

The Lord's Service

January 3, 2021

Please wear a mask if you intend to read responsively and sing while standing.

*Please know that your participation in our service today
may be recorded in our live stream.*

Welcome and Announcements

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 149.1-4

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
His praise in the assembly of the godly!

PEOPLE: **Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the
children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

LEADER: Let them praise His name with dancing,
making melody to Him with tambourine and
lyre!

PEOPLE: **For the Lord takes pleasure in His people;
He adorns the humble with salvation.**

*Hymn of Adoration

*Come, Thou Almighty King
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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.

*Invocation

Almighty King, Incarnate Word, Holy Comforter, Great One in Three, we do not come today to worship a generic deity, a life force, a philosopher's god, a mere unmoved mover, but the One True God who created heaven and earth out of the superabundant overflow of love among three persons in joyful fellowship, who desired to make creatures in their own image to reflect their glory, and with whom to fellowship. Who acted in time and space to redeem those creatures and to restore them to the glory for which they were created. For the sake of the Son, who bound himself to us that we might be bound to you,

please receive our worship today, and purify it by your Spirit. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Ezekiel 36.22-27

²² “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

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

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.

Scripture Lesson

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

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

Doxology

No. 731

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

Galatians 5.16-26

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the

Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

KING OF YOUR DAILY LIFE

*Hymn of Response

Come, Thou Almighty King (vs.1-3)
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Call to Confession

Matthew 10.32-33

LEADER: So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father Who is in heaven,

PEOPLE: But whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy
to all those who call upon You;
hear us as we come to You
humbly confessing our sins and transgressions,
and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness.
We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds
and by the sinful affections of our hearts.
We confess before You our disobedience and
ingratitude, our pride and willfulness;
and our failures and shortcomings
Toward you and toward our fellow men.
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father;
and of your great goodness grant that we may, hereafter,

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.

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.

Corporate
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.

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.

serve and please you in newness of life;
Through the merit and mediation
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130.3-4

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
"If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared."
The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

***Confession of Faith** Westminster Larger Catechism, 45

LEADER: Christian, how is Jesus our King?

PEOPLE: **In calling out of the world a people to himself and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them. In bestowing saving grace upon his elect, rewarding their obedience and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings. In restraining and overcoming all their enemies and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory, and their good. And in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.**

***Gloria Patri**

*Come, Thou Almighty King (vs.4)
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Instruction and Prayer

*Please approach the table from the outer aisles and return
to your pew through the middle aisle.*

The Institution

Distribution Hymn

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King
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Hymn

Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!
Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

*Benediction

Pastor Jones

Closing Greetings

Postlude

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.

Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Anon., ca. 1757

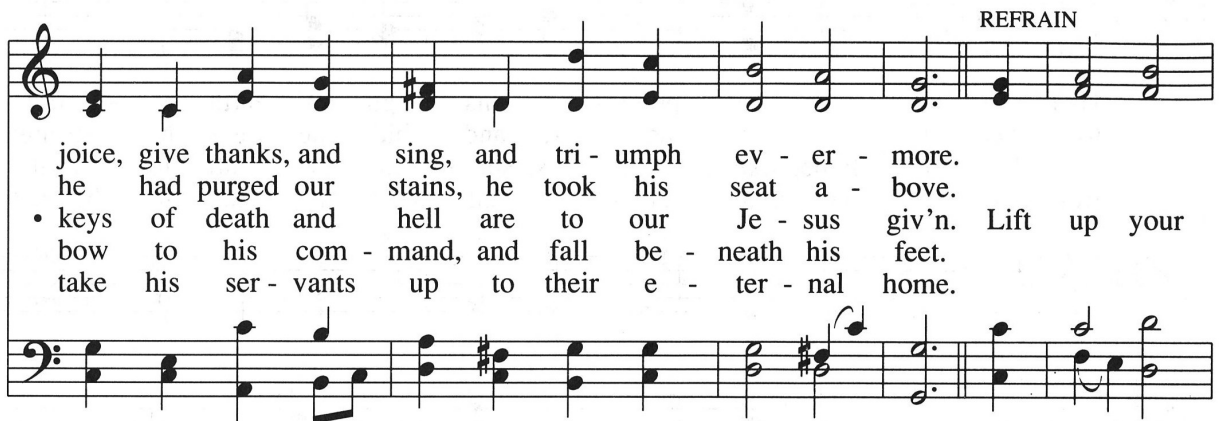
TRINITY 6.6.4.6.6.4.
Felice de Giardini, 1769

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

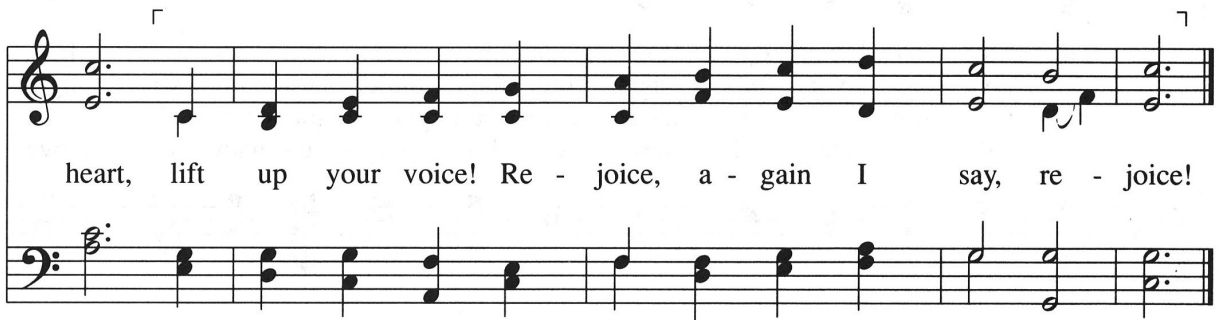


1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
 4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
 5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

REFRAIN



joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.
 John Darwall, 1770

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WELCOME!** We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- We value your child's presence and desire for him or her to remain in the worship service. If your child becomes restless during the service, a soundproof room is available in the transept area where you may sit with your child, if necessary.
- We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Bennett is preaching on Revelation 22.14-17.
- **2021 Giving Envelopes** - Envelopes are available in the Narthex and will continue to be available throughout the year. They have a place for your name and any special designations for your giving. Please take as many as you would like for the year ahead or take one as you need one.

Nursery Schedule - Today					
First Worship Service (8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)			Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)		
Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers	Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers
Tammy Higgins	Domekia Gaines	Jeremiah Hill	Lisa Wright	Sophie Wright	Ellie Wright
Nursery Schedule - December 13, 2020					
First Worship Service (8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)			Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)		
Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers	Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers
Diane Lazor	Maggie Middleton	Patrick Joyner	Heather Harris	Isaiah Harris	Jonah Harris

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This Week at a Glance

WEDNESDAY, January 6

Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, January 7

Virtual Brown Bag Lunch - 12 noon

FRIDAY, January 8

Men's Proverbs Study - 8 a.m. - Zoom

SATURDAY, January 9

TVP Winter Meeting - Offsite

SUNDAY, January 10

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 8:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School to Return February 21

Many have asked about our plans for Sunday School, originally scheduled to return January 10. Our elders have decided to postpone our spring Sunday School kick-off to the first Sunday of Lent, which is February 21. Our nursery re-opened on November 29, and we plan to continue this ministry for both morning services. The discipleship opportunities in our church that would ordinarily take place Sunday morning, will be shifted to Midweek. In-person Midweek opportunities have been suspended as well. Please stay tuned for a schedule of upcoming events.