



For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- Ephesians 2:8-10

April 25, 2021
Morning Worship Service

Christ The King Presbyterian Church is a Congregation of the
Presbyterian Church in America

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Welcome and Announcements

If you are a visitor with us this morning, we warmly welcome you to this worship service of Christ The King.

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King
-arr. by Lynette Maynard

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 95:1-3

- ¹ Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
³ For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

***Invocation**

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin (Silent)

Promise of Forgiveness

Hebrews 10:22-23

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 1:1-18(a)

¹Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God;**

**begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made.
who, for us and for our salvation,
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the
dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers for the Church and the World

Musical Offering

Waltz in A-flat Major
- F. Chopin

Sermon Text

2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

6 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Steve Wilson

Vain Grace

Hymn of Response

And Can It Be that I Should Gain

-arr. by Lynette Maynard

***Benediction**

Postlude

Mazurka in B-flat Major

- F. Chopin

Hymn Selections:

115 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

455 *And Can It Be that I Should Gain*

And can it be that I should gain

an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.
(Refrain)

He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!),
and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
(Refrain)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
(Refrain)

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
(Refrain)

Announcements

Please welcome Rev. Steve Wilson this morning. God brought Steve to Himself at the age of 18. Since studying Health and Physical Education in college, he has served as a Christian Camp Counselor, the director of counselors in training, a youth pastor, a campus minister, and an associate pastor. Steve retired a year ago after serving for 20 years as a solo pastor just south of Scranton. He and his wife Cheryl have three children and seven grandchildren.

Assisting in worship: Mr. John Erickson

Sunday Evening Schedule for May:

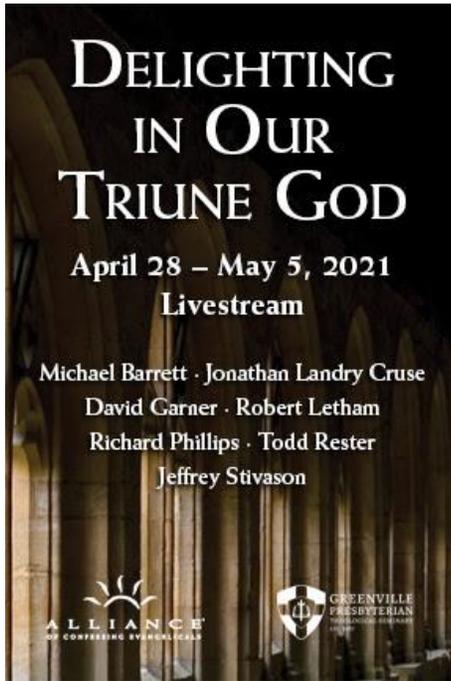
May 2 – Evening Worship – Rick Tyson preaching
May 9 – Mother's Day – nothing in the evening
May 16 – Evening Prayer Meeting
May 23 – Evening Worship – Rob Edwards preaching
May 30 – Memorial Day Weekend – nothing in the evening

Pastoral Sabbatical: With the approval of the session, Pastor Eric Huber will be taking an abbreviated sabbatical this spring. Pastor Eric will be out of the pulpit beginning April 25th and returning June 19th. During this time if you have any pastoral needs, please be in contact with one of the elders of the church. We warmly welcome and extend our thanks to those who will be preaching during this period. Please pray that this will be a season of renewal and refreshment in the Lord for Pastor Eric.

Deacons: The deacons want to assure you that we are available to help with the ongoing physical needs of the congregation. These are days of deep concern for all of us especially with so much uncertainty surrounding issues of health and finances. Please feel free to call or email one of the deacons with any of your concerns. Grace and Peace, Pat Canale, Dave Hudson, Jay Signorino, Peter Stahl, Nick Thomson, Joshua Tyson.

Home Fellowship Groups: These groups will continue to meet. Visit the website and search under Church Life - Home Fellowship Group section for locations and leader information.

Kingdom Opportunities



10:00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Steve Wilson preaching
6:00 pm – Evening Worship Service, Rev. Steve Wilson preaching

Sunday, May 2

10:00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Rob Edwards preaching
- *Lord's Supper*
6:00 pm – Evening Worship Service, Rev. Rick Tyson preaching

Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology

This year's PCRT will be streamed online, and will be available this year free of charge! You can join online April 28 – May 5. This year's conference will aim to elevate the doctrine of God as Three-In-One and work through the vast implications of the biblical teaching of the Trinity.

For more information visit alliancenet.org/ourtriunegod

This Week: Christ The King Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 25

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