

Announcements

Check out our website (cpcsb.org) to see our calendar and events.

CPC Children Are Egging Us On

Ask the children why! Let's keep filling the egg basket on the Missions table to help Hogar Providencia buy more chickens.

Service of Worship November 13, 2011 Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

A word about our worship: We believe that in worship we actually meet with God. Therefore, our services are interactive and dynamic, retelling the gospel through a five-act drama: Approach, Renewal, (re)Commitment, Communion, and Commissioning. In this drama, we all have a part. In each act, we are placed in dialogue with God himself: He speaks and we respond. In our liturgy (script), you will find your lines designated in **bold**.

PREPARATION AND REFLECTION

O, this faith is a living, busy, active, powerful thing! It is impossible that it should not be ceaselessly doing that which is good. It does not even ask whether good works should be done; but before the question can be asked, it has done them, and it is constantly engaged in doing them. But he who does not do such works, is a man without faith.

– Martin Luther, *Preface to Romans*

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.

–St. Paul, *Letter to the Romans*

I hold that the propositions embodied in natural science are not derived by any definite rule from the data of experience, and that they can neither be verified nor falsified by experience according to any definite rule. Discovery, verification and falsification proceed according to certain maxims which cannot be precisely formulated and still less proved or disproved, and the application of which relies in every case on a personal judgment exercised (or accredited) by ourselves. These maxims and the art of interpreting them may be said to constitute the premises of science but I prefer to call them our scientific beliefs. These premises or beliefs are embodied in a tradition, the tradition of science. The continued existence of science is an expression of the fact that there exists a group of people (customarily described as scientists) who are agreed in accepting one tradition, and that they trust each other to be informed by this tradition.

–Michael Polanyi, "The Stability of Beliefs"

GATHERING SONG:*Poor Wayfaring Stranger*

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger
 Traveling through this world alone.
 There's no sickness, toil, nor danger
 In that bright land to which I go.
 I'm going there to see my father,
 I'm going there no more to roam.
 I'm only going over Jordan,
 I'm only going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather o'er me,
 I know my way is rough and steep.
 Yet beautiful fields lie just before me
 Where God's redeemed their vigils keep.
 I'm going there to see my mother;
 She said she'd meet me when I come.
 I'm just a going over Jordan,
 I'm just a going over home.

I want to wear a crown of Glory
 When I get home to that good land.
 I want to shout Salvation's story
 In concert with the Blood-Washed Band.
 I'm going there to meet my Saviour;
 To sing his praise forever more.
 I'm just a going over Jordan,
 I'm just a going over home.

ACT 1: APPROACH**CALL TO WORSHIP: *God summons us.****Based on Revelation 15:4*

Come and worship the Lord!
 He alone is holy and righteous!
 Glorify his name among the nations!

ACT 5: COMMISSIONING*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

Words: Samuel Stennett; Music: Christopher Miner

**On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
 And cast a wishful eye
 To Canaan's fair and happy land,
 Where my possessions lie.**

**All o'er those wide extended plains
 Shines one eternal day;
 There God the Son forever reigns,
 And scatters night away.**

Chorus I am bound, I am bound,
 I am bound for promised land,
 I am bound, I am bound,
 I am bound for promised land.

**No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
 Can reach that healthful shore;
 Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
 Are felt and feared no more.**

Chorus

**When shall I reach that happy place,
 And be forever blessed?
 When shall I see my Father's face,
 And in his bosom rest?**

Chorus

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BENEDICTION: *God sends us out in His power.*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING**Prayer for those searching for truth**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may I turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

INVOCATION: *We ask God to meet us.*

Cannons

Words & Music: Phil Wickham

**It's falling from the clouds, a strange and lovely sound.
I hear it in the thunder and the rain.
It's ringing in the skies like cannons in the night.
The music of the universe plays.**

Chorus **Singing you are holy, great, and mighty!
The moon and the stars declare who you are.
I'm so unworthy, but still you love me.
Forever my heart will sing of how great you are.**

**Beautiful and free, the song of galaxies,
Reaching far beyond the Milky Way.
Let's join in with the sound, come on let's sing it out,
As the music of the universe plays.**

Chorus

**All glory, honor, power is yours, Amen!
All glory, honor, power is yours, Amen!
All glory, honor, power is yours forever, Amen!**

**You are holy, great, and mighty!
The moon and the stars declare who you are.
I'm so unworthy, but still you love me.
Forever my heart will sing of your love.**

Chorus

You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Words and Music: Mark Imboden and Tammy Rhoton

**You are holy (*echo*), you are mighty (*echo*),
 You are worthy (*echo*), worthy of praise (*echo*).
 I will follow (*echo*), I will listen (*echo*),
 I will love you (*echo*), all of my days (*echo*).**

Chorus (Women) He is Lord of Lords, he is King of Kings,
 He is Mighty God, Lord of everything.
 He's Emmanuel, the great I Am,
 He's my Prince of Peace, who is the Lamb.
 He's the living God, he's my saving grace.
 He will reign forever, he is Ancient of Days,
 He is Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.
 He's my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend.
 He's my Prince of Peace, I will live my life for him.

Chorus (Men) I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.
 I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him. (2x)
 He's my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for him. (2x)

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
Hallelujah, let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God are for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

❖ Please hold the elements until we can all partake together. (For those with diet restrictions gluten-free bread is offered).

