one of us. One way to approach this topic of conversation is through the use of God Sightings. A God Sighting is any time we see God at work around us and in our lives. It could be something as simple as a beautiful sunset, an answer to prayer, a kind word, or a hug from a friend. How is God working in your life and the life of your family? I encourage you to make this a regular topic of discussion with your family at the dinner table, driving in the car, as you tuck your little ones into bed, any time and any where!

May your Thanksgiving celebration be one of true gratitude.

Blessings,
~ Pastor Shari
Happy Turkey month! Just like you have a lot to be thankful for, so do we at Collide. It has been a great year!! Thank you, parents and students, for being part of it. However, we are not finished yet. This month of November will be awesome!

The series for Wednesday nights will be another Collide Out. That is where we take the love, grace, and mercy of Jesus and push it out into our city, state, and world. The Christian organization we will be learning about and supporting is Sweet Sleep (www.sweetsleep.org). On November 19, we will have an all worship/prayer night, with certain rooms set up to pray for the “least of these” around the world.

COLLIDE SPRING RETREAT — MARCH 6-8, 2015

The Collide Creative Team is also starting to work on our spring retreat, called MAKE. The dates are set for March 6-8, 2015. The focus of the weekend is all about being a disciple who makes disciples. The total cost for MAKE is $125.00. That includes everything—the programming, food, fun, lodging, and more. A deposit of $50.00 is due on Wednesday, December 3. Please sign up your students and friends for this incredible weekend!!

CALENDAR DATES FOR NOV & DEC

So you all know, here are some dates to have on your calendars:

Wed., November 5          Collide Out series kickoff
Wed., November 19         Momentum worship night
Wed., November 26         No Collide Live (I call this the “stretch-your-belly-for- Thanksgiving-food” day)
Wed., December 3          Collide Live “Starry Night” session 1
Wed., December 10         Collide Live “Starry Night” session 2 and Party!

If you have any questions about any of these upcoming Collide events, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email. Looking forward to a great rest of the fall season with these great students!

~Pastor Josh
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DivorceCare 6:00 pm  
Men’s Basketball 6:30 pm | REFIT® Fitness Class  
9:30-10:30 am  
Staff Meeting 11:00 am | YAH Core Meeting  
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Wednesday Night Life  
5:30-8:00 pm  
Band Practice 6:45 pm | REFIT® Fitness Class  
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| DivorceCare’s “Surviving the Holidays” Event  
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101 Course 9:00 am  
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| Hymn Sing Fellowship 6:00 pm  
DivorceCare 6:00 pm  
Men’s Basketball 6:30 pm |     |     |     |     |     |     |

**November Nursery Workers**

**November 02**  
9:00 E. Feinstein, F. Kremer, J. Starling, L. Weitzel  
10:30 L. & L. Rekas, **Need 1 more!**

**Wed., Nov. 5**  
S. & M. Jaegers

**November 09**  
9:00 D. & B. Canon, J. Cuenca, **Need 1 more!**  
10:30 J. Lyons, E. Pratt, B. Vaughn

**Wed., Nov. 12**  
J. Cottrell, J. Reed

**November 16**  
9:00 E. Brame, S. Craighead, S. & J. Primm  
10:30 F. Goad, N. Moore, J. Salman

**Wed., Nov. 19**  
J. Harris, N. Moore

**November 23**  
9:00 J. & K. Bell, J. Padua, T. Shon  
10:30 E. Allen, K. Barnard, J. Vallieres

**November 30**  
9:00 W. Cowan, S. Olsson, J. Worley, B. Wren  
10:30 B. Clark, L. Ryan, **Need 1 more!**