

THE LORD'S DAY

January 3, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: All my inmost being, praise his Holy Name.

Leader: He does not treat us as our sins deserve,

People: Or repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children,

People: So the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 55 To God Be the Glory

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: Our Father, we confess how often we forget the need for repentance and renewal in our daily Christian lives. It comes naturally to us to justify or ignore our sin, but we fail to realize how doing so dishonors you and hampers our spiritual growth. Help us to detect our sin. Help us to despise our sin. Help us to look to you for grace through our Lord Jesus Christ that we might turn from sin and unto righteousness. For we pray in the Name of our sinless Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Titus 2:11-14

LEADER: For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Chronicles 7:11-22 (p. 312)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY O Worship the King Haydn/Bober

*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 John 1:1-2:2 (p. 862)

*HYMN 370 Revive Thy Work, O Lord

SERMON

A FRESH START
2 Chronicles 33:1-20 (p. 330)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 352 Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries Restore

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Hughes/Hopson

**Congregation standing*

*Welcome to all worshiping with us today.
We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you
through our fellowship together.*

Serving this morning:

Worship Leader — Rob Barbadoro, John Rohrman

Musician — Helen Ro

Audio/Visual Technicians — Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Greg Fisher

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To God Be the Glory

GOD:

All the people were praising God for what had happened. Acts 4:21

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives,
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,
 praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

HIS GOODNESS

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt.
Mod.TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11.
William H. Doane, 1875

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Revive Thy Work, O Lord

THE CHURCH: THE KINGDOM OF GOD

*I stand in awe of your deeds, O LORD. Renew them in our day, in our time
make them known. Hab. 3:2*

1. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, thy might - y arm make bare;
 2. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, dis - turb this sleep of death;
 3. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, cre - ate soul - thirst for thee;
 4. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, ex - alt thy pre - cious name;
 5. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, give Pen - te - cos - tal show'rs;

speaking with the voice that wakes the dead, and make thy peo - ple hear.
 quick - en the smoul - d'ring em - bers now by thine al - might - y breath.
 and hun - g'ring for the Bread of Life O may our spir - its be.
 and, by the Ho - ly Ghost, our love for thee and thine in - flame.
 the glo - ry shall be all thine own, the bless - ing, Lord, be ours.

Albert Midlane, 1858

FESTAL SONG S.M.
William H. Walker, 1894

Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries Restore

THE CHURCH:

I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Rev. 2:4

1. Re - new thy church, her min - is - tries re - store; both to serve
 2. Teach us thy Word, re - veal its truth di - vine; on our path
 3. Teach us to pray, for thou art ev - er near; thy still voice
 4. Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, ev - ery - one,

and a - dore. Make her a - gain as salt through-out the land,
 let it shine. Tell of thy works, thy might - y acts of grace;
 let us hear. Our souls are rest - less till they rest in thee;
 all man-kind. Break down old walls of prej - u - dice and hate;

and as light from a stand. 'Mid som - ber shad - ows
 from each page show thy face. As thou hast loved us,
 this our glad des - ti - ny. Be - fore thy pres - ence
 leave us not to our fate. As thou hast loved and

of the night, where greed and ha - tred spread their blight,
 sent thy Son, and our sal - va - tion now is won,
 keep us still, that we may find for us thy will
 giv'n thy life to end hos - til - i - ty and strife,

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

O send us forth with pow'r en - dued: help us, Lord, be re - newed!
 O let our hearts with love be stirred: help us, Lord, know thy Word!
 and seek thy guid - ance ev - ery day: teach us, Lord, how to pray!
 O share thy grace from heav'n a - bove: teach us, Lord, how to love!

Kenneth Lorne Cober, 1950

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ALL IS WELL 10.6.10.6.8.8.8.8.
J. T. White's The Sacred Harp, 1844CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE**Health Related***Winnie Bikle***Expecting***Asbely Benoit**Brianne Heffren***Grieving***Castor Family**Ditter Family**Fisher Family**Fouts Family**McCarter Family**Nagy Family**Reynolds Family**Stager Family***Missions**

