



December 6, 2020

Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified (Isaiah 61:1-3).

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship — Psalm 136:1-3, 26

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods,*

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

For his steadfast love endures forever;

Give thanks to the God of heaven,

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God's Grace

O, Lord, my Maker and Redeemer, we come to Your throne only through Your grace and mercy granted to us in Christ Jesus. Your welcome and love magnifies our sin and the darkness of our own hearts; yet, it is the same love that draws us back to the cross, our only place of forgiveness. You alone can cleanse us and make us new; and, now, help us to walk in newness of life. Through the Lord Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.

Bow your heads, take the time to offer your own confession of sins

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness

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. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you (Ezekiel 36:25-26).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Isaiah 59:14-22

NT Reading — Romans 8:1-11

*The Word of the Lord . . . **Everyone:** Thanks be to God.*

Sermon: Spirit vs. Flesh: Our Obedience Shows Are State of Mind on the Matter

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father

Prayers for our children

Our profession of our faith together

Church, what do we believe?

We believe “There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for the law of the Spirit of life has set us free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do God has done by sending His Son” (adapted from Romans 8:1-3^b).

Affirming Christ's Presence as we share the Lord's Supper

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

Prayer and the Words of Benediction

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price (Revelation 22:17).

And all God's people say: **Amen!**

OT Reading—Ezekiel 36:22-36: “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. 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. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. 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. 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. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord GOD; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

“Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. And they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’ Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the LORD; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

NT Reading—Romans 8:1-11: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord // The people: Thanks be to God

Announcements

- ➡ **Dec 9th** — **In-person** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer at 158 @ 6:00pm. In-person Studies are the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month.
- ➡ **Dec 12th** — *CPC in The Hill Christmas Store, well, sort of . . . December 12 at Pastor Chip & Lisa's Sidewalk Breakfast & Church Service (122 Carlisle Street @ 10am-11am) and at Maxine's Stevens Street Read Aloud (14 Stevens St @ 1pm-3pm).*
- ➡ **Dec 13th** — Come join us again for next Sunday's service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).
- ➡ **Dec 22nd** — Next Bonfire Bible Study @ the Anderson's out back of 122 Carlisle Street (at 6pm)—*Learning to Follow Jesus a Little Deeper: Portraits of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke*