

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a pile of small, light-colored, crystalline particles. The background is a dark, textured surface. The text is overlaid on the image.

Welcome to  
**RESERVOIR VIRCH!**

November 22, 2020

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a pile of white, crystalline salt. The background is a solid, vibrant green. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the salt and the skin of the hand.

*salt* OF  
THE

**EARTH**

**faith** in a **post-christian** world

We'll get started at 10:03!



**Grab your breakfast, your cup of coffee/tea/juice, your people, and enjoy some music until we get started!**

# NEWS & INVITATIONS

Reservoir calendar at [reservoirchurch.org/news-events/news](https://www.reservoirchurch.org/news-events/news)



- **Steve's 12/18 Letter to Reservoir**  
<https://www.reservoirchurch.org/reservoir-membership-and-wisdom-from-rabbi-jonathan-sacks/>
- **Report from Reservoir's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI) Team**  
<https://www.reservoirchurch.org/our-redi-team-report/>
- **Ask for or offer practical help: masks, money, errands, & more**  
[reservoirchurch.org/connect/practical-help-and-training/](https://www.reservoirchurch.org/connect/practical-help-and-training/)
- **Give Online to Reservoir**  
[pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch](https://pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch) or **text Reservoir to 77977**

# EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

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## Members Meeting!

Sunday, 12/6  
1:00 - 2:30 PM  
ZOOM



Let's celebrate together!  
Join and be glad you did.  
Link in chat and emailed this week.

## Membership at Reservoir Church

Anytime on Ongoing!



Everyone who is part of Reservoir is encouraged to actively make it our own.

*Members:* take time to review our **membership covenant** this month.

*All:* consider joining via **this form!**

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## Unpacking Church Hurts and Wounds

Last class TODAY  
11:30 am - 1:00pm



A non-prescriptive, non-judgmental space designed to lighten your load and discover what is worth carrying with you. **[RSVP here.](#)**

## Live Option for Virch: Zoom

TODAY and ongoing  
10:00am



Worship services with closed captioning, live each Sunday.  
Come early for more music and meditation.

Email **[info@reservoirchurch.org](mailto:info@reservoirchurch.org)** for links. Virch service on YouTube by noon.

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## Elementary Kids Virtual Hangout Next Sunday

Sunday, 11/29  
9:15 - 10:00 am



No story this week. **Dan Archibald** hosts a relaxed hangout time for conversation and sharing about the holidays as a way to kick off Advent together. For first through fifth graders.

## Youth Group Hangout Next Sunday

Sunday, 11/29  
7:30 - 8:30 pm



Our group is still meeting over Thanksgiving weekend - finish your holiday hanging with us! Email **Tory** to hear what is happening if you want to get involved.

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## PreK and Kindergarten Groups On Break Next Sunday

Sunday, 11/29



Our preschool team will take a break over the Thanksgiving weekend. We look forward to seeing you back on 12/6!

## Community Groups Welcome You

Sundays, midweek, all around Greater Boston



Reservoir Church has over 30 small gatherings around our cities each week. Feel free to join by emailing [\*\*ivy@reservoirchurch.org\*\*](mailto:ivy@reservoirchurch.org) with your interest.



# HIGHLIGHTS

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## Elementary Kids Church and Youth Group Hangouts Next Sunday

Sunday, 11/29

Elem: 9:15 AM, Youth: 7:30 PM

Holiday weekend hangouts are happening! Dan Archibald will host for 1st through 5th graders. Tory Tolles will host the youth group Sunday night as usual. We'll kick off Advent just being together.



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## Members Meeting

Sunday, 12/6

1:00 - 2:30 PM

On Zoom

Let's celebrate Reservoir style!  
We're skipping the potluck  
but not the super company.  
Reflect together as we start Advent  
and a unique holiday season.  
Link in chat.



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## Membership at Reservoir

Ongoing!



Everyone is encouraged to make Reservoir Church their own.

It's our time in the year to review the **Reservoir membership covenant** or consider **becoming a member.**



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## Want to Get Plugged In?

Take a step forward and connect more at Reservoir!

- Ask for personal prayer from our team: [\*\*steve@reservoirchurch.org\*\*](mailto:steve@reservoirchurch.org)
- Try one of our 30+ community groups: start with [\*\*this form\*\*](#).
- Give financially: **text Reservoir to 77977** or [\*\*pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch\*\*](https://pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch)
- Keep up with online platforms like Cambridge Reservoir Church (Facebook), @reservoirchurch (Instagram), or [\*\*www.reservoirchurch.org\*\*](https://www.reservoirchurch.org).
- Fill out a [\*\*“New or Feeling New” form\*\*](#).



LOVE THYSELF.

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MOST OF THE MODERN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
HAS WHITE SUPREMACIST, COLONIAL ROOTS  
WE NEED TO DISENTANGLE.

Mark 2:22 (NRSV)

22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.”



GOD CARES ABOUT THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE  
EARTH AND ITS INHABITANTS, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE.

