

Lord's Day Worship April 28, 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 Has Spoken To My Lord set to ALL SAINTS NEW (1872)

CALL TO WORSHIP: PROVERBS 18:10–12; 1 TIMOTHY 6:17

Leader: The name of the LORD is a strong tower;

the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

11 A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his imagination.

¹² Before destruction a man's heart is haughty,

but humility comes before honor.

Church: As for the rich in this present age,

charge them not to be haughty,

nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,

but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

HYMN OF ADORATION

244 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



¹ R.C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God* (Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson, 2010), 144, 146.



Based on Psalm 46 Martin Luther, 1529 Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 EIN' FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7. Martin Luther, 1529

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: NICENE CREED²

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-beaotten Son of God. begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who, for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; And we believe one holy catholic³ and apostolic church.

² The Nicene Creed (AD 325, 381) is the ancient church's statement on what the Scriptures teach about God: that he is a Trinity of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit: co-equal and co-eternal persons inside the Godhead.

³ The word "catholic" derives from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means universal. The catholic church is the universal church, which is invisible, consisting of all Christians in every church that have been, are, or shall be gathered under Christ the Head. *See* Westminster Confession of Faith 25:1.

We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: PSALM 72:1–14

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

- ² May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!
- ³Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
- ⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!
- ⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!
- ⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- ⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- ⁹ May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;

may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

- ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
- ¹² For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.
- ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

The Nicene Creed predates the church's division into the Western Roman Catholic and the Eastern Orthodox churches or the Reformation of the western church that came much later.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁴

All: Almighty and most merciful God: we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We beseech You. O God. to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and to direct what we shall be; so that we may walk in the way of Your commandments. and do those things which are pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (1946)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ISAIAH 55:6–7

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way. and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

⁴ 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





Wendell Kimbrough (2016)

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 6:17–26

And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

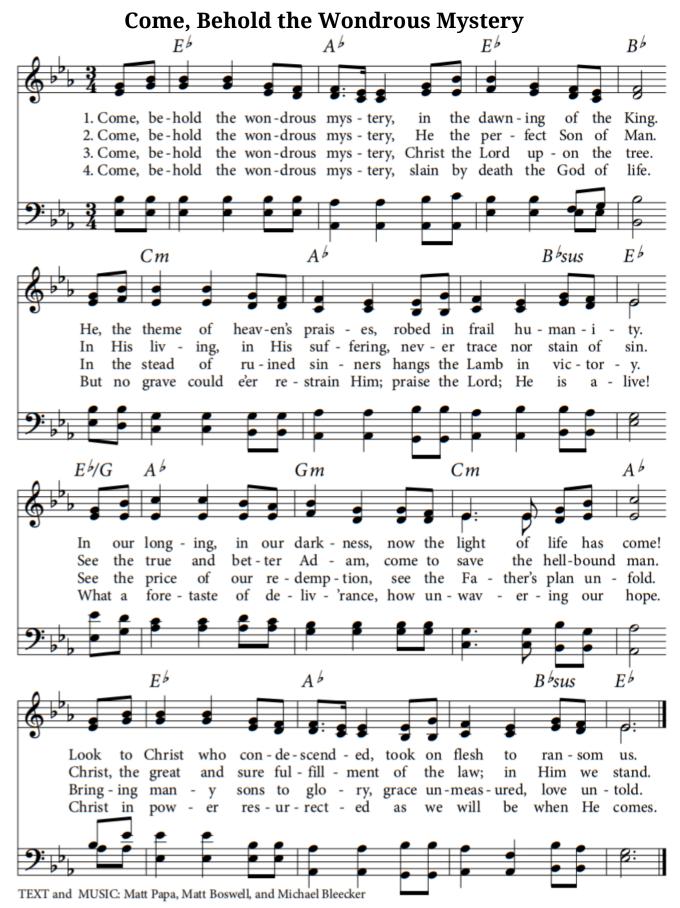
- ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.
- "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.
- ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.
- ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
- ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.
- "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.
- ²⁶ "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Blessings Upon the Poor & Woes Upon the Rich: What are You Trusting In?

J. Porter Harlow, Minister, Christ Presbyterian Church

HYMN OF RESPONSE



SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meditation: Jesus Paid It All, words by Elvina M. Hall (1865) and music by John T. Grape (1865)

I hear the Savior say,
"Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray,
find in me your all in all."
Jesus paid it all,
all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain,
he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your pow'r and yours alone, can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I
whereby your grace to claimI'll wash my garments white
in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.
Jesus paid it all,
all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain,
he washed it white as snow.

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Sermon Outline Blessings Upon the Poor & Woes Upon the Rich: What are You Trusting In? Luke 6:20, 24

- I. The Woes of Wealth (v.24)
 - Ecclesiastes 5:13, Ezekiel 28:5, Jeremiah 5:7
 - 1 Timothy 6:8–10
- II. The Blessings of Riches Held Humbly
 - Lydia in Acts 16:11–15
 - Church in Philippi
 - o Philippians 1:3-6
 - o Philippians 4:14–20
 - Church in Corinth: 2 Cor 9:10–11
- III. The Blessings for the Poor (v.20)
- IV. For Theirs is the Kingdom of God (v.20)

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, ²¹ 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 https://cpcburke.org/support 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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