



The Lord's Day, December 27, 2015

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us this morning! At Christ the King, our worship is a divine-human dialogue, in accordance with Scriptural example and precedent, alternatively hearing God's Word and responding in prayer, song, or meditation. The gray boxes throughout the bulletin were written to aid each worshipper in thoughtful and meaningful participation in this dialogue. Please prepare your heart by reading through the bulletin, praying for those leading and worshipping around you, and silencing all communication devices.

We encourage parents to involve children as soon as possible in the worship service. In consideration of other worshippers, we request parents with children not yet ready for unobtrusive participation in worship to utilize the nursery or, if necessary, the cry room. A nursery is available for children ages 3 months to 3 years during all Sunday morning activities.

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Prelude

Call to Worship

The call to worship today highlights the fact that God desires that all the ends of the earth, that is, as He puts it in the promise to Abraham in Genesis 12, that "all the families of the earth" be

blessed so that they come to praise Him through His saving power. All those families become one big family in Him, and we are part of that family.

Psalm 67 ^{ESV}

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
- ² that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
- ⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
- ⁷ God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

In praising God in our first hymn today we also call people from every land and every nation and family to do the same.

“From All That Dwell below the Skies” (Trinity Hymnal #7)

Reading from the Law

God has loved His people in choosing them and giving them unparalleled blessings; thus He calls them to love others with the same kind of love, loving all kinds of people, especially the unlovely and those who have nothing to give in return.

Deuteronomy 10:12-22 ^{ESV}

¹² “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴ Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵ Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶ Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. ²² Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This psalm of confession touches on several themes related to our service today. Its entreaty for God to listen and answer is based on confidence that God cares about the poor and needy. It anticipates a time when all the nations will worship and bring glory to God. It recognizes that God is the one who can give a person the undivided heart necessary for proper fear and praise of Him.

Responsive reading, Psalm 86 (Trinity Hymnal pp. 814-815)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The love of God for the unlovely, the type of love He calls and enables us to display in the world, is the basis of our salvation and of the confidence that we can now have before Him.

Romans 5:5-9 ESV

⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Hymn of Assurance

This hymn speaks to all who need to understand God's readiness to accept all who come to him in their poverty, seeking, as we shall see in our sermon, more than they can imagine (third verse) that He will do for them.

“Poor Sinner, Dejected with Fear”

1. Poor sinner, dejected with fear,
Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear,
Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace
Is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace
He'll freely and faithfully give.
2. Come just as thou art, with thy woe,
Fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, “Go,”
But surely will take out thy stain
A fountain is opened for sin,
And thousands its virtues have proved
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein,
And wash thee from filth in His blood.
3. The soul that on Jesus relies,
He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives
More blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep,
Nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
They're His, and He will hold them fast.

WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Prayers of Intercession

(The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals.)

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

“Appropriating God’s Plan” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 3:14-21 ^{ESV}

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD

Communion Meditation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Confession of Faith

The 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 will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (*or universal)

Distribution of Elements

Because we believe that wine was used in the Last Supper and is thus more in accord with the fullness of symbolism intended by God in the Lord's Supper, we offer wine and encourage those who take part in Communion to take this. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer the option of grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles of the trays.

“Oh the Deep, Deep Love”

- I. Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of Your love

Leading onward, leading homeward
To Your glorious rest above

*CH: Oh the deep, deep love
All I need and trust
Is the deep, deep love of Jesus*

2. Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He came to pay our ransom
Through the saving cross He bore
How He watches o'er His loved ones
Those He died to make His own
How for them He's interceding
Pleading now before the throne

3. Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Far surpassing all the rest
It's an ocean full of blessing
In the midst of every test
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Mighty Savior, precious Friend
You will bring us home to glory
Where your love will never end

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“My God, My Father, Blissful Name”

1. My God, my Father, blissful name
Oh may I call Thee mine?
May I with sweet assurance claim
A portion so divine?
This only can my fears control
And bid my sorrows fly;
What harm can ever reach my soul
Beneath my Father's eye?
2. Whate'er Thy providence denies
I calmly would resign
For Thou art just, and good, and wise
O bend my will to Thine

Whate'er Thy sacred will ordains
O give me strength to bear;
And let me know my Father reigns
And trust His tender care

3. If pain and sickness rend this frame
And life almost depart
Is not Thy mercy still the same
To cheer my drooping heart
If cares and sorrows me surround
Their power why should I fear?
My inward peace they cannot wound
If Thou, my God, art near.