Jonah 4:11 (NRSV)

11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

GOD TAKES SIDES.

Deuteronomy 10:17 (NRSV)

17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, 18 who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing.

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a small amount of white powder, possibly salt or sugar, against a light background. The powder is piled in the palm of the hand, and the fingers are slightly curled around it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

THE BIBLE IS POLITICAL, AND SO IS THE GOSPEL.

Deuteronomy 6:5 (NRSV)

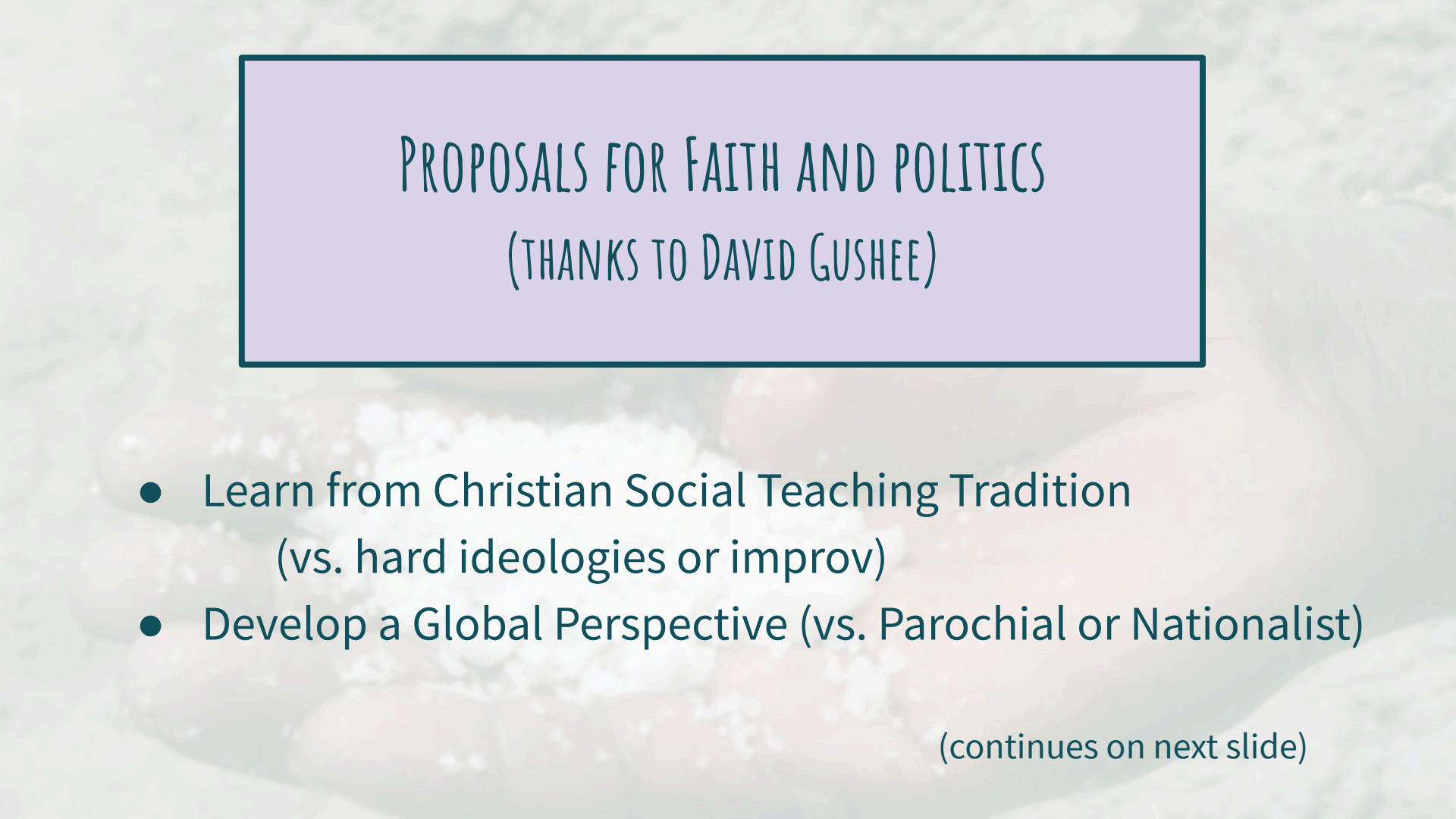
**5** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

# PROPOSALS FOR FAITH AND POLITICS

(THANKS TO DAVID GUSHEE)

- Foster a Jesus-Centered Identity, not a Civil Religion
- Practice Politics of Hope, not Fear
- Keep critical distance from all earthly powers  
(vs. Partisanship, Partnership, or Surrender)

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# PROPOSALS FOR FAITH AND POLITICS

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- Learn from Christian Social Teaching Tradition  
(vs. hard ideologies or improv)
- Develop a Global Perspective (vs. Parochial or Nationalist)

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PROPOSALS FOR FAITH AND POLITICS  
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- See with Vision for the Common Good (vs. Self-Interest)
- Practice What We Preach