



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant peace . . . The Lord knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will remain forever; they are not put to shame in evil times; in the days of famine they have abundance (Psalm 37:11, 18-19).

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship—Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God's Grace

O, Lord, our Creator, our Redeemer and King, we have been welcomed into Your courts, into Your throneroom, by grace and through the work of Jesus upon the cross. Nonetheless, we still stumble and fall; yet you still receive us. Forgive us, O Lord. The inclination of our hearts still too often lead us to sin against You and against our neighbor; please forgive us and continue to conform us to the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, that we might be pleasing in Your sight and all the more fulfill the purpose of why You created us.

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

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:13-14).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Genesis 50:1-21

NT Reading — Romans 8:26-30

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

Sermon: The Endurance in Being Called to God's Purpose: The Once and Future of "All things for the good"

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father

Our profession of our faith together



Church, what benefits do we have in this life that accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?

The benefits in this life that accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification are: assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, progress in holiness, and perseverance in it to this life's end (WSC #36).

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

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

Prayer and the Words of Benediction

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven (Colossians 1:21-23).

And all God's people shout out: Amen!

OT Reading—Genesis 50:1-21: Then Joseph fell on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. Forty days were required for it, for that is how many are required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.

And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, ‘My father made me swear, saying, “I am about to die: in my tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there shall you bury me.” Now therefore, let me please go up and bury my father. Then I will return.”’ And Pharaoh answered, “Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear.” So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen. It was a very great company. When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they lamented there with a very great and grievous lamentation, and he made a mourning for his father seven days. When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning on the threshing floor of Atad, they said, “This is a grievous mourning by the Egyptians.” Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan. Thus his sons did for him as he had commanded them, for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place. After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died: ‘Say to Joseph, “Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.”’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

NT Reading—Romans 8:26-30: Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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

Announcements

- ➔ **Feb 16th** — Bonfire Bible Study @ the Anderson's out back of 122 Carlisle Street (at 6pm)— *Learning to Follow Jesus a Little Deeper.*
- ➔ **Feb 17th** — **Zoom** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 7:00pm at 158 Davenport Ave. Zoom Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 843 6693 1861; Passcode: 661614
- ➔ **Feb 20th** —Children's Read Aloud at 14 Steven's Street, 1:00pm–3:00pm @ Maxine's home. A time for our neighborhood children to listen to a book read aloud together.
- ➔ **Feb 21st** — Saturday Sidewalk Breakfast & Sidewalk Church Service (122 Carlisle Street) Breakfast starts at 10am; church service starts at 10:15. We do this no matter the weather. Come join us!
- ➔ **Feb 21st** — *Come join us again for next Sunday's service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).*
- ➔ **Feb 21st** — **After Service** there will be a meeting of our new **Hill Servant Leadership Board**, about 20 minutes.