

# CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, February 14, 2021

## 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.
- There will be an Elementary Sunday School lesson during the sermon. Kids K-5<sup>th</sup> who wish to attend will be dismissed and led to their classroom as the sermon begins.

## Call to Worship

<sup>1</sup>*Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.*

<sup>2</sup>*Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

<sup>3</sup>*You return man to dust  
and say, "Return, O children of man!"*

<sup>4</sup>*For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night...*

<sup>12</sup>*So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

<sup>13</sup>*Return, O LORD! How long?*



*Have pity on your servants!*  
<sup>14</sup>*Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.*  
<sup>15</sup>*Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.*  
<sup>16</sup>*Let your work be shown to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.*  
<sup>17</sup>*Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands upon us;  
yes, establish the work of our hands! (Psalm 90:1-4, 12-17)*

### 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) "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

2) "How Firm a Foundation"

### Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Bart Box)

<sup>2</sup>*And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup>And he humbled you and let*



*you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup>So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.*  
(Deuteronomy 8:2-6)

<sup>31</sup>*For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.* (Deuteronomy 4:31)

### Songs

3) "How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

4) "Speak, O Lord"

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)



## Words of Life: Reminders

### Deuteronomy

An utterly unique God has chosen to create a wholly devoted people that form wholly devoted disciples who are to inherit and inhabit the land in God's ways and are warned of the consequences of failing to be and do what God commands.

#### 1) An utterly unique God has chosen to create... (4:32-40)

- [Q] Have you considered the uniqueness of God recently?

**Deuteronomy 7:6-8** – [6] *“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. [7] It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, [8] but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.*

#### 2) ...a wholly devoted people... (4:9-14)

- Who love God supremely.

**Deuteronomy 6:4-5** – [4] *“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. [5] You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

“The center of gravity of the human person is located not in the intellect but in the heart. Why? Because the heart is the existential chamber of our love, and it is our loves that orient us toward some ultimate end. It's not just that I 'know' or 'believe' toward some end. More than that, I long for some end. I want something, and want it ultimately. It is my desires that define me. In short, you are what you love.” -James K.A. Smith (*You Are What You Love*)

- [Q] What is the center of gravity in my life? What do I love most? What do I want most?
- Who are humbly self-aware.

**Deuteronomy 8:11-14, 17-18** – [11] *“Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, [12] lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, [13] and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, [14] then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God...[17] Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' [18] You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.*

- Who are careful to remember and obey.
  - [Q] Is there any sort of carefulness in your Christianity?

"Instead of asking yourself whether you believe or not, ask yourself whether you have this day done one thing because He said, "Do it," or once abstained because He said, "Do not do it." It is simply absurd to say you believe, or even want to believe in Him, if you do not do anything He tells you." - George MacDonald

### 3) ...that form wholly devoted disciples... (4:9-10)

- Note the constant calls to next-generation discipleship (see Deuteronomy 6:6-9, 20-25)
  - [Q] In what ways do I need to be more intentional with my time and with my answers?
- Note the dangers of next-generation disobedience

### 4) ...who are to inherit and inhabit the land in God's ways... (4:15-24)

### 5) ...yet are warned of the consequences of failing to be and do what God commands. (4:25-31)

**Deuteronomy 29:19-20** – [19] *One who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.'* This will lead to the sweeping away of moist and dry alike. [20] *The LORD will not be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger of the LORD and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and the curses written in this book will settle upon him, and the LORD will blot out his name from under heaven.*

- [Q] Do you feel the curses and consequences of sin spilling into your life at present?

**Deuteronomy 30:1-3** – [1] *"And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, [2] and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, [3] then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you."*

- See Jesus in the bowels of the book of Deuteronomy! (Deuteronomy 17:14-18; 21:18-23)

**Deuteronomy 21:18-23** – [18] *"If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them, [19] then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives, [20] and they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.'* [21] *Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear. [22] "And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, [23] his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance."*

**Deuteronomy 30:15** – [15] *"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil."*

## The Lord's Supper

<sup>26</sup>Now 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." <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I 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

5) "O Praise the Name"

## