



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 15, 2023

Making disciples who love Christ, his Word and his Church, through the ordinary means of grace.

Christ Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God

Lord's Day October 15, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares, to all who fail and desire strength, to all who sin and need a Savior, to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness and to whoever will come this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Psalm 134

"Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord! May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!"

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God a bulwark never failing
Our Helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient Foe doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be: Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed, His truth to triumph through us
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That Word above all earthly pow'r, no thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go, his mortal life also
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever!

Prayer of Invocation

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end, amen, amen

Affirmation of Faith The Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 178-180

Minster: What is prayer?

All: Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of His Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies.

Minister: Are we to pray unto God only?

All: God only being able to search the hearts, hear the requests, pardon the sins, and fulfil the desires of all; and only to be believed in, and worshiped with religious worship; prayer, which is a special part thereof, is to be made by all to Him alone, and to none other.

Minister: What is it to pray in the name of Christ?

All: To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to His command, and in confidence on His promises, to ask mercy for His sake; not by bare mentioning of His name, but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and His mediation.

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

Call to Confession

John 3:19-20

“And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.”

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Most loving and merciful Father, You who dwell in unapproachable light, majesty, and splendor, it is with contrite hearts that we confess our many sins before you. Against you, and you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. Have mercy upon us, O LORD. Forgive us for not loving, obeying, and serving You as we ought, and for not loving our neighbor as we should. Forgive us for complaining and grumbling, especially when You’ve given us so much to be thankful for in Christ. Forgive us for elevating worldly status, entertainment, and possessions over Jesus Christ and His call to discipleship. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, according to your covenant love; according to your abundant grace, blot out our transgressions through the blood of Christ. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and empower us to walk in the newness of life in Him. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.”

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant psalm
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come

Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come

Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus, I come to Thee

Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Preaching of God's Word

Rev. Nolan Williamson

"Sola Gratia"

Ephesians 2:1-10

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

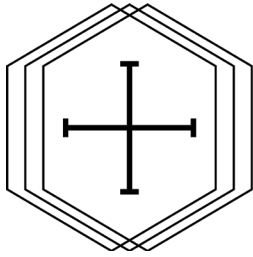
All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the LORD with cheerful voice
Serve him with joy, his praises tell
Come now before him and rejoice!

Know that the LORD is God indeed
He formed us all without our aid
We are the flock he surely feeds
The sheep who by his hand were made

O enter then his gates with joy
Within his courts his praise proclaim!
Let thankful songs your tongues employ
O bless and magnify his name!

Because the LORD our God is good
His mercy is forever sure
His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure

Benediction



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