

The Lord's Service

May 3, 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

Psalm 113.1-4

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name of the Lord from this
time forth and forevermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting, the
name of the Lord is to be praised!
The Lord is high above all nations, and
his glory above the heavens!

Hymn of Adoration

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

I love thy Kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God:
Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

Invocation

Psalm 25.1-5

O LORD, to You, we lift our hearts; to You, we offer our praise and prayer; even our very lives. Be pleased to make known to us Your will and Your ways. Lead us in Your truth and teach us. For You, alone, O God, are the One Who saves, the One in Whom we trust, the One upon Whom we wait. We worship You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God; blessed be Your glorious name forever. 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.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 24.3-4

LEADER: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.

Seated or kneeling.

Family Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to You that we have sinned against You
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart
and mind and strength;
we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves;
we have not always had in us the mind of Christ.**

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.

You alone know how often we have grieved You
by wasting Your gifts,
by wandering from Your ways, by forgetting Your
love.

Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father,
and free us from our sin.

Renew in us the grace and strength
of Your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son, our Savior.
Amen.

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.

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7.18-19

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

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression for the
remnant of his inheritance? He does not
retain his anger forever, because he delights
in steadfast love. He will again have
compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities
underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the
depths of the sea.”

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 2.1-5

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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

Pastor Mullinax

Adoration: (Psalm 93.1-2)

For God's reign, His rule, His sovereignty over great and small

For God's perfections, His majesty, His beauty

For God's wisdom, His justice, His holiness

For God's goodness, His power, His grace

Thanksgiving: (Psalm 107.1-3)

For our salvation full and free in Jesus

For God's faithful and abundant provision (materially, spiritually)

For our church, family, friends, counselors, community

Intercession: (Philippians 4.6-7)

For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health to the nations

For wisdom, skill and fortitude for those in authority, healthcare workers

For containment and reversal of COVID –19

For wisdom in how we each may manifest Christ in plenty and want

For specific requests for others, ourselves

For God's glory alone in all matters

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.

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.

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.

Doxology

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

Scripture Lesson

John 17.20-21

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

TOGETHERNESS

Hymn of Response

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food.
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

***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,
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.

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.

[†] "catholic" -- universal

God Commissions Us

*Closing Greetings

*Benediction

Pastor Jones

Postlude

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.*