

The Lord's Service

April 26, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet God in worship.

Call to Worship

God sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ. God also invites us to worship and we find several invitations to worship in Scripture.

*Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16.8-11

LEADER: O give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all
his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

Hymn of Adoration

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;
Sing now in glad adoration!
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 fore'er we adore Him.

Invocation

Psalm 147.5

Eternal, Triune God, infinite in wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth, we come to You at Your call, and worship You; for You are the God Who dwells in unapproachable light, where thousands upon thousands minister to You, and ten thousand times ten thousand stand before You, yet dwelling with the humble and contrite and taking pleasure in Your people. Look upon us in Your tender mercies. Let us draw near to You with our hearts, and not only with our lips. Receive our adoration and our praise to the glory of Your grace. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Ephesians 4.1-3

LEADER: I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Seated or kneeling.

Family Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Almighty, eternal God and Father,
we confess and acknowledge unto You
that we were conceived in unrighteousness
and are full of sin and transgression in all our life.
We do not fully believe Your Word
nor follow Your holy commandments.
Remember Your goodness, we beseech You,
and for Your Name's sake be gracious unto us,
and forgive us our iniquity which truly is great. Amen.**

Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

Call to Confession

As we worship God we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. His Holy Scripture reveal this to us and points our heart towards confession.

Family Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time for silent confession, but also confession as a family of individuals equally in need of God's grace.

Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture throughout our time in worship, but this lesson (reading), prepares us for the lesson of the sermon.

Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands pastors to pray with and for God's people, not just in corporate worship, but privately, as well.

Assurance of Pardon

Philippians 2.8-11

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

“And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should 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.”

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 17.5-14

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Eric Mullinax

Adoration: (Romans 8.28)

For God's wonder, His regal splendor, His majesty

For His sovereign rule and unrivaled reign over all things, great and small

For His infinite power, wisdom in working our His perfect purposes

Thanksgiving: (Lamentations 3.22,23)

For God's fidelity to His promises, for His tender mercies morning by morning

For our union with Christ and with one another as members of His body

For our family, friends, wise counselors, loyal friends

Intercession: (Isaiah 41.10)

For strength, clarity, faith, patience, abounding love,
and courage

For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health to our
community, our nation, the world

For wisdom, skill, fortitude, courage for all in
authority, first responders, healthcare workers at every
level, economic and business leaders,
educators/administrators

For containment, reversal, deliverance from COVID-19

For those of us who feel lonely, bereaved, sick, weary,
heavy-laden, anxious

**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.**

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6.25-34

Sermon

Pastor Jake Bennett

WONDERFUL WAYS TO (NOT) WORRY

Doxology

*A doxology is a hymn or
word of praise to God for
His goodness and glory.*

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy
Scripture through the
service, but this lesson
(reading) guides the
sermon.

Sermon

A preacher is commanded
to faithfully steward God's
Holy Scripture by
submitting to it, studying it,
and expositing it (holding it
forth), bearing witness to
Jesus, by the power of the
Holy Spirit.

Hymn of Response *Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment*

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Gives unto each day what He deems best,
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Help me then, in every tribulation,
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation,
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till with Christ the Lord I stand.

Confession of Faith

By confessing our faith together using statements believed by Christians over the ages, we join in the sweep of Christian history even as we await the return of Jesus.

*Confession of Faith (in unison) *The Apostles' Creed*

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried;**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic[†] church,**

[†] "catholic" -- universal

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.

God Commissions Us

*Closing Greetings

*Benediction

Postlude

Pastor Bennett

Alayne Griffin

Benediction

Just as God calls us to
worship at the beginning of
the service with Holy
Scripture, He sends us into
our week with a Holy
Scripture reminder (*a good
word*) of the blessing of
Christ, by God's grace,
through the indwelling
Spirit.

SERMON NOTES

Mission Statement of CPC

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors
by making Christ known in all of life.*

Vision Statement of CPC

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors
by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ,
the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.*