



Christ
Presbyterian
Church

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Welcome

If you're visiting us for the first time, thank you for taking the risk to come to a new place and meet new people. If you have elementary age children, they will be invited to instructional time tailored to their ages prior to the sermon. At the conclusion of the service, please join us for a time of refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.

Reflection

I am convinced that there is some order in the universe. I think all scientists, at the deepest level, are so startled by what they see in the miraculous inner connectiveness of things in their field . . . that they at least have wondered why it is this way.

Allan Sandage, Director of the Carnegie Observatories

The New Testament makes the startling claim that the Creator of the cosmos, the Author of all the laws of physics, has walked among us. God's provision for us in the biosphere and His love expressed in Jesus Christ from the same heart.

A CPC Member

Call to Worship – Colossians 1:15-18

Liturgist: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

ALL: He created all things, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities.

Liturgist: He is before all things and all things were created through him and for him. In him all things hold together.

ALL: He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

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.

The Lord is King

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice, O earth and all ye heav'ns rejoice;
From world to world the joy shall ring, 'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

Chorus

Sing His praise, sing His praise: 'Lord of lords, Ancient of Days!'
Sing His praise, sing His praise; all your days, all your days.

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare, resist His will, distrust His care,
Or murmur at His wise decrees, or doubt His royal promises? (*Chorus*)

He reigns! ye saints, exalt your strains; your God is King, your Father reigns;
and he is at the Father's side, the Man of love, the Crucified. (*Chorus*)

The Lord is King! Bow down you must; the Judge of all the earth is just.
Holy and true are all His ways, let every creature sing His praise. (*Chorus*)

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Come Thou Almighty King!

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend:
Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear, in this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of
power.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty, may we in glory see, and to eternity, love and adore.

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Scripture Reading – Luke 7:44-50

⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” ⁴⁸ And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Confession of Sin

Liturgist: Merciful Father, we confess our inability to love and forgive. We often judge others for their sins, particularly those that affect us.

ALL: We hold the sins of others against them even when they have repented, considering ourselves better than them. Like Simon the Pharisee, we love little.

Liturgist: Lord Jesus, you have forgiven us a vast debt and we are without excuse.

ALL: Forgive us for our hardness of heart, our selfishness, and our unwillingness to forgive.

Liturgist: By your Spirit, lead into wonder and gratitude for the immeasurable love you have shown us.

ALL: Change us, we pray, into those who love much, because we have been loved so deeply. Amen!

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement – Colossians 1:13-14

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

O Help My Unbelief

How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it stains!
And Satan binds our captive minds fast in his slavish chains;
But there's a voice of sov'reign grace, Sounds from the sacred word:
"O, ye despairing sinners come, And trust upon the Lord."

My soul obeys th' almighty call, and runs to this relief;
I would believe Thy promise, Lord; O help my unbelief!
To the dear fountain of Thy blood, Incarnate God, I fly;
Here let me wash my spotted soul, From crimes of deepest dye.

Stretch out Thine arm, victorious King, my reigning sins subdue;
Drive the old dragon from his seat, with all his hellish crew.
A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, on Thy kind arms I fall;
Be Thou my strength and righteousness, my Jesus, and my all.

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Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading – Mark 1:16-28

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Children's Recessional

- 3rd – 5th Grade: Mr. and Mrs. Yoon, Ms. Fraser, Room 135
- 1st – 2nd Grade: Mr. and Mrs. Silva, Room 139
- Preschool – K: Mr. and Mrs. Ruffa, Room 178

Greeting our Neighbors

Sermon – Kingly Authority

Outline:

1. The nature of demonic oppression
2. Our response to Jesus' authority
3. The love which dispels our fears

Figure A.

Matthew 4:24 So Jesus' fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures (lit. moonstruck), and paralytics, and he healed them.

Figure B.

Ephesians 4:26-27 ²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil.

Figure C.

Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Figure D.

"The leading elements of the "classic" mode of spiritual warfare are best captured by Ephesians 6:10-20: reliance on the power and protection of God, embracing the Word of God, specific obedience, fervent and focused prayer, and the aid of fellow believers...Christians fight spiritual warfare by repentance, faith and obedience."

David Powlison, *Power Encounters* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1995) p.36

Figure E.

Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Figure F.

“Our feelings on this occasion it were not easy to describe,” he wrote later.
“Disappointed, but not cast down. Thankful for having been permitted to engage in any work which might contribute towards the extension of the Redeemer’s kingdom upon earth. Conscious of our own unworthiness. Willing to be used or laid aside at His own good pleasure. . . .”

Phyllis Thompson, *An Unquenchable Flame: Biography of Allen Gardiner*
(London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1983) p. 58

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.

All Hail The Power of Jesus Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall;
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

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Benediction – Psalm 121:7-8

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Announcements

Welcome Lunch

Pastor Matt and Katy host lunches on Sunday afternoons for newcomers. Their home is within walking distance to Gibbs. If you would like to come, please chat with Matt or Katy after the service.

Upcoming Events

- The Gaithersburg Community Group will meet next on Sunday July 3, 17, 31, August 14, 28.
- The Olney Community Group will meet next on TBD.
- The Youth Group will meet on June 26, July 10 (Yoon's home), 17, 31
- July 7, Youth Group trip to Lake Anna
- July 11-15, Vacation Bible School
- The next Women's Luncheons will be Sept. 11, Dec. 11