

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. - 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8

# May 2, 2021 Morning Worship Service

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

# 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

Let All Things Now Living -arr. Stephen Nielson

# \*Call to Worship

# Colossians 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

# \*Invocation

# **Confession of Sin**

Lord God, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are ashamed and embarrassed to come before you. For we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways. We have rebelled against your wisdom and have invited trouble. We have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. Incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us as we pour out our sorrows to you. Forgive us, not because of our own righteousness, but because of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin (Silent)

# **Promise of Forgiveness**

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

**New Testament Reading** 

Philippians 1:18b-30

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Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup> as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.<sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup> But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup> engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

# Affirmation of Faith

# Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Prayers for the Church and the World

# Sermon Text

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights! <sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. <sup>6</sup> And he established them forever and ever;

he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, <sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup> Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! <sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!

**Preaching of the Word** 

Psalm 148

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Frühlingsgesang

- R. Schumann

**Musical Offering** 

#### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Response

### Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless -arr. by Christina Shehi

\*Benediction

Postlude

Wichtige Begebenheit - R. Schumann

#### May I Participate in the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper is a visible picture of God's mercy to us. The bread and wine represent the body and blood of Jesus, who willingly offered himself as a sacrifice for our sins. The Supper is a way in which we have fellowship with the risen Jesus Christ, and with his people.

We invite to the Lord's Table all those who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation and are members of an evangelical church.

#### Prayers for those who will not be taking communion:

A Prayer of Repentance and Faith:

Dear God, I know that I don't deserve to be accepted by you. I am sorry that I have been rebelling against you and ignoring you. Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to die for my sins that I may be forgiven. Thank you for raising him from the dead to give me new life. Please forgive me and change me. From this day forward, help me to live with Jesus as my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Struggling with Persistent Sin:

Dear God, help me to see in you the satisfaction of all that I truly need. Help me to put aside the sin that has taken hold of my life. Help me to return to you, and to follow your Son, Jesus Christ, in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Help me to take the necessary steps to be one with your people again, and to live in the fullness of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth:

Dear God, you claim that your Son, Jesus Christ, is the way, the truth, and the life. 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 yourself that leads to the life that you promise, and help me to accept that life through faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Hymn Selections:

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Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our days. His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, 'til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit, obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing, with glad adoration a song let us raise, 'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest, hosanna and praise! your chosen pilgrim flock with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak, as you when here below, our souls the joys celestial seek which from your sorrows flow.

We would not live by bread alone, but by that Word of grace, in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine; your body and your blood, that living bread, that heav'nly wine, be our immortal food.

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Announcements

**Please welcome Rev. Rob Edwards to the pulpit this morning.** Rob served as pastor of a PCA church in Virginia for 9 years (2010–2019), and with RUF at the University of Georgia for 11 years (1999–2010). He currently serves as assistant professor of pastoral theology at Westminster Theological Seminary. Rob and his wife, Angie, have three children: Emma, Lucy, and William.

### Assisting in worship: Mr. John Erickson

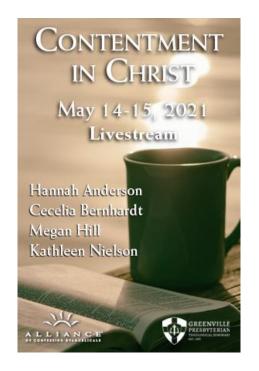
#### Sunday Evening Schedule for May:

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.



# **Quakertown Women's Conference**

This year's Quakertown Women's Conference will address the important but often elusive quality of contentment in Christ, covering subjects like "Contentment in Adverse Circumstances," "Contentment and Riches," and "Cultivating Contentment."

Gather some friends at your home, or a small group from your church, and join us as this year's speakers share how to cultivate contentment in our day-to-day lives. A downloadable discussion guide to encourage thoughtful conversation will be provided.

For more information visit alliancenet.org/contentment-in-christ

#### **Kingdom Opportunities**

# This Week: Christ The King Presbyterian Church

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

# Sunday, May 9

10:00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. John Currie preaching No evening service or prayer meeting <u>Pastor</u> Rev. Eric Huber erich@christthekingpca.org

Rex Anderson Jr, Rich DeLecce, John Erickson, Nicolas Kirkland

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# **Service Times**

Sunday Morning (10:00 am) Sunday Evening (6:00 pm)

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