September 27, 2026, Pressing on in Full Accord Psalm 78:1–4; Philippians 2:1–8

"We will declare to the next generation the praises of the LORD". Psalm 78:4

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5

We live in a fractured world—fractured families, fractured communities, fractured hearts. The church is being challenged to maintain its faith in this fractured, chaotic world. Many of us are frustrated by others' actions regarding compassion and social justice. Many people are disappointed because many of us are not being the light in the world's darkness.

Moreover, many people are deserting the faith, and the church's membership is declining. Many religious outlets—streaming and television worship programs—are replacing the sanctuary gathering. The challenge is how the church presses on when the world presses in. Today's Scriptures present a people who do not merely survive their moment in history, as we are passing through—they press on with purpose, unity, and faithfulness.

Psalm 78 calls God's people to remember and pass on God's works. Philippians 2 calls God's people to walk in Christ's mind and humility. Together, these texts show us how the church presses on when the world presses hard. Psalm 78 tells us what we press on with. Philippians 2 tells us how we press on together.

First, pressing on means passing on (Psalm 78:1–4). "Asaph says, *Give ear… incline your ears… we will not hide them from their children.*" The first call is simple: **Pressing on begins with remembering and retelling.**

A. We press on by listening to God's story. Psalm 78 opens with a command: Give ear. Before we speak, we listen. Before we lead, we learn. Before we pass on the faith, we receive it again. The people of God press on by anchoring themselves in God's works.

B. **We press on by telling the next generation, "**We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord." Pressing on is not merely personal perseverance—it is generational faithfulness. We press on by ensuring the next generation knows: who God is, what God has done, and why God is worthy of trust. The church does not press on by accident. It presses on through intentional, joyful proclamation. This is indeed a great challenge because many things are drawing our children away from faith**!**

C. Pressing on requires a community that remembers. Psalm 78 is a communal psalm. It is not one person remembering—it is a people remembering. Unity begins with shared memory. Shared memory leads to shared mission. Shared mission leads to shared movement. Psalm 78 says: Press on by passing on.

Second, pressing on means pressing together (Philippians 2:1–2). Paul writes from prison yet calls the church to move forward in full accord. "If there is any encouragement… any comfort… any participation in the Spirit… then be of the same mind." Unity Is Not Optional—It Is Gospel

Fruit. Paul does not say, “Try to get along.” He says, “Complete my joy by being of the same mind.” Unity is not a side project. Unity is the public evidence that Christ is alive in His people. Unity is built on shared love. “Having the same love.” Not the same preferences. Not the same personalities. Not the same backgrounds. The same love—the love of Christ poured into us and poured out through us. Unity is the Church’s forward motion. A divided church cannot press on. A fractured fellowship cannot move forward. Pressing on requires pressing together.

Third, pressing on requires a new posture (Philippians 2:3–4). Paul now gets painfully practical. “Do nothing from selfish ambition… count others more significant… look to the interests of others.” Selfish ambition stops the church in its tracks. It says: “My way matters most.” “My preference should win.” “My comfort is the priority.” But Paul says: Do nothing from selfish ambition. If selfish ambition drives us, unity dies. If unity dies, mission stalls. If mission stalls, the next generation suffers.

Humility is the engine of unity. “Count others more significant.” Humility is not thinking less of yourself—it is thinking of yourself less. Humility is the posture that makes unity possible and mission sustainable. Looking to others is how we press on together. “Look not only to your own interests.” Pressing on is not a solo sport. It is a community movement. It is a shared journey.

Lastly, Pressing On requires the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5–8). Paul gives us the ultimate pattern: **Jesus Himself**.

Christ did not cling to His rights. Though He was in the form of God, He did not grasp at His status. He released privilege for the sake of love. Christ Emptied Himself. He took the form of a servant. He did not come demanding honor—He came offering grace. Christ Humbled Himself to the Point of Death. Even death on a cross. This is the mind we are called to imitate. This is the posture that empowers unity. This is the pattern that sustains mission. The church presses on when it presses into Christ.

We press on in Full Accord by passing on the faith and by walking in the mind of Christ.

Psalm 78 and Philippians 2 together declare:

- We press on by remembering God’s works.
- We press on by choosing unity.
- We press on by embracing humility.
- We press on by not giving up.
- We press on by not being frustrated or discouraged.
- We press on by imitating Christ

The world is watching. Our children are watching. Our community is watching. **Let us be a people who press on— not divided, not distracted, not discouraged— but in full accord**, **with one mind, one mission, and one Savior.**