



Christ
Presbyterian
Church

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Welcome

Whether you're a regular part of our church family or are attending a service for the first time, we're glad that you're with us today. Please join us for a brief time of refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

Reflection

"From your heroes you pick up mannerisms and phrases and tones of voice and facial expressions and habits and demeanors and convictions and beliefs. The more admirable the hero is and the more intense your admiration is, the more profound will be your transformation. In the case of Jesus, he is infinitely admirable, and our admiration rises to the most absolute worship. Therefore, when we behold him as we should, the change is profound."

John Piper, *God Is the Gospel: Meditations on God's Love as the Gift of Himself*

Call to Worship – Psalm 45

Liturgist: My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king. You are the most handsome of the sons of men.

ALL: Grace is poured upon your lips. O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness. Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

Liturgist: Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house.

ALL: And the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him.

Prayer of Adoration (Concluded by 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

To Christ the Lord

To Christ the Lord let every tongue its noblest tribute bring;
When He's the subject of the song, who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face and on His glories dwell;
Think of the wonder of His grace, and all His triumphs tell.

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned upon His awful brow.
His head with radiant glories crowned; his lips with grace overflow.
No mortal can with Him compare, among the sons of men;
Fairer He is than all the fair that fill the Heavenly train.

He saw me plunged in deep distress; He fled to my relief.
For me He bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief.
His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head;
His presence gilds my darkest hour and guards my sleeping bed.

To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have;
He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave.
To Heaven the place of His abode, He brings my weary feet;
Shows me the glories of my God, and makes my joy complete.

Since from His bounty I receive such proofs of love divine;
Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they should all be Thine.
A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring;
Yet Your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!

Scripture Reading – Philippians 2:5-8 and 1 Peter 3:3-5

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Do not let your adorning be external... but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

Confession of Sin

Liturgist: Lord Jesus, you left the glorious beauty of heaven to be born as a weak human being for us. You had no stately form or majesty to bring you honor on earth, but you clothed yourself in humility to rescue broken and sinful people like us.

ALL: This humble mind is ours in you. Yet we hate humbling ourselves. We want people to bow their knees to us and to do our every bidding, instead of submitting ourselves to you.

Liturgist: We love beautiful people, hoping their beauty will make us feel more lovely. We compete with others to feel superior, and we crave the approval of important people in our lives.

ALL: Merciful Father, forgive us for trying to weave robes of our own righteousness to make ourselves beautiful.

Liturgist: Holy Spirit, help us to cherish the glory we already have in Christ. Cause us to love the unbeautiful and unlovable with tender hearts that look beyond outward appearances.

ALL: Ravish us with the beauty of our Savior Jesus Christ until we become more and more like him. In his glorious name we pray, amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement- Philippians 2:5-8

Liturgist: God has highly exalted Jesus and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

ALL: At the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Stricken Smitten and Afflicted

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree.
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He.
'Tis the long-expected Prophet: David's son, yet David's Lord;
By His Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning, foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him, none would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him, was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly, nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;
Christ the Rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt;
None shall ever be confounded, who on Him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1804, Music: German Folk Tune

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 52:13-53:3

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.
¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

and no beauty that we should desire him.
³He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Welcome to Visitors

Children's Recessional

- 2nd – 5th Grade: Mr. Hillah, Ms. Fraser, and Mr. Pickens, Room 135
- PreK- 1st: Mr. and Mrs. Ruffa, Room 178

Sermon – We Esteemed Him Not

Figure A.

“Virtually all individuals irrationally inflated their moral qualities. The magnitude of their misjudgment was greater than that observed in other domains of self-enhancement.”

Ben Tappin and Ryan McKay, *Social Psychological and Personality Science*

Outline:

1. The Servant despised
2. The Servant esteemed

Figure B.

[Admiral] Nelson afterwards became very low; his breathing was oppressed, and his voice faint. He said to Doctor Scott, "Doctor, I have not been a great sinner."

William Beatty, M.D., *The Death of Lord Nelson*, (White-Friars: T Davison, 1807)

Figure C.

“It was not a sudden immediate change, but very gradual. I cannot trace it to any one person, or any one event or thing, but to a singular variety of persons and things. . . . What we all want is a conversion from pride to humility, - from high thoughts of ourselves to lowly thoughts of ourselves, - from self-conceit to self-abasement, - from the mind of the Pharisee to the mind of the publican.”