Before the Throne of God Above

Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook

**Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea.
 A great high priest, whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
 My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.
 I know that while in heaven he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
 No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within;
 Upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
 Because the sinless savior died my sinful soul is counted free.
 For God the just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
 To look on him and pardon me.**

**Behold him there! The risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness,
 The great unchangeable I AM, the king of glory and of grace!
 One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood.
 My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
 With Christ my Savior and my God.**

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ACT 4: COMMUNION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: *God invites us to a meal.*

- ❖ Christ Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin, trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us.
- ❖ If you are not sure if you should take Communion, or if you have come to believe in Jesus today, you are encouraged to meet with one of the elders who will be at the front of the sanctuary following the service.
- ❖ If you are not able to receive Communion, please use the prayers on page 14 as a guide.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is our greatest joy and highest privilege to give you thanks and praise, Father Almighty. By your word, the universe was created and by that same word you promised to give Abraham an inheritance. We know that you are faithful to your promises, for to us you have prepared something better. For when we were in need, even to the point of desperation, you gave your Son, who for the joy set before him endured the cross on our behalf. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and wine that through them we may be nourished by our Savior, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Make us one with him and one with all who share in this feast. Amen.

Act 1: Approach

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 25:7–11

⁷These are the days of the years of Abraham's life, 175 years. ⁸Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. ⁹Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre, ¹⁰the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with Sarah his wife. ¹¹After the death of Abraham, God blessed Isaac his son. And Isaac settled at Beer-lahai-roi.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ACT 2: RENEWAL

CONFESSION OF SIN: *We own our faults.*

Sovereign God, you created us to worship you and bring you glory. And yet instead of honoring you and your word, our attitudes and actions often disgrace your reputation. We now confess the particular ways in which we have done these things.

Silent confession

Instead of walking in your ways, we do what is expedient and popular. We now confess the particular ways in which we have done these things.

Silent confession

Instead of loving you above all else, we idolize marriage, children, career, ministry, and life itself. We now confess the particular ways in which we have done these things.

Silent confession

Instead of serving you single-mindedly, our commitment is more often half-hearted and disingenuous. We now confess the particular ways in which we have done these things.

Silent confession

Lord, as your people, we humbly come seeking your grace:

For the sake of your Son forgive our many sins and by your Spirit make us living sacrifices, totally pleasing to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PREACHED WORD: *God brings us good news.*

Reading: Hebrews 11:1, 8–19, 39–40; 12:1–2

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

³⁹And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sermon– “By Faith Abraham...”

One Day

Words: Wilbur Chapman Music: Michael Devereaux

❖ *During the last verse of the following song, children from age three through first grade are dismissed for a time of teaching.*

One day when heaven was filled with his praises,
One day when sin was as dark as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin;
Dwelt among us, my Example is he!

One day they led him up Calvary's mountain;
One day they nailed him to die on the tree;
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected:
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is he!

Chorus Living, he loved me; dying, he saved me;
Buried, he carried my sins far away;
Rising, he justified freely forever;
One day he's coming – O glorious day!
One day he's coming – O glorious day!

One day they left him alone in the garden;
One day he rested from suffering free;
Angels came down and stood over his tomb;
Hope of the hopeless, my Savior is he!

One day the grave could conceal him no longer;
One day the stone rolled away from the door;
Then he arose, over death he had conquered;
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore.

Chorus

One day the trumpet will sound for his coming;
One day the skies with his glories will shine;
Wonderful day, my beloved one's bringing;
Glorious Savior, this Jesus is mine!

*Chorus 2x***ACT 3: COMMITMENT*****Jesus I am Resting, Resting***

David Hampton | Jean Sophia Pigott

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee and thy beauty fills my soul;
For by thy transforming power thou hast made me whole.

Chorus Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.

Oh, how great thy loving kindness; vaster, broader than the sea.
Oh, how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me.
Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine,
Know thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.

Chorus

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art;
And thy love so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart.
Satisfies its deepest longings; full supplies its ev'ry need;
And surrounds me with thy blessings—thine is love indeed!

Chorus

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee.
Resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting; fill me with thy grace.

Chorus

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER—Matthew Day

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.

Membership Vows**QUESTIONS FOR MATTHEW**

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?

Matthew: I do.

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the Gospel?

Matthew: I do.

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as a follower of Christ?

Matthew: I do.

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Matthew: I do.

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Matthew: I do.

QUESTION TO GOD'S PEOPLE

Members of Christ Presbyterian Church, will you do all in your power to uphold Matthew in fulfilling his covenant vows?

God helping us, we will.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Let us welcome Matthew into our fellowship.

Welcome! We give thanks to God for you, and for bringing all of us together in his Church, the very Body of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

GIVING: We commit our resources.

- ❖ *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). As Christians, we give because Christ gave, and because he continues to give us freely all that he is by his Spirit.*
- ❖ *If you are a visitor, please do not feel obliged to give. At this time, you may fill out the perforated form on the back of today's bulletin and place it in the offering bag. You may also use this form if you have prayer requests or praises to share with the elders, would like information about Christ Presbyterian Church or would like to update your contact information.*

Make Me Like You

Words and Music: Mike Busbee

**With mercy you've shown me your unfailing love.
Your holiness purges my sin,
Your blood has redeemed me.
I'm washed in your grace;
With patience you cleanse me within.**

Chorus **Make me like you.
Take the pieces of my life
And make it new.
Make me like you,
Make me wholly, completely brand new.**

**To love the unloved ones,
To count all but loss;
I'll take up my cross for you.
To picture you broken,
To see you as King;
For you anything I will do.**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: We commit our concerns.

- ❖ *I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people (1 Timothy 2:1).*