

## WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

April 17, 2016 10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

PSALM 48 B Jonathan Murray, presenting

Prayer for God's Blessing upon Us as We Worship Him

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:14-21

PSALM 119 M

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings:

Prayer Time for the Congregation

To this my prayer, O Listen LORD; And let my cry for help reach You. In time of grief, hide not Your face, Incline to me Your list'ning ear; And answer quickly when You hear.  
(Psalm 102 A, stanza 1)

PSALM 34 C

Scripture: Amos 9:11-15; Micah 5:2-5; Haggai 2:4-9; Malachi 3:1-4; 4:1-6

Sermon: *Books about Christ: The Minor Prophets*  
Pastor Martin Wilsey, Preaching

PSALM 98 A, stanzas 1-3

Pastoral Blessing

PSALM 98 A, stanza 7

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**Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Join us for a time of refreshment following the service. Coffee, tea and other drinks are served in the kitchen area.**

## SERMON: BOOKS ABOUT CHRIST: The Minor Prophets

- I. Basics about the Minor Prophets
  - A. In Judaism they are counted as one book, twelve books in our Bible
  - B. Served over a period of about 400-450 years (850-430 BC)
  - C. Brought God's Word to the divided kingdom of Israel and Judah, and also to others (Edom, Assyria, Babylon, etc.)
  - D. Wrap up the Old Testament in terms of chronology (Malachi)
  - E. Six earlier (850-690 BC), six later (630-430 BC)
  - F. Prophesied before during and after both the Assyrian captivity (Israel), the Babylonian captivity (Judah) and the return from exile
- II. The message of the Minor Prophets: sin begets judgment, then what?
  - A. The wages of sin:
    1. Hosea's wife of harlotry, Joel's swarms of locusts, Amos' "for three transgressions and for four" and his word to "those at ease in Zion"
    2. Israel and Judah are the focus, but all the nations are addressed
  - B. The coming judgment, through Assyria and Babylon
  - C. The answer: the Day of the Lord, those days, that day, the last days, etc. (Joel 1:15; 2:1,11,31; 3:18; Amos 9:11; Obadiah 15; Micah 4:6; Zephaniah 1:7,14; 3:8,16; Haggai 2:23; Zechariah 14:1,6,9,20; Malachi 4:1,5)
- III. The Day = the Coming of Jesus Christ
  - A. Hosea 11:1 and Matthew 2:14-15: out of Egypt have I called My Son
  - B. Amos 9:11: the restoration of the fallen booth of David
  - C. Micah 5:2 and Matthew 2:6: the significance of Bethlehem
  - D. Zechariah 9:9: the donkey and the triumphal entry (Mark 11:1-10)
  - E. Jonah 1:17 and Matthew 12:39-40: as Jonah was in the belly of the whale
  - F. Zechariah 11:12-13: 30 pieces of silver
  - G. Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6: the forerunner, John the Baptist
  - H. Haggai 2:9: the latter glory of this house
  - I. Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2:16-21: the pouring out of the Holy Spirit
- IV. The importance of this sermon to us:
  - A. Sin still begets God's judgment upon nations and upon individual people.
  - B. Judgment has come and is yet coming. What can we do?
  - C. The repentance of Nineveh really happened. What does this say about our evangelism?
  - D. The truth is in the details: numerous prophecies and fulfillments testify to the accuracy of Jesus' words about the OT and Himself.