

# CALL TO WORSHIP

Harpeth Baptist Church

## A Soldier's Faith

Text: Matthew 8:5-13

Responsive Reading: Hebrews 11:33-40

### SONGS

#### 8:30 service

698 My Country 'Tis of Thee

660 Onward Christian Soldiers

#### 11:00 service

127 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

388 I Know Whom I Have Believed

The Lord Is My Salvation

389 My Faith Has Found A Resting Place

[This week's special music - The Lord Is My Salvation \(Click here to listen\)](#)

*For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*

2 Timothy 1:12

Our justification before God is by **faith alone**. God declares us righteous in his eyes not because he sees righteousness in us but because we fully rest and trust in the work of Christ on the cross to pay for our sins and because we receive his perfect righteousness as a gift.

### I Know Whom I Have Believed

American evangelist Daniel Webster Whittle (b. Chicopee Falls, MA, 1840; d. Northfield, MA, 1901) wrote this text based on 2 Timothy 1:12, which is quoted in the refrain. The text contrasts the "I know not" stanzas with the certainty of the "I know" refrain We cannot understand God's saving grace to us (st. 1); we cannot explain our spiritual birth (st. 2); we are unable to comprehend the work of God's Spirit (st. 3); and we do not perceive clearly the future of our earthly lives (st. 4). But we do know by faith that God is true to his word!

Whittle was a bank cashier, Civil War soldier, and company treasurer before he became an evangelist. Earning the title of major during his military career, he was called Major Whittle throughout his life. Because of the influence of Dwight L. Moody whom he met during the war, Whittle became an itinerant evangelist in 1873. He conducted evangelistic campaigns in North America and Great Britain, often accompanied by popular gospel singers such as Philip P. Bliss, James McGranab and George Stebbins. These men not only sang at Whittle's evangelistic meetings but also set to music many of his two hundred hymn texts (which he usually wrote under the pseudonym "El Nathan").