

Lord's Day Worship June 16, 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: "Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear" by Heinrich of Laufenberg (1429) translated by Catherine Winkworth (1869) set to ST. CATHERINE

O Jesus Christ, our Lord most dear, As Thou wast once an Infant here So give this child of Thine, we pray, Thy grace and blessing day by day. O holy Jesus, Lord divine, We pray Thee guard this child of Thine. Their watch let angels round him keep, where'er he be, awake, asleep; Thy saving grace on him bestow, that he in Thee may live and grow. O holy Jesus, Lord divine, We pray Thee guard this child of Thine.

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 40:1-2

Minister: I waited patiently for the Lord;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

Church: He drew me up from the pit of destruction,

out of the miry bog,

and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

PSALM OF ADORATION

40A I Waited Long upon the Lord



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



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: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM² QUESTION 69, 70, 74

Minister: How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one

sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

Church: In this way:

Christ instituted this outward washing

and with it promised that,

as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body,

so certainly his blood and his Spirit

wash away my soul's impurity,

that is, all my sins.

Minister: What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

Church: To be washed with Christ's blood means that

God, by grace, has forgiven our sins

because of Christ's blood

poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross.

To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that

the Holy Spirit has renewed

and sanctified us to be members of Christ,

so that more and more

we die to sin

and live holy and blameless lives.

Minister: Should infants also be baptized?

Church: Yes.

Infants as well as adults

are included in God's covenant and people, and they, no less than adults, are promised deliverance from sin through Christ's blood

and the Holy Spirit who works faith.

Therefore, by baptism, the sign of the covenant,

they too should be

incorporated into the Christian church

and distinguished from the children of unbelievers.

This was done in the Old Testament by circumcision, which was replaced in the New Testament by baptism.

² The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), produced by the Reformed churches on the continent of Europe, was one of the earliest confessions of the Reformation. It is loved for how it warmly states the doctrines of the Bible.

BAPTISM OF A COVENANT CHILD

We believe our children ought to be baptized and sealed with the sign of the covenant, as little children were circumcised in Israel on the basis of the same promises made to our children.

Belgic Confession, Article 34³

Oliver Robert Van Dam

Son of Chris and Chelsea Van Dam

Vows for the Parents

- 1. Do you acknowledge Oliver'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 on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
- 3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your son to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Vows for the Congregation

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting Chris and Chelsea in the Christian nurture of Oliver?

³ The Belgic Confession was drafted in 1561 by Guido de Brès, a minister in the Reformed Church of the Netherlands, which included Belgium. The author suffered a martyr's death, but the Confession endured and was adopted at the Synod of Dort (1618–19) as one of the three doctrinal standards in the Dutch Reformed Churches alongside the Canons of Dort and the Heidelberg Catechism. Collectively they are known as the Three Forms of Unity.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁴

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

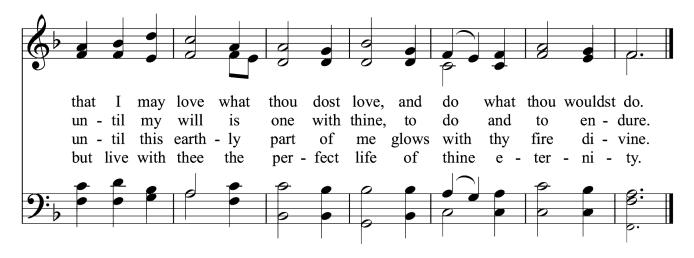
But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so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

HYMN OF CONFESSION

397 Breath on Me, Breath of God



⁴ In our prayer of confession, we are honest with God, with ourselves, and with each other about who God is and who we are, confessing to Him that He is holy, righteous, just, and loving; and that we are not; yet, we are trusting in His mercy and grace available in Jesus Christ. 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 (1 John 1:9). And we have the joy of responding in song.



Edwin Hatch, 1878

TRENTHAM S.M. Robert Jackson, 1888

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 6:43–49

"For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, ⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Fruit & the Root

Porter Harlow Minister, Christ Presbyterian Church

Sermon Notes



II. The Lord (v.46-47)

III. The Foundation (v.48-49)

How Firm a Foundation



- 5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
- 6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meditation: Nothing But the Blood by Robert Lowry (1876) set to PLAINFIELD

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
for my pardon this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone:
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
naught of good that I have done:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
this is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome:
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
now by this I'll reach my home:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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



Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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 is on break for the summer.
- 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 Matthew DeLong and staff member Janelle Grove are on mission to reach international students at GMU.

Mercy Ministries We Support

- The Lamb Center is a <u>daytime homeless shelter</u> 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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