

Greetings and Encouragements

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

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Order of Worship

Preparing our Hearts: If you arrive a little early, prepare your heart for worship by reading and thinking about this text:

- *I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.* (Jn. 16:33 ESV)

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - Psalm 91:1-2
- We humbly respond with praise
 - “Holy, Holy, Holy”
 - “Better Is One Day”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.* (Ps. 103:1-3 ESV)
- God’s grace
 - *But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.* (Ps. 130:4-6 ESV)
 - “Forever Reign”

What we Believe: As a church we want to affirm our unity in what we believe.

- “Because We Believe”

Prayer: We bring our requests to the Lord through Jesus Christ.

Church Life/Greeting: In Christ, we live and fellowship together as believers. We take time to learn what is going on in our church, and to greet one another as we worship.

Prayer for Understanding: We pray that God will open our hearts and minds to the preaching of His Word.

Sermon:

- 1 Corinthians 16:1-24

Lord's Supper: In taking communion together, we remember the death of Christ as we proclaim it to one another as we consume the elements.

- “Hallelujah What A Savior”

Praise to God (Doxology): We end our time of worship together as we resound in praises together.

- “Great Things”

God Blesses: We go into the world this week with God's blessings as He enables us to serve Him.

- 1 Corinthians 16:23

Growth Group Questions

1. What does it mean to be watchful as a Christian?
2. Why is this such a common and important command for us as Christians?
3. What areas of your life do you know you need to be most watchful over? Why?
4. How can we be more watchful?
5. Why is Paul's large list of greetings such an encouragement in light of all he has told the Corinthians to do?
6. How has God used the book of 1 Corinthians in your life this last year?

Next Week: Matthew 8:1-4