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WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

One of the great ironies of life is that fulfillment and satisfaction comes from giving rather than taking. Love is giving, and love is the essence of true life. As you give today, realize that this is an integral part of living worship.

Proverbs 11:24 ^{ESV}

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

Presentation of Offerings

See Communion

Doxology (Trinity Hymnal #731)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Let us reaffirm our appreciation of and commitment to prayer as a means of grace to us as we leave today, applying to our hearts what we have understood from His Word.

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” (Trinity Hymnal #634)

Benediction

VISION

Purpose (our reason for existence): to reverse the effects of rebellion against God (sin)

Mission (what we are called to do): to build the Kingdom of God, by...

- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

Core Values (our fundamental commitments):

1. *Knowing* truth from God (Scripture)
2. *Being* right with God (Justification)
3. *Living* life for God (Sanctification)

Goals (what we seek to accomplish):

1. *Worship*—People experiencing and being attracted to and trained in the enjoyment of God
2. *Fellowship*—People displaying and enjoying genuinely loving and giving relationships/Christian community
3. *Christian Education*—People being confronted with and oriented to the whole truth of God
4. *Outreach*—People being drawn to the Church and trained to draw others
5. *Mercy*—People caring about and meeting the material needs of both non-Christians and other Christians

How can you be a part of all this?

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COMMUNITY

Next Meeting of the Session

Tuesday, January 5, 2015

The Session (the board of elders governing and shepherding our church) ordinarily holds stated meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, barring any unavoidable conflicts, beginning at 7:30 pm at the church building. Other called meetings as needed are scheduled at various times. Anyone is welcome to attend stated meetings (advance notice of attendance is appreciated). For attendance at called meetings advance request of at least two days is required by emailing the church office at office@ctknorman.org. The minutes of Session meetings are available for review at the church office upon request.

Christian Education • 9:00 am

- PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN – Ann Taylor
- 1ST - 3RD GRADE – Vicki Bates
- 4TH - 6TH GRADE – Jana Dile
- JUNIOR HIGH – Wayne Lin
- SENIOR HIGH – Wayne Lin
- ADULT – Mike Biggs

Sunday Worship Service • 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (times are approximate)

Youth Group • Sundays at 5:00 pm

Contact Wayne Lin for details (405.514.7882)

Men's Bible Study • Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am

Meets at Ozzie's at the airport; contact Mike Biggs for details

Small Groups

Weekly smaller gatherings for study, fellowship, prayer, and ministry in a more intimate setting. See previous page for details.

NEWS

Quote of the Week

“Do you know, my dear unsaved hearer, what God’s estimate of the gospel is? Do you not know that it has been the chief subject of his thoughts and acts from all eternity? He looks on it as the grandest of all his works. You cannot imagine that he has sent his gospel into the world to be a football for you to play with—that you may give it a kick, as Felix did when he said to Paul, “Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee” (Acts 24:25). You surely cannot believe that God sent his gospel into the world for you to make a toy of it, and to say, as Agrippa said to Paul, “Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian” (Acts 26:28), and then put away all thought of it out of your souls. You cannot even speak of it irreverently without committing a great sin.”—*Charles H. Spurgeon*

Announcements

- **Upcoming Events**

Dec 27 - Jan 3 No Christian Education

Dec 30 No Men’s Wednesday Bible Study

January 9 Men’s Prayer Breakfast

January 15-16 Women’s Retreat

- Gentlemen, our monthly **Men’s Prayer Breakfast** will be Saturday, January 9 at 8:00 a.m. at the church building.

- Registration for our **Women’s Retreat** is currently underway! Contact Meredith Westmoreland at 405-568-1212 for details.

- **Church Volunteers.** Looking for an opportunity to serve? Please talk to the following people if you can help:

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