

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship (Pastor)

Psalm 100:1-5

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Adoration (Pastor)

The Lord's Prayer (Congregation)

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.

***Hymn of Praise**

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in

with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
 • Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 • morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***Confession of Faith** *(from Luther's Small Catechism, 2nd Article)*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; who has redeemed me, a lost creature, secured and delivered me even from my sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with silver and gold, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death; in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns forever. This is most certainly true.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THANKSGIVING

Scripture Reading (Pastor)

Mark 1:1-15

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Confession of Sin (Congregation)

Lord God, we have sinned and done wrong; we have committed wickedness. Hear in heaven Your dwelling place our prayer and our supplication, and maintain our cause. Forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all our transgressions which we have transgressed against You. Grant us compassion, for You separated us from all the peoples of the earth to be Your inheritance. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. *(from 1 Kings 8)*

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace (Pastor)

In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. *(Ephesians 1:7)*

Prayer of Intercession

Rev. Chris Brown
Assistant Pastor

PROVISION FOR LIFE AND GROWTH

Scripture Reading (Pastor)

Genesis 1:1-2

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Prayer of Illumination (Pastor)

Sermon

Rev. Sean McCann
Senior Pastor

"In the Beginning"
(Genesis: God's Promise to Bless, 1)

***Hymn of Response**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

REFRAIN
 Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by
 morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -
 vid - ed — Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

***Benediction (Pastor)**

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***Congregation Standing**

Evening Worship Service: We will meet again this evening for a worship service at 6:00 pm. Pastor Chris will begin a new series in 1-Corinthians.

The Lord's Supper Next Sunday: We will observe the Lord's Supper at the morning worship service next Sunday.

Session Meeting: The Session will meet on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Thank You from the Clapp Family: Dear Members of Covenant Reformed, Thank you for all that you have done for Uncle Wes. He loved Covenant Reformed and spoke often of many of you with deep affection and appreciation. We, his family, especially appreciate your prayers for Uncle Wes, and the care and love that you have shown through the years (for Uncle Wes and Aunt Jinny). We grieve his loss, but rejoice that he is now fully with the One who loves perfectly. May God bless you all. With sincere and deep appreciation, Bob and Diane Gage.

Adult Sunday School: During this season of reduced gatherings, we have moved our adult Sunday school class online. For the Winter Quarter, our pastors are teaching the adults about the atonement, in short, weekly video installments. We send out links to these videos every week, or you can find them at our church YouTube channel (go to YouTube and search on Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, Asheville NC.)

Sermon Notes



THE LORD'S DAY JANUARY 10, 2021

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OBEDIENT TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

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If you have a prayer request, please speak to a pastor or elder, call the church office at 828-253-6578, or e-mail ceb392@mac.com and it will be added to our church prayer list and remembered during our Prayer of Intercession.

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