

The Prattmont Church of Christ is just what the name suggests, a church that belongs to Christ. We are not a denomination; we are simply a group of Christians trying very hard to practice the teachings of our Head, Jesus Christ. The New Testament offers a complete pattern for what each local church should be like—its organization, its worship, its work, etc. We are committed to following that pattern. We cordially invite you to attend our services. We would also welcome any comments or questions about this bulletin.

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study..... 9:00 A.M.
 Worship..... 10:00 A.M.
 Training Class5:00 P.M.
 Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.



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Isaiah's Descriptions of God

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The Book of Isaiah contains some wonderful descriptions of God and His ways, so let's use it as our primary source to get better acquainted with the great "I Am" (Exodus 3:14-15).

There is only one God—the One who reveals Himself throughout the pages of Scripture. "For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me" (Isaiah 46:9; see also 1 Corinthians 8:4-6).

The one God is eternal, which is exactly what He means when He says, "I am the First, I am also the Last" (Isaiah 48:12; see also Revelation 1:17).

The one eternal God is all-knowing and all-powerful, which means that He can declare "the end from the beginning" (Isaiah 46:10), that He can announce what is yet to come and then "bring it to pass" (Isaiah 46:10-11; 48:3-6).

In "the greatness of His might and the strength of His power" God "laid the foundation of the earth" and "stretched out the

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heavens” (Isaiah 40:26; 48:13), and now rules over them for the benefit of His people (Colossians 1:15-17; Ephesians 1:22-23).

God “formed the earth...to be inhabited” (Isaiah 45:18), and so He “gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it” (Isaiah 42:5).

These people to whom God gives “breath”—He does not leave them to their own devices (Isaiah 30:1). He gives them commandments, the purpose being to lead them in the way they should go (Isaiah 48:17-18; see also 2:3; 54:13).

To keep His people in the way they should go, God refines them with affliction—“I have refined you...I have tested you in the furnace of affliction” (Isaiah 48:10). He does it for our own good, so “count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience” (James 1:2-3).

God carries His people through this “furnace of affliction”—“Even to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you” (Isaiah 46:4).

But don’t become impatient when His help seems far away; and don’t think He has abandoned you, because God does things in His own time (Isaiah 40:27-31). “But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts” (Isaiah 6:3)—that’s what Isaiah heard the seraphim cry when he saw a vision of the Lord. God is holy, and therefore cannot tolerate sin, something which Isaiah understood all too well (Isaiah 6:5—“woe is me”).

And yet to those in sin God the Redeemer offers forgiveness and salvation, righteousness and peace, joy and gladness (Isaiah 35:8-10; 43:25; 46:12-13; 48:18). Come to Him on His terms, and “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Isaiah 1:18).

But don’t wait to get right with Him, because God holds all men accountable, and He will bring “vengeance” on those who continue in sin (Isaiah 47:3; 48:22). His way is called the “Highway of Holiness” (Isaiah 35:8), so leave your sins behind and walk in the way which leads to “everlasting joy” (Isaiah 35:10).