J. C. Ryle, *Prepared to Stand Alone* (Edinburgh: Banner of Truth, 2016) p. 21, 50

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Christ Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us. Baptized children are welcome to receive Communion after they profess faith and are received as communicant members. If you are not able to receive Communion, please speak with Pastor Matt after the service to learn how to receive Jesus Christ.

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
they tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart:
To whom, save thee, who canst alone for sin atone, Lord! shall I flee!

Thy tears, not mine, O Christ, have wept my guilt away;
And turned this night of mine into a blessed day.
To whom, save thee, who canst alone for sin atone, Lord! shall I flee!

Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruised soul;
Thy stripes, not mine, contain the balm that makes me whole.
To whom, save thee, who canst alone for sin atone, Lord! shall I flee!

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load
Of sins that none can bear but the incarnate God:
To whom, save thee, Who canst alone for sin atone, Lord! shall I flee!

Thy death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ransom due
Ten thousand deaths like mine would have been far too few:
To whom, save thee, Who canst alone for sin atone, Lord! shall I flee!

Thy righteousness alone, can clothe and beautify
You wrap it round my soul, In this I'll live and die
To whom, save thee, Who canst alone for sin atone, Lord! shall I flee!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1857, Music: Adam Wright, ©2016 Corner Room Music

Benediction

May the Spirit enable you to see the beauty of the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Announcements

Afghan Family Resettlement Opportunity

Neelsville Presbyterian Church has reached out to us and another local church with an opportunity to collaborate on a service project. They are putting together a team to sponsor an Afghan family resettling into our community through Samaritan's Purse. They are looking for volunteers from our church to join the team so they can provide a robust network of support for this family. The team holds a weekly Monday night planning meeting and will aim to provide 10-40 hours of support to the family for the first few months after they move. If you are interested in joining the team or would like more information, please email the deacons at deacons@christ-pca.org.

Youth Group Parents Planning Meeting

This meeting will take place today at the Roberts' home from 5-7pm.

Food Drive/Egg Hunt/Public Gospel Presentation

We're considering organizing a food drive and egg hunt on Saturday, April 9 at Gibbs. Prior to the egg hunt, Pastor Matt would briefly share the Gospel to the kids. While we consider this event, we want to be careful to follow the Lord's leading in this, and not do it in our own strength. If the Lord is truly leading this, then we look to Him to raise up the team of people which will prayerfully facilitate this event. If you feel that God may be calling you to serve in this way, then please talk with Pastor Matt.

Music at CPC

For several years, when David Routenberg took a Sunday to rest from leading worship, a couple from outside our church named Jack and Cathie Stanton has led worship. Unfortunately, Jack's health has deteriorated and the Stanton's time with CPC is drawing to a close.

We've has found it difficult to locate musicians who are capable of leading congregational worship on an ad hoc basis. As it stands now, on future Sundays in which David is away, we will likely not have music in our worship service. The service will consist of prayer and a sermon.

If you have musical gifts and would be open to leading worship on a future Sunday, then please contact David *now* to serve in a support role. In order for a musician to take the lead role, they need to serve for a season in a support role.

Let us also give thanks for Jesus' faithfulness to His church. Through talented musicians such as Matthew McMahan, Hector Ayerdiz, Jack Stanton, and David Routenberg, Jesus has always provided. We look to Him to sustain CPC in the next chapter as He sees fit.

Upcoming Events

- The Olney Community Group will meet on March 25, April 8, 22, May 13, 27
- The Gaithersburg Community Group will meet on March 20, April 3, 24, May 8, 22
- Wednesday, March 16, 8:00pm, Men's Ministry
- Wednesday, March 23, 8:30pm, Budget Meeting
- Wednesday, March 30, 8:30pm, Covenant Kids Planning Meeting
- Saturday, April 2, 3:00pm, Baby shower for Ayoko Haroun at the Hillah residence
- Saturday, April 9, 10:00am, Food Drive & Egg Hunt at Gibbs ES at 10:00am
- Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday

Corporate Prayer This Week

- Deacon Prayer, Wednesday, 6:30am via Zoom
- Elder Prayer, Sunday, 7:30am via Zoom
- Shepherding Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, April 6, 7:15pm