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God gives the growth.

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Sunday Worship
August 30th, 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

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

During COVID outbreak, we are distributing the communion elements in a sterile manner and regularly evaluating our practice. Please follow the instructions during the service and join us in observing social distancing guidelines.

Order for the First Service

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

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP, INVOCATION, & GOD'S GREETING

Psalm 66:1-4

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

Call upon Him while He is near!

* OPENING PSALM — "Now Unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty"

Psalm 78:1, 6, 20, 27

* 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

Galatians 5:13-26

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 — “Praise Waits for You, O God”

Psalm 65B:1-3

ABSOLUTION

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

We do.

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Megan McCulloch

Joy Spencer

* 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

1 Peter 1:3-12 (p. 1014)

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

“Inviting the World to Worship”
Rev. Brian Lee

PSALM OF RESPONSE — “O Shout to God with Joy”

Psalm 66A

LORD'S SUPPER

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

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 PSALM — “Sing Aloud to God Our Strength”

Psalm 81A

“Inviting the World to Worship”

Rev. Brian Lee

1. Who is this Psalm addressing?

2. Why have God’s people suffered so much? ...and why do they still rejoice?

3. Why did God hear and answer the Psalmist’s prayer?

Daily Readings for Next Week’s Worship, Sunday, September 6th

10:30 Worship:
Afternoon Catechism:

“Oh God, show mercy to us” Psalm 67
“The Sanctification of the Ungodly” BC 24

Sunday, August 30th
Acts 28:23-31

Tuesday, Sept. 1st
Exodus 19:1-9

Friday, Aug. 28th
Acts 15:1-35

Monday, Aug. 31st
Numbers 6:22-27

Wednesday, Aug. 26th
1 Pet. 2:1-12

Saturday, Aug. 29th
Genesis 12:1-9

Thursday, Aug. 27th
Isaiah 56:1-8

Catechism Devotion

Posted on our website for evening devotions

OPENING PSALM AND PRAYER

PSALM — “Hear Now My Prayer, O LORD”

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SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 4 (p. 941)

BELGIC CONFESSION

ARTICLE 23

LESSON

“Justification: Clinging to the Foundation of Christ”

Rev. Luke Gossett

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EVENING PRAYER

Article 23: The Justification of Sinners

We believe that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus Christ, and that in it our righteousness before God is contained, as David and Paul teach us when they declare that man blessed to whom God grants righteousness apart from works. And the same apostle says that we are justified “freely” or “by grace” through redemption in Jesus Christ.

And therefore we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are; not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits and leaning and resting only on the obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him.

That is enough to cover all our sins and to make us confident, freeing the conscience from the fear, dread, and terror of God’s approach, without doing what our first father, Adam, did, who trembled as he tried to cover himself with fig leaves.

In fact, if we had to appear before God relying — no matter how little — on ourselves or some other creature, then, alas, we would be swallowed up. Therefore everyone must say with David: “Lord, do not enter into judgment with your servants, for before you no living person shall be justified.”

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Covid-19 & Public worship

We strongly encourage all attendees to follow DC guidance for houses of Worship:

- Stay at home if you are sick or were recently exposed to someone with COVID-19
- Stay at least 6 feet from other people when possible.
- Wear a cloth face covering at all times.
- If you are unable to wear a cloth face covering consider virtual services or maintain 6 feet of distance between you and others. Masks are not recommended for children under two and those who experience difficulty breathing with masks.
- Avoid shaking hands and other physical contact with people outside of your household.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of the elbow. Used tissues should be thrown in trash and hands washed.

Wednesday Night Study

This week we will continue to study Galatians. We meet at 7pm at Elder Robbins' Home. All are welcome.

Servant Leadership Classes

Today we will begin a ten session class open to all in the Church to equip our members to serve one another. We will meet downstairs after the service with BBQ.

Prayer for URCNA Missionary Labors

Pastor Paul Murphy is a church-planter in NYC.

- Our gathered worship resumes this Sunday. Pray for wisdom and grace as we adapt to the 'new normal'.
- Pray nobody gets sick.
- Pray that the Gospel binds us together despite the recent unrest and polarization resulting from the death of Mr. George Floyd. Pray for the purity and unity of the Church.
- Pray that our people remain joyous and not anxious.

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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 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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