



**Christ**  
Presbyterian  
**Church**

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Saturday, January 2, 2020**

**5:00pm**

**Sunday, January 3, 2020**

**11:00am**



## Welcome

We're glad you're with us today. Whether you're worshipping with us in person or online, for the first time or are a regular part of our family, we hope that this worship service enables you to see the majesty and beauty of Jesus Christ.

## Call to Worship – Psalm 40:1-3

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

*All: He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.*

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

*All: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.*

## 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.*

## O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n,  
Occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme,  
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r.  
Let no vice or sin remain  
That resists Your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me,  
Make me Yours forever more.

I was blinded by my sin,  
Had no ears to hear Your voice.  
Did not know Your love within,  
Had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life,  
Opened up Your word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son,  
Gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life  
That's dependent on Your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face.

You are worthy to be praised  
With my ev'ry thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heav'n  
Glorify Your Name through me. *(repeat)*

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## **Scripture Reading — James 1:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

## **Confession of Sin**

Leader: Most merciful Father, we have sinned against you and are guilty before you.

*All: Forgive us the sins of our tongues: for deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others, for resentment, impatience, and tempers out of control.*

Leader: Forgive us for the sins of our eyes: for impurity in our glances and imagination, for pining after more beauty, comfort, and status than you have given us.

*All: Forgive us the sins of our hearts: for hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors, for pride, self-absorption, self-pity, and for doubting your love.*

Leader: Now, Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, melt our hearts.

*All: Grant us to live for you and not for ourselves.*

Leader: Transform us into your likeness, to live wholly for your glory.

*All: We ask confidently because Christ intercedes for sinners. Amen.*

## **Private Confession**

## Words of Encouragement — John 1:9, 12

Leader: The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

*All: Jesus Christ is the true light that has come into the world. Because we have received him, we are beloved sons and daughters of God.*

## Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water, and the blood,  
From thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfil thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears for ever flow,  
All for sin could not atone,  
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;  
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.

*Text: Augustus Toplady, 1776, alt. Thomas Cotterill, 1815  
Music: James Ward ©1985 James Ward Music*

## Prayer for our Nation

### Scripture Reading: Luke 5:12-16

<sup>12</sup> While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." <sup>13</sup> And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. <sup>14</sup> And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them." <sup>15</sup> But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. <sup>16</sup> But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

## Children's Recessional

### Sermon: Prayer

#### Outline:

1. The call to begin 2021 with prayer
2. The repentance and faith which renews prayer
3. The One in whose name we pray

#### Figure A.

Luke 5:16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. (NIV)

#### Figure B.

Daniel 6:10 When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

#### Figure C.

Psalms 55:16-17 <sup>16</sup> But I call to God, and the LORD will save me. <sup>17</sup> Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice.

#### Figure D.

We ought always to raise our minds upwards towards God, and pray without ceasing, yet such is our weakness, which requires to be supported, such our torpor, which requires to be stimulated, that it is requisite for us to appoint special hours for this exercise, hours which are not to pass away without prayer, and during which the whole affections of our minds are to be completely occupied; namely, when we rise in the

morning, before we commence our daily work, when we sit down to food, when by the blessing of God we have taken it, and when we retire to rest. . . . In particular, it must be our anxious care, whenever we are ourselves pressed, or see others pressed by any strait, instantly to have recourse to him not only with quickened pace, but with quickened minds; and again, we must not in any prosperity of ourselves or others omit to testify our recognition of his hand by praise and thanksgiving.

John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion* (3.20.50)

**Figure E.**

All who have walked with God have viewed prayer as the main business of their lives.

Richard Foster, *The Celebration of Discipline* (Harper Collins, 1988), p. 34

**Figure F.**

“I began to pray. – I could not utter the cry of faith; I could not draw near to a reconciled God, and call him Father. My prayer was like the cry of the ravens, which yet the Lord does not disdain to hear. I now began to think of that Jesus whom I had so often derided.”

*The Works of John Newton*, Vol. 1, p. 47 (Banner of Truth, 2015 ed.)

**Figure G.**

Luke 11:7-8 <sup>7</sup> [The neighbor] will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

**Figure H.**

Romans 8:34 Christ Jesus is the one who died- more than that, who was raised- who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Hebrews 7:25 Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

## **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.

## Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place,  
Not in my work or deed.  
I trust the ever living One;  
His wounds for me shall plead.

### *Refrain:*

I need no other argument;  
I need no other plea;  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that He died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,  
This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to Him,  
He'll never cast me out.

### *(Refrain )*

### *Bridge*

The wondrous cross; your precious blood,  
Your sacrifice, it is enough;  
Your heart has led me up that hill;  
To the cross you are leading still.

### *(Repeat Bridge)*

My heart is leaning on the Word,  
The written word of God;  
Salvation by my savior's Name,  
Salvation through his blood.

### *(Refrain )*

*CCLI Song # 7061680 Lyrics: Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891, alt*

*Music: Adam Palmer, Jacob Sooter, Lindsey Sweat, and Matthew Hein*

## Benediction

This week, by the power of the Holy Spirit, may you live in constant dependence upon Jesus, may you live a life of prayer.



## Announcements

### Men's Ministry

The men's ministry has planned its calendar for 2021. We'll meet over Zoom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 8:00-9:30. Our first meeting will be on January 20<sup>th</sup>. As a catalyst for growth, we plan to read the book *The New Man: Become a Man after God's Heart* by Dan Doriani.

### Family Worship

For January and February, we want to promote family worship by recommending the book *The Ology* by Marty Machowski. The book works best for elementary age children. Please expect to receive an email from Rebekah Machiela this week inquiring if you would like for us to order you a copy.

### COVID Relief

We're continuing our partnership with a local food pantry. The food pantry has a grant from Capitol Area Food Bank, but they need private donations of diapers. They also need help distributing food each week. If you would like to volunteer, please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a48afa72fabfc1-january9>

### Prayer

Our church will also gather online Sunday evening from 8:30 to 9:30. Please see the link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88459621478?pwd=VGR2TzJTQnpWWjJKzNJaURSbzFuUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 5962 1478

Passcode: 841737

### Silva Adoption

Matt and Lucy Silva have been pursuing adoption since 2019. In August, they were paired with a birth mom in Kansas. The Silvas are thrilled to announce that they'll travel to Kansas in February to adopt a baby boy. To share their story and to give friends the opportunity to help in the adoption, the Silvas have created the webpage:

<https://mystory.lifesongfororphans.org/stories/silvas-adopt/>

If you are open to financially assisting with the Silva's adoption, please follow the link on the webpage. It's a privilege to welcome this child into the Silva's family and into our church family.

## Contact Us

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