



# ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## SUNDAY SERVICE

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### CALL TO WORSHIP/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – *“Blessed Assurance”*

#### INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

Dear Lord, we thank you on this Sunday that you have bestowed upon us your blessings. We know truth is found only in you. You cautioned us against false prophets and false teachers who want to deceive and lead us astray from your truth. Your holy Word is what we stand on as the foundation of our faith. We thank you that you have given us your Holy Spirit to teach and guide us into your truth. Lord keep us from all deceptive teachings that we are surrounded by. Help us to follow and obey only what your Word teaches us, and to teach others to do the same. Your Word is a lamp unto our feet, a light unto our path. May we always walk in your light and not allow darkness to have any place in our lives. We give you all the honor and praise, who taught us to pray, “Our Father...”

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### OFFERING

#### THE APOSTLES’ CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – *“Blessed Be Your Name”*

ENGLISH AND ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:15-19 | 1 John 4:1-3

ENGLISH AND ARMENIAN SERMON: *The Good and The Bad Tree* |  
*Do Not Believe Every Spirit*

#### BENEDICTION

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#### SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

In 1 st . John 4:1-3, the apostle John cautions us not to believe in false prophets. He says that anyone who does not acknowledge Jesus coming in the flesh is not from God. The doctrine of the incarnate Christ is crucial for the Christian faith. It is the foundation of which we stand on.

Here are three focal points Jesus and the apostle John makes in this passage about being cautious of false prophets:

1. Many False Prophets are out there: Jesus and the apostle John warn us about many false prophets and teachers. We need to know God’s Word thoroughly to distinguish false teachers from good teachings.
2. Jesus Christ has been incarnated. The Bible strictly prohibits any doctrine that stands against the teaching that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came in the flesh. He is the only hope of salvation for humanity.
3. There can only be one absolute truth: With so many religions and ideologies, it is hard to comprehend sometimes where the truth lies. Every believer needs to be well nourished by the Word of God to remain in the light and in the presence of the Lord to guide them in the truth.