Philip and Joy Kirkland serve as missionaries in Greece, where they have been involved in the launching of the Greek International Church in Athens. In July, the church began meeting every Sunday, and it has kept the whole family busy. Philip preaches in Greek every week while Joy and their children all serve on the worship team. The team sings together in seven different languages, which is a powerful reminder of the diversity of God's church. They have been averaging 30-35 people on Sundays with new faces each week. During the current lockdown, Philip and others are recording sermon videos in multiple languages and small groups have been meeting on Zoom. Philip has also started a ministry round table with three young men in the church plant who are preparing for full-time pastoral work. Joy completed her Masters in Trauma Counseling this summer and stays very busy counseling clients from the local Greek churches, overseeing the psycho-social department of an organization serving refugee minors and teaching two online workshops on trauma care. Please pray for the following:

- that small groups would be a place of genuine love and spiritual learning, especially while not being able to meet in person
- that the Lord would guide each of the men preparing for pastoral work as they develop their gifts for ministry
- that the Lord would raise up others to be church planters and leaders for His church in Athens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carol Stager would like to thank everyone for their many, many expressions of kindness and love during Denis' illness and after his passing. Thank you!

We thank the Lord for providing our church pavilion as a wonderful outdoor worship option for 2020, but alas, we have reached the heart of winter and need to take a break. Pavilion captain Mark Boorse writes, "Sunday was colder ... [and] attendance was only myself and [one other hardy family]. So I'm thinking that we will suspend the pavilion worship for a bit I'm happy to go back to it, if it seems helpful and there's interest." Many thanks to brother Mark and our technical team who have made worship under the pavilion a viable option! If you would be interested in pavilion worship in the future, or would like to be part of the set-up team, please contact Mark at any time.

The Men's Ministry will host its monthly virtual breakfast on Saturday, January 9 at 7:30 a.m. Please check next week's *Covenant Update* for the Zoom link.

We joyously anticipate John Rohrman's ordination to gospel ministry next Sunday, January 10, during the Worship Service. Please pray for John and the service, that it may be to God's glory and a blessing to His church.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| Sunday 1/3 | 8:30 a.m. | Adult Sunday School (virtual) |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Gr. 3-6 Sunday School (virtual) |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Sr High Sunday School (virtual) |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Communicant's Class (virtual) |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Age 3-Gr.2 Sun School (virtual) |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service |
| Monday 1/4 | 7:00 p.m. | Christian Ed Meeting (virtual) |
| Tuesday 1/5 | 7:15 p.m. | Men's Bible Study (far narthex) |
| Wednesday 1/6 | | |
| Thursday 1/7 | 7:00 p.m. | Session Meeting (virtual) |
| Friday 1/8 | | |
| Saturday 1/9 | 7:30 a.m. | Men's Breakfast (virtual) |
| Sunday 1/10 | 8:30 a.m. | Adult Sunday School (virtual) |
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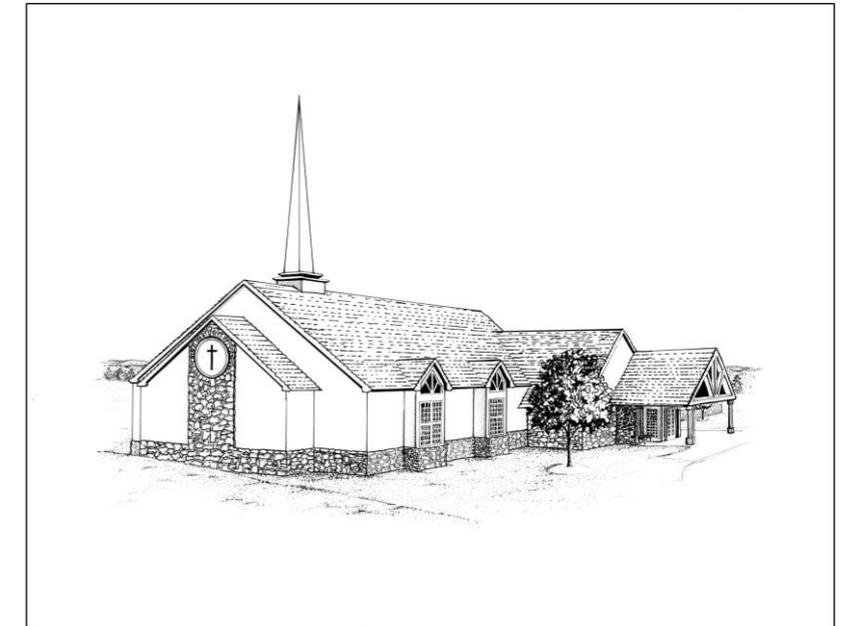
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grow together in the grace of Christ,
and advance the kingdom of Christ,
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*