

## **Three Lessons on Patient Endurance From the Letter to the Church in Ephesus**

- Jesus' authority, presence, and care motivate and encourage us to patiently endure. (2:1)
- Patient endurance takes hard work. (2:2)
  - To not bear with false teachers (2:2, 6)
  - To bear up for Jesus' name without growing weary (2:3)
- Patient endurance must be fueled by love. (2:4)
  - Lack of love jeopardizes our witness. (2:5)
  - Lack of love jeopardizes our church. (2:5)

## **How We Should Respond to This Letter**

- Evaluate to what extent this is true of our church and ourselves personally. (2:7)
- Remember (2:5)
- Repent (2:5)
- Do (2:5)

## **The Blessing for Those Who Patiently Endure**

- We will share in the reversal of the consequences of the fall. (2:7)
- We will dwell in God's place enjoying God's presence forever! (2:7)



# Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, the sermon, or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. We also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card at the Welcome Table or online at [crossfellowshipchurch.org/connect](http://crossfellowshipchurch.org/connect).

## Order of Service

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 40:1-5

“Psalm 34 (Taste and See)”

“Good and Gracious King”

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 59:1-2; Colossians 1:21-22

“Jesus Paid It All”

“I Set My Hope”

**Prayer**

**Sermon:** Revelation 2:1-7

“O Great God”

**Partaking of the Lord’s Supper**

**Prayer and Benediction**

## Announcements

### Prayer Gathering

*Sunday, May 5 / 4-5:30 p.m. / New Haven*

Join us for our church-wide Prayer Gathering. During our time together, we’ll pray for one another and our church, and hear specific testimonies of how God is at work in the lives of some of our members.

### Church Picnic

*Sunday, May 26 / 5-8 p.m. / Franklin Park*

Make plans to join us for our next church picnic! The church will provide the main dish and drinks. DC groups will be assigned sides. Please bring any lawn/outdoors games you would like to play.

### Foster Care Interest Group

*July 2024*

Whether you’re considering fostering soon or far in the future, you can begin now by exploring what it looks like and how to prepare. Participating in this group doesn’t necessarily mean you will become a foster family (our goal is not to convince you), but we want to help you make a wise and well-informed decision. Join us for four meetings in July to go through a small booklet and pray with others for God’s plan. If you’re interested, reach out to Nicki McDowell.

### Elders

- Matt Campbell / [matt.campbell@crossfellowshipchurch.org](mailto:matt.campbell@crossfellowshipchurch.org)
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### Discipleship Communities

DCs gather in homes on Wednesday evenings to provide leadership, community, encouragement, and accountability as we live as disciples. For more information or to join a DC, visit [crossfellowshipchurch.org/dc](http://crossfellowshipchurch.org/dc).

### Nursing Mothers

We offer a nursing mothers’ room in the back left (as you face the stage) of the sanctuary.

### Children’s Discipleship

To walk alongside parents in teaching children about the good news of Jesus, we offer the following classes.

*Sundays at 9 a.m.*

- K-2nd grade: rm. 202
- 3rd-6th grade: rm. 206

*Sundays during the Worship Gathering*

- Infants (ages 6-12 mo.)
- Toddlers (ages 1-2): rm. 206
- Pre-K (ages 3-4): rm. 202

*Sundays at 6 p.m.*

- Youth group: 7th-12th grade

### Offering

Thank you for your generosity! There are a few ways you can give:

- In the offering box on Sundays
- Through the Church Center app (iPhone/Android)
- Online at [crossfellowshipchurch.org/give](http://crossfellowshipchurch.org/give) (scan the QR code)



*\*Please refrain from eating and drinking in the sanctuary. Thank you!*