

Lord's Day Worship June 9, 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: I Waited Long upon the LORD (Psalm 40) set to ANCYRA

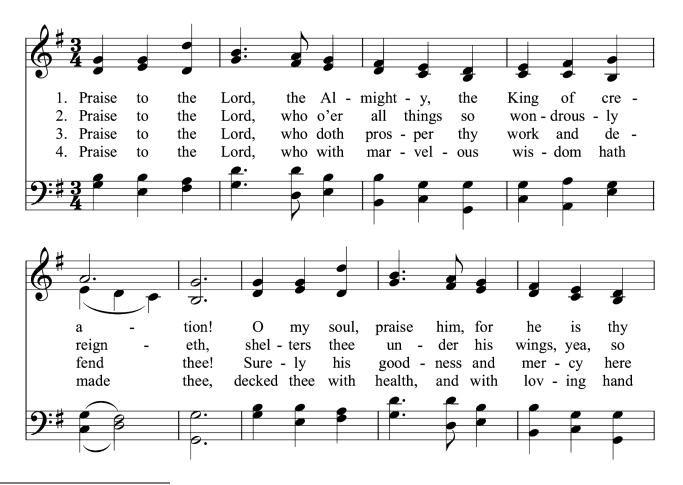
CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 118:24

Minister: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Church: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN OF ADORATION

216 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



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



5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

Based on Psalm 103 Joachim Neander, 1680 Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990

All:

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.

Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665
Arr. in Johann Crüger, Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1668

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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: ATHANASIAN CREED² (PART 2)

All: This is the true faith:

that we believe and confess our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man, equally.

He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time; and he is man from the essence of his mother, born in time; completely God, completely man,

with a rational soul and human flesh;

equal to the Father as regards divinity,

less than the Father as regards humanity.

Although he is God and man, yet Christ is not two, but one.

He is one, however, not by his divinity being turned into flesh,

but by God taking humanity to himself.

He is one, certainly not by the blending of his essence, but by the unity of his person.

For just as one man is both rational soul and flesh, so too the one Christ is both God and man.

He suffered for our salvation;

he descended to hell;3

he arose from the dead on the third day;

he ascended to heaven;

he is seated at the Father's right hand;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will arise bodily

and give an accounting of their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,

and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

This is the catholic⁴ faith that one cannot be saved without believing.

² The Athanasian Creed is the last of the 4 ecumenical creeds of the early church. It was named for Athanasius (AD 293–373), the "great champion of Trinitarian orthodoxy during the crisis of the fourth century" (R.C. Sproul). It was probably drafted in the late fifth century and adopted by the Fourth Council of Toledo in 633 AD. It summarizes the teaching of Scripture on the Trinity (the first half of the creed, which is not provided above) and the person of Christ (the second half of the creed that is provided above).

³ "He descended into hell" expresses Christ's "being buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day." See Westminster Larger Catechism 50.

⁴ 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 under Christ the Head. *See* Westminster Confession of Faith 25:1. The Athanasian 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: JEREMIAH 17:7–10

7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.
8 He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."
9 The beart is despitful above all things

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?
¹⁰ "I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁵

Most Holy and merciful Father, All: we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature. which is prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Teach us to hate our errors: cleanse us from our secret faults: and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son. Holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech You, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (1946)

⁵ 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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 JOHN 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

God, Be Merciful to Me

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5. Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true; cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me; thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Paraphrase *The Psalter*, 1912

REDHEAD 76 (AJALON) 7.7.7.7.7. Richard Redhead, 1853

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 6:37–45

"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

³⁹ He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

⁴³ "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.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Having God's Heart for Others

J. Porter Harlow Minister, Christ Presbyterian Church

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus, Strong and Kind





Words and Music by Colin Buchanan, Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson (2019)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

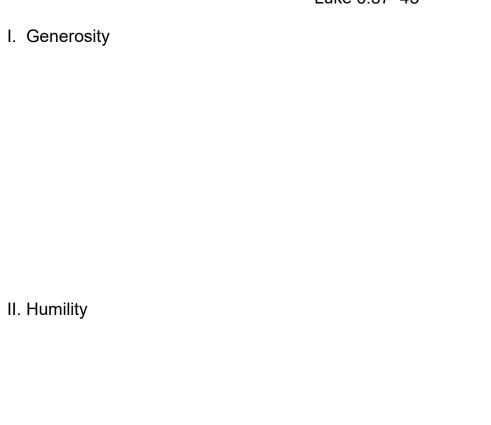
Meditation: Your Law, O God, Is Our Delight, based on Psalm 119 written by Derek & Debbie Vander Meulen (2015) set to the tune GERMANY

Your law, O God, is our delight; your statutes faithful, true and right. It guides our feet and shines as light, that we may walk with you aright.

Your law, O God, reveals our sin, how foul and stained are we within. O cleanse us from iniquity and train our hearts from sin to flee. Our sins were placed upon his head; he suffered anguish in our stead. Now his obedience is our own; our righteousness is Christ alone.

We show our thankfulness and love by keeping precepts from above; so teach us, Lord, your statutes well; incline our hearts on them to dwell.

Sermon Outline Having God's Heart for Others Luke 6:37–45



III. Where do these Fruits Come From?

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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