

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” (Psalm 87)
GCC, 6/12/22, morning worship

Introduction

- A. Why I love the church
- B. Christians should love the church as God loves the church
- C. How is this psalm about the church?
 - 1. “Mt. Zion” and “City of God” as metaphors for the *people of God* (Heb 12:22–24; cf. Gal 4:24)

Six Reasons Why We Love the Church!

- 1. God established the church (vv. 1, 5)
- 2. God loves corporate worship more than private worship (v. 2)
 - A. Gates of the City as the *Public Worship of God’s People*
 - B. Dwellings of Jacob as the *Private Worship of God’s people*
 - C. God’s glory is uniquely present in the corporate worship of God’s people: word, sacrament, prayer.
- 3. Glorious things are spoken of the church (v. 3)
 - A. The angels long with great curiosity and wonder at the church (1 Peter 1:12)
 - B. Even enemies of the church have recognized her beauty
 - C. Learn to speak well of the church
- 4. The Church is our mother (v. 4; Gal 4:26)
- 5. The Lord records as he registers the peoples (v. 6)
- 6. The springs of grace are in the church of Christ (v. 7)