

Lighthouse Worship

The Whole Gospel

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- **Opening Prayer**

On this first Sunday of the New Year, take a moment and (re)dedicate this year to the Lord. Ask Him to guide you into all He has for you, and to strengthen you for the road ahead. Also take some time to ask Him to speak and open your heart to receive what He has for you.

- **Scripture Reading**

Lamentations 3:22-24 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

Isaiah 40:28-31 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

- **Reflection**

A new year offers new beginnings. What new work are you praying the Lord works in YOU in this new year?

- **Worship Through Song**

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me (City Alight): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zundjUFazfg>

- **Scripture Reading**

James 2:14-26 What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that-- and shudder. You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone. In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

- **Lighthouse Message – The Whole Gospel**

YouTube Channel: Alliance Bible Church, Anchorage

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYnhhwO3DYtDWIcIVtelFrg>

- **Discussion**

1. Churches often fall on one side of the “social gospel” coin or the other. Some major on personal faith and deepening their relationship with the Lord with a focus on the inner self, while others major on meeting the needs of the community and world while minimizing any focus on personal relationship with God. What are the problems with erring on each side? What does it mean to embrace the whole gospel?
2. How does our calling to advance the Kingdom of God relate to our call to live the whole gospel?
3. Why is it important to see people as “whole people,” and not merely as spiritual, emotional, or physical beings? How does this impact our understanding of the gospel?
4. What else would you like to share?

- **Communion** (Please have communion elements ready)

Take a few quiet moments and prepare your hearts to partake of Communion. Repent of anything that has hindered your relationship with the Lord. After you have done so, please read:

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

All partake of the bread together.

Then read:

1 Corinthians 11:25-26 In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people-- an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it." For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

All partake of the cup together.

Speak a prayer of thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus' life on the cross for us.

- **Prayer**

Pray for one another and anything else the Lord brings to mind.

- **Worship Through Song**

Follow You (Leeland): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJeW3HIDqPA>

- **Benediction**

May we choose to be a part of God advancing His Kingdom into the lives of the hurting and broken, for it is to these that He has come.

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- **Giving:** <https://www.abcanchorage.org/giving>
- **ABC Updates:** <https://www.abcanchorage.org/updates>