

# Lord's Day Worship April 14, 2024

#### **WELCOME**

During Christian worship we cross the threshold
of the secular to the sacred,
from the common to the uncommon,
from the profane to the holy.
Our contact with the holy is not merely an encounter
with a different dimension of reality;
it is the meeting with Absolute Reality.
Christianity is not about involvement with religious experience as a tangent.
It involves a meeting with a holy God.¹

#### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: The LORD's My Light, words of King David (c.1000 BC) in Psalm 27 set

to the rune Bethlehem (1842)

The LORD's my light and saving help—
by whom am I dismayed?
The LORD's the stronghold of my life—
of whom am I afraid?
When evildoers threaten me
to eat my flesh away,
my adversaries and my foes
will stumble in that day.

O do not hide your face from me, and do not turn aside your servant in your righteous wrath, for you have been my guide. O God, my Savior, leave me not; do not reject my plea. My parents may forsake me, LORD, but you will welcome me.

# CALL TO WORSHIP: ACTS 17:1–7

Leader:

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." <sup>4</sup> And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. <sup>5</sup> But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. <sup>6</sup> And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting,

Church:

"These men who have turned the world upside down saying that there is another king, Jesus."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> R.C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God* (Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson, 2010), 144, 146.

# O Worship the King



- 5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
- 6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn you above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

#### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# CONFESSION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM 165<sup>2</sup>

Minister: What is baptism?

Church: Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament,

wherein Christ has ordained the washing with water

in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

to be a sign and seal

of ingrafting into himself, of remission of sins by his blood, and regeneration by his Spirit;

of adoption and resurrection unto everlasting life;

and being admitted into the visible church,

entering into an open and professed engagement

to be wholly and only the Lord's.

# BAPTISM OF A COVENANT CHILD

# **Emily Elizabeth Achor**

Daughter of Nathanael and Katie Achor

#### **Questions for the Parents:**

- 1. Do you acknowledge Emily's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In 1643, the English Parliament convened an assembly at Westminster Abbey to advise them on how to reform the Church of England. The Assembly produced three documents: a Confession of Faith, Larger Catechism, and Shorter Catechism, which ultimately were not adopted by the Church of England but were adopted by the Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian churches in America as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Bible.

3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate Emily to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

## **Question for the Congregation:**

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting Nathanael and Katie in the Christian nurture of Emily?

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>

All: Eternal and merciful God,
You have loved us with an everlasting love,
and set us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.
Yet, we have strayed from Your way;
we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
As we remember the cleansing water of baptism,
O God, we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us again.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to consider ourselves
dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Dr. Bobby Griffith, Jr.

## Assurance of Pardon: Titus 3:4–7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, <u>by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit</u>, <sup>6</sup> <u>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior</u>, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In our prayer of confession, we are honest with God, honest with ourselves, and honest with each other about who God is and who we are, confessing that He is holy, righteous, just, and loving; and confessing that we are not; yet, we are trusting in His mercy and grace available in Jesus Christ to deliver us from sin and judgment. We then have the joy of hearing God's Word say that He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins when we confess them (1 John 1:9). Then we rejoice in song.

## **HYMN OF CONFESSION**



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KEESEE 7.7.7.7.D. Fred and Ruth Coleman

## **GREET ONE ANOTHER**

As the Apostle Paul encouraged churches to "Greet one another" (Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:26), please greet those around you, and please introduce yourself to anyone you do not know.

#### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Christ intercedes for His church in prayer (John 17; Luke 23:34; Hebrews 7:25), and He gives His church the ministry of praying "with each other for each other" as well praying for the community in which our church is placed (1 Timothy 2:1–4). We also use this time to pray for the advancement of God's kingdom in the world (Matthew 6:10).

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING: LUKE 6:12–16**

In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup> And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: <sup>14</sup> Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, <sup>15</sup> and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, <sup>16</sup> and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

#### PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The World Turned Upside Down

J. Porter Harlow, Minister, Christ Presbyterian Church

#### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

## 404 The Church's One Foundation



- 5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
  and tumult of her war,
  she waits the consummation
  of peace forevermore;
  till with the vision glorious
  her longing eyes are blest,
  and the great church victorious
  shall be the church at rest.
- 6. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

  O happy ones and holy!

  Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D. Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meditation: Jesus, With Thy Church Abide, words by Thomas Benson Pollock (1871) music by Christopher Miner, arranged by Joel Littlepage (1997)

Jesus, with Thy church abide; Be her savior, Lord, and Guide, While on earth her faith is tried: We beseech Thee, hear us

Keep her life and doctrine pure; Grant her patience to endure, Trusting in Thy promise sure: We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be, One in truth and charity, Winning all to faith in Thee: We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind, Seek the lost until she find And the brokenhearted bind: We beseech Thee, hear us.

