



Liturgy for Sunday, November 1, 2020

Welcome (Bart Box)

Building Notes:

- **Face Coverings:** After reviewing the state-wide mask order, **we have decided to continue requiring the wearing of facial coverings by all adults during entering and exiting the building and while singing. We also recommend the wearing of facial coverings during the entirety of the service.** The current statewide ordinance encourages masks for kids over six years old. We understand that this may be difficult for some kids, so we are leaving this up to each parent as to when to allow their own kids to remove their masks once they are seated. **We would recommend kids over six to wear masks during entrance, exit, singing, and any other time they are not in their seats.** This guidance will be reviewed as we have more information and direction from the governor or local officials.
- **Nursing Mothers:** We are now using the adjacent mothers' room for additional worship seating. There is still space for nursing mothers in the Nursery room on the Kids Hallway.
- The youth room is now (and again) serving as an overflow room. Additional seating is available in there, along with the service livestream.
- The Elementary Sunday School lesson, which is offered to K-5th graders during the sermon, will take place in a classroom or on the covered play area outside.
- We still have a "Wiggle Room" designated in the Kids Hallway for parents of younger kids who need a minute to calm down. You can find those to the left down the Kids Hallway.

Call to Worship

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.



⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
⁶who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD! (Psalm 146)

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

Leader: "The Lord be with you!"

All: "And also with you!"

Leader: "Lift up your hearts."

All: "We lift them to the Lord."

Leader: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."

All: "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

Songs

1) "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go"

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;



I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

2) "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand



Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As will we be when He comes

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Nick Murray)

⁵*For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.*

⁶*He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.*

⁷*On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God. (Psalm 62:5-7)*

⁸*Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us...*

¹¹*Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:*

that power belongs to God,

¹² *and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.*

*For you will render to a man
according to his work. (Psalm 62:8,11-12)*



Songs

3) "Jerusalem"

See Him in Jerusalem
Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him
Now they cry for murder
Such a frail and lonely Man
Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us

See Him there upon the hill
Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb He waits
Praying to the Father
See the King who made the sun
And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down
So that He could save them

See Him there upon the cross
Now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds
Takes the blood of Jesus
Feel the earth is shaking now
See the veil is split in two
And He stood before the wrath of God
Shielding sinners with His blood

See the empty tomb today
Death could not contain Him
Once the Servant of the world
Now in vict'ry reigning
Lift your voices to the One
Who is seated on the throne
See Him in the New Jerusalem
Praise the One who saved us
Praise the One who saved us!

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)



The Acts of the Risen Lord: Take Courage

Acts 22:22–23:35

Main Point: Take courage, for the Lord Jesus stands by you.

Drama

- Scene One: Paul Is Rescued by the Law (22:22–29)
- Scene Two: Paul Is Rescued by Dissension (22:30–23:11)
- Scene Three: Paul Is Rescued by Discovery (23:12–35)

Doctrine

- Jesus wants to see His Gospel spread.
 1. [3] *“In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”* (Genesis 12:3)
 2. [10] *“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”* (Luke 2:10)
 3. [8] *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* (Acts 1:8)
- Jesus stands with those who work to spread His Gospel.



1. *Hope for the Christian isn't just confidence in a certain glorious future. It's hope in a present providence. It's hope that God's plans can't be thwarted by local authorities or irate mobs, by unfriendly bosses or unbelieving husbands, by Supreme Court rulings or the next election. The Christian hope is that God's purposes are so unassailable that a great thunderstorm of events can't drive them off course. Even when we're wave-tossed and lost at sea, Jesus remains the captain of the ship and the commander of the storm. (Elliot Clark)*

Discipleship

[16] *"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."* (Matthew 10:16)

- Jesus sends us as sheep among wolves.
- Jesus calls us to be wise as serpents.
- Jesus calls us to be innocent as doves.
 - [14] *But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, [15] but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, [16] having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. [17] For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. (1 Peter 3:14-17)*
- Jesus leads us as the victorious Lion of Judah.

November 8 – Acts 24:1–26:32



The Lord's Supper

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." (Matthew 26:26-29)

Song

4) "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning, Oh how long!
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful One
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom



*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

Offering

⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

Prayer of Intercession (Dave Nix)

For Our Church

For our church, that as we continue to embrace the work of Christ in our hearts, we would continually yield to his lordship over every sphere of our lives; that we would bear fruit in keeping with repentance (Mt.3:8), and that we would no longer be conformed to the pattern of the world but would be transformed by the renewal of our minds that we may do God's will (Rom.8:32).

For Our City

For Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church, pastor Bob Flayhart, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation

For this week's presidential election, that God would give us the leader that our nation needs; that God would equip our next president with godly wisdom and a humble fear of the Lord; that God would grant unity where there is great disunity among our fellow citizens and politicians; and that God would give us peace knowing that the government of the world sits squarely on Jesus' shoulders (Is.9:6).

For Our World



For the nation of Japan, that God would send more laborers into the harvest there, that God would establish healthy churches there and cause them to flourish, and that the power of the gospel would prevail over religious skepticism so that the abundant life that Jesus offers would be overwhelmingly appealing and satisfying to many Japanese nationals.

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen."

Benediction

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost



What's Happening at Christ Fellowship...

2021 Budget Q&A on Zoom – Today at 4:30pm

If you missed last week's budget presentation, you can ask questions on a Zoom call this afternoon. Email radams@cfcbirmingham.org for a link.

Cross-Cultural Training – Today 1 at 4:00pm

Join us today from 4:00-6:00pm to learn about Chinese culture, befriending Chinese people, and building bridges to the gospel. We'll hear from missionaries to East Asia and have a time of Q&A and discussion. RSVP to Melynda.Schauer@gmail.com or 205-413-2641.

Church Workday – Next Saturday, November 7 at 8:00am

Everyone is welcome to come help as we clean up around the property and attend to some smaller projects inside the building as well. We need at least 30 people who can help cut down limbs, weed eat, and clean trash. Fill out the form on the website if you plan to come.

ABCH Christmas Gifts

Each year, we have the opportunity to support children and moms who are in the care of one of our local partners, the Alabama Baptist Children's Home. You can sign up to provide gifts online at cfcbirmingham.org/abch. Gifts need to be unwrapped, with a post-it note or sticker with the recipient's name somewhere on the gift, and brought to church and dropped off **any Sunday morning from now until December 6th**. There are many gifts to be bought, which means ample opportunities for many of us to be involved! If you have questions, email Elizabeth Bryant at ebryant@cfcbirmingham.org.

Members' Meeting – Next Sunday, November 8 at 5:00pm

Our next Members' Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 8th at 5:00pm. It will take place in person, but we will also offer a Zoom option. Note that we will not have a potluck dinner this evening. We will receive incoming members, remove outgoing members, and talk about upcoming building renovation plans. Please plan to attend!

