

THE
MOODY
CHURCH

January 21, 2024

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

PART 2

Hope Breaks
Through

WELCOME

Thanks so much for worshiping with us today! At our church family, we believe that Jesus is inviting you on *The Journey of a Lifetime*.

We're here to help you take the next step on your journey with Jesus. If you have questions, stop by the Connection Center after the service or send us an email to info@moodychurch.org.



PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Philip Miller, Senior Pastor

This Sunday we're looking at the message John the Baptist proclaimed as the forerunner of the Messiah. And it's all about repentance.

Repentance is hard for us. We don't like facing our shortcomings and failures. We don't like the waves of shame and guilt that arise. We don't enjoy the pain of contrition. Repentance feels like death. But it's the only way to life.

Repentance is the gateway through which God's salvation comes. When we confess our sins, we find mercy. When we repent of our ways, we find grace to lead us on a new path. When we lose ourselves, we end up getting ourselves back. We die in order to live.

So while repentance might feel like death, it is the only way to life. The great danger to our souls is that we'll resist repentance, and never

know the salvation that God has for us. By avoiding repentance, we cut ourselves off from the life of God. Holding onto our pride will, it turns out, be our ruin. But God gives grace to the humble. God's kindness leads us to repentance. Repentance is our friend.

A friend of mine once told me, "When pushed...fall." She meant there's no point of fighting the push of conviction. Fall into repentance. Collapse into sorrow. Humble yourself in contrition. For it is at our lowest that mercy meets us. It is when we're helpless that God's grace lifts us up. And His glory is for those who know they have nothing to their name.

So, let's embrace repentance. For then we will realize we are loved, more than we know!

THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME



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ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome | Pastor Philip Miller

Congregational Singing | Pastor Tim Stafford

Baptism | Pastor Justin May

Aaliyah O'Connell

Pastoral Prayer | Pastor Josue Reyes

Scripture Reading

Choral Anthem

Message | Pastor Philip Miller

Song of Response

Benediction

SERMON NOTES

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

Pastor Philip Miller | Luke 3:1–20

The “Why” of Repentance

- Repentance feels like death, but it is the only way to life.

The “What” of Repentance

- Cultural Religiosity.
- Disintegrated Faith.
- Hypocritical Fakery.
- Defiant Indulgence.
- Repentance is turning away from ourselves, and turning instead toward God.

The “How” of Repentance

- Repentance means surrendering to the Lord, and walking in faithful obedience.

Takeaway:

- Repentance is good news, if you and I will receive it.
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Watch this sermon again at moodychurch.org/sermons.

Need prayer? Visit moodychurch.org/prayer to submit a request, receive in-person prayer with our Prayer Team after the service, or call 312.319.1570.

Song titles and more info at the live stream page.



DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING

Wednesday, January 24
6:30pm–8:00pm in Clarkview

7:00am

Join Pastor Philip live on YouTube as we start our day off together.

9:00am

Adoration | Psalm 145:18

10:00am

Adoration | Jeremiah 33:3

11:00am

Adoration | John 15:7

12:00pm

Confession | Psalm 51:1–4, 17
Join us live on YouTube for prayer.

1:00pm

Confession | 1 John 1:8–9

2:00pm

Thanksgiving | Colossians 3:15–17

3:00pm

Supplication | Titus 2:11–14
Please pray for the mission of our church (or for your own local body)

4:00pm

Supplication | Matthew 5:16
Please pray for the leaders of our church, your church, and for all churches around the world.

5:00pm

Supplication | 1 Peter 5:5–7;
Hebrews 13:17;
1 Peter 2:1–2
Please pray for Chicago and for the United States, or for the city and country in which you live.

6:30pm–8:00pm

Church Gathering | Clarkview
Join us for corporate prayer! At the end of the meeting, we'll break our fast together.

*Unable to join us in person?
The gathering will be streamed
on our YouTube channel.*

Info:

moodychurch.org/prayer-and-fasting



The Moody Church has a long history of loving and advocating for children in need. The Moody Church began out of D.L. Moody's original work with vulnerable children in some of Chicago's worst neighborhoods as children and their parents came to know the Lord.

Hope For Kids, part of The Moody Church missions program, continues the same commitment to children's well-being—whether orphaned, in foster care, living in under-resourced neighborhoods, or in danger of being trafficked—The Moody Church remains committed to bringing hope to children in dark situations.

Hope For Kids encourages and equips the congregation to minister to vulnerable children through partner organizations in Chicago and around the world while also supporting members involved in foster care and adoption.

Info:

moodychurch.org/hope-for-kids/programs



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SPRING CLASSES

Our spiritual growth occurs in direct proportion to knowing, understanding, and applying the Bible in our lives.

As we begin 2024, we are offering a wide variety of classes, seminars, and other learning opportunities to help you in your spiritual walk. We offer classes on marriage, grief, parenting, missions, mental health, and much more! Wherever you are on your journey, there is a class for you.

Each class is unique! Explore our classes by following the link below!

Info: moodychurch.org/class-finder



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TODAY AT A GLANCE

8:30AM COMMUNITIES

Christian Fellowship: 8:45, Room 304/305

Impact: Room 307

Light & Life: Room 107

Next Chapter: Room 108

Sisters in Christ: Room 303

Fourth Watch: Room 103

9:45AM

TMC Kids (infants to Pre-K): 2nd floor

10:00AM

Sunday Morning Service: Sanctuary

ASL Translation: Facebook

Transmisión en Español: Facebook (online)

Traducción en Español: WaveCast (live)

10:30AM

TMC Kids (K–Grade 2): 2nd floor

11:15AM

Connection Center: Main Lobby

11:30AM COMMUNITIES

Apply The Message: Room 304/305

Co-Laborers (Adults w/ IDD): Room 301

College & Early Career: Room 303

Moody en Español: Kappeler Hall

Deaf Bible Study: Sankey 3

Fusion: Room 103

InFocus: Room 107

International Friends: Room 112D

Mosaic: Room 307

Veritas: Sankey

YourMarriage YourFamily: Room 108

Junior High: Room 309

Senior High: Room 308

TMC Kids (3rd-5th): Room 208

1:00PM

Light & Life Community Sponsored Prayer for Chicago: Room 107

Chicago Christian Academy Interest Meeting: Room 108

1:30PM

Mental Health Support Group: Room 301

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY

Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

TUESDAY

Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

Women's Precept Study: 9:30am, Room 108

Fusion Prayer Meeting: 7:30pm, Zoom

WEDNESDAY

Children's Choir: 5:30pm, Choir Room

AWANA: 6:30pm, 2nd Floor (registration required)

Junior/Senior High Youth Group: 6:30pm, Rooms 308/309

Adult Choir: 6:30pm, Choir Room

Prayer and Fasting Meeting: 6:30pm, Clarkview

Perspectives Class: 6:30pm, Room 103

Int'l Friends Bible Study: 7:00pm, Zoom

Reunión de Oración: 7:00pm, Zoom

THURSDAY

Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

Veritas: 6:30pm, Room 103

FRIDAY

Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

SATURDAY

Men's Prayer and Praise: 7:30am, Room 103

Bendecida: 10:00am, Room 307

Women's Precept Study: 10:15am, Room 308

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