Save her love from growing cold, make her watchmen strong and bold, fence her round, thy peaceful fold: We beseech thee, hear us.

May her lamp of truth be bright, bid her bear aloft its light through the realms of heathen night: We beseech thee, hear us.

#### **Sermon Outline**

The World Turned Upside Down
Luke 6:12–16

#### I. Jesus' Prayer (v.12)

"...our Lord Jesus Christ,

the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a rational soul and body; of one substance with the Father according to his Godhead, and of one substance with us according to his manhood; like us in all things, without sin;

begotten before all ages of the Father, according to his Godhead; and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the God-bearer, according to his manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union,

but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one person and one subsistence...." Creed of Chalcedon (AD 451)

The Trinitarian roles in salvation

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as **he chose us in him before the foundation of the world**,

that we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will." Ephesians 1:3–5 and Titus 3:5–7

Our role: Mark 16:16, Acts 16:31, Romans 10:9

#### II. Jesus' Apostles (v.13)

- Ephesians 2:20
- Revelation 21:12, 14, 4:4
- III. Those He Chose (v.14–16)

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Corinthians 12:9

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

During our prayer of thanksgiving, we express our thankfulness for what the Lord has provided, and we ask him to use our tithes and offerings to advance his kingdom and provide for those in need. Our church has three opportunities to give: (1) over the internet, (2) the collection box on the back table, or (3) by mail. Please see the announcements page for details.

#### HYMN OF THANKSGIVING



2nd cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex) Irreg. Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

## BENEDICTION: EPHESIANS 3:20–21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Leadership.** Christ Presbyterian is served by the following leaders:

- Teaching Elder: Porter Harlow
- Ruling Elders: Scott Hatch, Kevin Horrigan, David Hudak, and Philip Lee
- Deacons: Michael Hornbuckle, David Och, Wade Woo
- Women's Ministry Leadership Team: Bethany Fernandez, Kristy Hatch, and Lee Ann Hudak
- Pastoral Intern: Robert Hasler

**Giving.** You may support the work of the Lord by giving in the following ways.

- Internet. Go to <a href="https://cpcburke.org/support">https://cpcburke.org/support</a> or you may scan this QR Code.
- Offering Box. You may place your offering in the wooden box on the back table. Offering boxes were used in Old Testament synagogues (Luke 21:1–4). The ancient church continued to use them. Most churches eliminated them when they made the collection part of the worship service. During the Reformation, some churches returned to the practice. With the increasing use of electronic giving, many churches are returning to the Biblical precedent of offering boxes.



#### **Recurring Events**

- Sunday School meets after worship. Children 0-3 meet in the nursery. Pre-K to 5th graders
  meet in the pod outside the nursery before breaking into their classes. 6th to 12th meets in the
  band room. Adult Sunday School meets in the cafeteria.
- Small Groups
  - Wednesday Small Group meets weekly at 7:30 pm in the Hudak home.
  - o Friday Small Group meets on 2d and 4th Fridays at 6:00 pm in a rotating home.
  - o Sunday Small Group meets on 2d and 4th Sundays at 4:00 pm in a rotating home.
- Church Fellowship Meals on the first Sunday of the month after worship.
- Men's Breakfast meets on the second Saturday of each month.
- Women's Fellowship. The Women's Ministry meets on the third Saturday of each month.

**Missions We Support.** Please pray for the missions we support.

- Church Planting in DC Area. One Voice Fellowship, pastored by Chris Sicks, is a multilingual church on mission to reach ethnic and religious minorities in Falls Church.
- Church Planting in Dearborn, Michigan. Jerry Riendeau is preparing to plant in Dearborn, Michigan, home to the largest Arabic speaking population outside the Middle East.
- Church Planting in England. Oxford Presbyterian Church is a church being planted by in Oxford, England, by Andy Young.
- Church Planting in Japan. <u>Jason & Ai Kueh</u> are PCA missionaries planting in Shin-Urayasu, a Tokyo suburb. Jason is also ordained in the Presbyterian Church in Japan.
- **Church Planting in East Asia.** We support a PCA missionary who is training pastors in East Asia as part of a church planting movement underway there.
- Reformed University Fellowship-International at GMU. Pastor <u>Matthew DeLong</u> and staff member <u>Janelle Grove</u> are on mission to reach international students at GMU.

#### **Mercy Ministries We Support**

- The Lamb Center is a daytime homeless shelter sharing the love of Christ in Fairfax.
- Assist Pregnancy Center. <u>Assist</u> has a mission "to promote life through Christ to those vulnerable to abortion."

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