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Sunday Worship
March 22nd, 2020
10:30 am Worship

Welcome to Christ Reformed!

Public worship is a holy assembly called into existence by the Word of the Lord. Today the Lord Himself speaks to us, revealing our sin through the Law and offering forgiveness through the Gospel. We respond in dialogue with confession, thanksgiving, and praise.

We ordinarily celebrate the Lord's Supper each Sunday. If you are a member of another church and would like to join us at the Lord's Table in the future, please read our instructions below and speak with an elder or our minister.

An Invitation to the Lord's Supper

(Due to COVID-19, the Supper is currently suspended. We include these instructions that we may gather again soon to celebrate the Supper.)

In obedience to God's word, we invite visitors to join us at the Lord's Supper who come worthily, with discernment, and in self-examination (1 Cor. 11:27 – 32). Since the Apostle Paul reminds us that the Supper can bring both judgment and blessing, we desire to administer this holy meal with the utmost of care. If you are a communicant member in good standing of a sister URCNA or NAPARC congregation, you are welcome at the table. If not, please confirm with the Elders that the following is true before coming to the Supper:

1. You have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
2. You have made a public profession of faith.
3. You are repentant because of your sins and seek to obey God's commands.
4. You are a member in good-standing of a Protestant Church that affirms the following:
 - i. The **gospel** is summarized in the Apostles' Creed and/or the Nicene Creed.
 - ii. God's **justification** of sinners is on the basis of the imputed righteousness of Christ, which is received by faith alone.
 - iii. The two **sacraments** of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are a means of grace.
 - iv. **Church discipline** should be exercised according to Scripture.

If this does not describe you or your church, or if you do not understand these criteria, we ask you to please abstain. If you wish to commune with us on a future visit, or desire any clarification, please speak with our Pastor or an Elder after the service. It is our prayer that this practice blesses and protects the recipients of the Supper, encourages Christians to reflect upon their relationship with Christ and His Church, and directs all visitors to the death and resurrection of Jesus as the only source of our spiritual life.

We err not when we say that what is eaten and drunk by us is the proper and natural body and the proper blood of Christ. But the manner of our partaking of the same is not by the mouth, but by the spirit through faith. — BELGIC CONFSSION, ARTICLE 35

At the Supper, please wait to be dismissed, then come forward in the center aisle to receive the bread and wine. The center ring has grape juice, gluten free bread is available upon request. Please take the elements back to your seat via the side aisles. After hearing the Words of Institution we will all partake together, as one Body.

Order for the First Service

** Denotes congregation standing; Bold Text indicates congregational response*

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP, INVOCATION, & GOD'S GREETING Psalm 22:1-5, 27-31

The Lord is near to all who call upon his name!

Call upon Him while He is near!

* OPENING PSALM — "The Lord's My Light" Psalm 27A

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE READING OF GOD'S LAW Mark 12:28-34

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

**Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy.
We recognize that we have heard in your Law difficult words,
knowing how often we have offended you in thought, word and deed,
not only by obvious violations,
but by failing to conform to its perfect commands,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
There is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope,
for where we thought we were well, we are sick in soul.
Where we thought we were holy, we are in truth unholy and ungrateful.
Our hearts are filled with the love of the world;
our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts;
our wills are too often given to selfishness
and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness.
By sinning against our neighbors,
we have also sinned against you,
in whose image they were created.
In this time of silent confession we bring you our particular sins.**

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & PRAYER FOR PARDON

PSALM OF CONFESSION — “How Blest Is He Whose Trespass”

Psalm 32B

ABSOLUTION

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has atoned for your sins?

We do.

* CONFESSION OF FAITH — THE APOSTLES’ CREED

p. 851

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven
and sits 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 catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Our Father, we have heard wonderful things out of thy Word. We praise you for revealing Christ by promise and shadow in these pages. Help us to understand these words, for thy name's sake. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

* NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 12:12-17 (p. 848)

Our Father, we have heard wonderful things out of thy Word. We praise you for revealing Christ as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and ask you to give us your Spirit so that we may understand the fullness of your truth. Amen.

SERMON

“Render Unto God, The True King”
Rev. Brian Lee

PSALM OF RESPONSE — “My Heart Does Overflow”

Psalm 45B

LORD'S SUPPER

Suspended Until Further Notice

OFFERING

* DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN — “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

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“Render Unto God, The True King”

Rev. Brian Lee

1. Pharisees and Herodians hypocritically join forces against Jesus

2. Jesus acknowledges the lawful authority of the earthly king

3. Jesus remind us of the priority of the heavenly kingdom

Daily Readings for Next Week’s Worship, Sunday, March 29th

10:30 Worship: “The Resurrection question”: Mark 12:18-34

Sunday, March 22nd
Ex. 3:1-6

Tuesday, March 24th
Deut. 6:1-9

Friday, March 27th
Job 19:13-29

Monday, March 23rd
Lev. 19:11-18

Wednesday, March 25th
Deut. 25:5-10

Saturday, March 28th
1 Cor. 15:12-58

Thursday, March 26th
Psalm 40

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Covid-19 & Public worship

- *Your church council has been weighing carefully this week the appropriate steps to take in the light of the coronavirus pandemic.*
- *Please reach out to your church council if you have any physical or spiritual needs in this time.*

Wednesday Night Study

Our Wednesday night study continues via streaming. You can find it on our website or facebook page. We will continue our study of J. Gresham Machen's *Christianity and Liberalism*.

Prayer for URCNA Missionary Labors

Rev. Andrew Spriensma is a chaplain in the US army.

- *Please pray for personal wisdom for me as I finish my studies in counseling and also for the powerful work of the Holy Spirit in the counseling room as I talk and pray with soldiers and their families at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.*
- *We are currently being reassigned to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri this summer. Please pray for the family as we prepare to move and the ministry that awaits us there.*

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Child Care & Nursery

Children are very important to us at Christ Reformed Church, and we seek to foster an environment where they can learn to worship in the presence of their parents. Mothers and Fathers are encouraged to sit and walk about with their children in the rear of the sanctuary as necessary to manage the occasional squeal, or to move in and out of our adjacent reception area as needed.

Parking in Logan Circle

Please reserve our small lot and the spots in front of the church for visitors, families, and the elderly. The north side of Corcoran Street between 15th and 16th Streets is open for parking on Sunday and usually has a number of spots available. If necessary visitors may use the parking garage at 1616 P Street NW, and we will validate your ticket for a full refund.

Affiliation

Christ Reformed Church is a member church in the United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA).



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