



Christ
Presbyterian
Church

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Welcome

Thank you for joining us for this service of worship. 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

Question: What does the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

Answer. The preface of the Lord's Prayer, which is, Our Father which art in heaven, teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us.

Westminster Shorter Catechism (1648), Question 100

A little child has confidence. He does not analyze it ... he knows that 'Abba' is his father. Grown-ups may be standing back at a distance and being very formal [with some great personage]; but the little child comes running in, rushes right in, and holds on to his father's legs. He has a right that no-one else has ... It is instinctive ... we cry 'Abba, Father.'

David Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Call to Worship – Galatians 4:4-7

Leader: But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

All: Because we are his sons and daughters, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

Leader: So you are no longer a slave to the law, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

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.

Praise to The Lord, The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been, granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee.

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 for aye we adore Him.

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Psalm 92

It is good to praise You Lord,
and make music to Your name, O Most High. *(repeat)*

To proclaim Your love in the morning,
and Your faithfulness at night. *(repeat)*

Chorus

Oh, I sing for joy
at the sound of Your name, and the works of Your hands.
Oh, You make me glad;
and, for all of my life, let my song to You rise
Oh, Most High.

It is good to praise You Lord, oh, Most High

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Scripture Reading – Matthew 7:1-5

¹“Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Confession of Sin

Leader: Almighty God, we acknowledge our guilt;

All: Heavenly Father, we confess our sin.

Leader: We easily see the speck that is in our brother's eye;

All: But we often overlook the log that is in our own eye.

Leader: We pass judgment on the sins of others,

All: But we practice the very same things.

Leader: We acknowledge that we easily deceive ourselves,

All: And are often blind to the truth.

Leader: Almighty God, please pardon our guilt.

All: Heavenly Father, forgive our sin.

Leader: We ask this confidently,

All: Because Jesus Christ came for sinners. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement – Colossians 2:13-14

¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)

From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (repeat)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy. (repeat)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On him my soul shall rest, His Word upholds my fainting spirit:
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience. (repeat)

What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait till God appeareth. (repeat)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow. (repeat)

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Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading – Mark 3:1-3:6

¹ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ² And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴ And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Children's Recessional

- Communicant's Class: Mr. Hurtado and Mr. Pickens, Room 174
- 4th – 5th Grade: Mr. and Mrs. Machiela, Ms. Fraser, Room 135
- 2nd – 3rd Grade: Mr. and Mrs. Newens, Room 139
- Preschool – 1st Grade: Mrs. Ranaivoarison and Mrs. Klotz, Room 178

Sermon – An Unlikely Alliance

Outline:

1. The animosity of the Herodians
2. The hostility of the Pharisees

Figure A.

Mark 6:17-18 ¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

Figure B.

"I had motive for not wanting the world to have a meaning; consequently, I assumed that it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption. The philosopher who finds no meaning in the world is not concerned exclusively with a problem in pure metaphysics, he is also concerned to prove that there is no valid reason why he personally should not do as he wanted to do, or why his friends should not seize power and govern in the way that they find most advantageous to themselves.... For myself, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation, sexual and political."

Aldous Huxley, *Ends and Means: An Inquiry into the Nature of Ideals and into the Methods Employed for Their Realization* (1937), p. 270

Figure C.

Deuteronomy 6:24 (NIV) The LORD commanded us to obey all these commands and to fear the LORD our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today.

Figure D.

“Lord, make me a great composer! . . . In return I vow I will give you my chastity, my industry, and my deepest humility, every hour of my life. And I will help my fellow man all I can. Amen.”

Salieri’s prayer in the movie *Amadeus* (1984)

Figure E.

Zechariah 13:1 On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.

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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
 To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
 For my life is wholly bound to his
 Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
 To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
 Through the deepest valley He will lead
 Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
 To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
 Jesus now and ever is my plea
 Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
 To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
 All the glory evermore to Him
 When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Benediction

This week, may you walk by faith and see the glory of the King, the beauty of the Savior.

Announcements

New to CPC?

If you're new to CPC, there are couple of ways to connect. You can text Pastor Matt (301 768 9700) your email address to receive our weekly updates. Matt and Katy also host lunches on Sunday afternoons. Their home is within walking distance from Gibbs.

October Service Calendar

The Deacons will be reaching out over the next two weeks to create an October Service Calendar with the following roles:

- Setup - Arrive early to help unload the trailer and setup for church
- Takedown - Help load the trailer after church
- Counter - Assist Deacons with counting offering after church
- Congregational Prayer and Scripture Reading – This is done from a microphone in the worship service

We ask that please consider joining the church prior to serving in these areas.

New Leadership Photo

We would like to update our website with a new group picture of those who serve on the Covenant Kids, Men's Ministry, GCOM, Deacon, and Elder committees. We'll take the photo outside the APR right after the service.

Community Group

The Olney/Rockville Community Group will meet on Friday at the Hurtado residence.

Meals for the Lee Family

Joe and Jenni Lee's twins, Ezra and Charlotte, were born on Wednesday, September 7. Jenni is making progress in her recovery and the Lees are open to receiving meals from us twice a week. If you would like to bring the Lees a meal, please sign up with this link: <https://takethemameal.com/OBFU9659>

In addition to homecooked meals, Joe stated that they would welcome meals from Chipotle, Papa Johns, or Panera.

Upcoming Events

- The next combined Deacon and Elder prayer gathering will be on Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30pm at the Hillah residence.
- Youth Group will commence on Sunday, October 12 from 5:00-7:30pm at the Roberts' home.
- The Germantown CG will meet next on Wednesday, October 19.
- In preparation for the fall retreat, there will be a day of prayer and fasting on Friday, October 21.
- The 2023 planning retreat will be November 11-12 at Skycroft Retreat Center.
- The next women's luncheons will be on December 11.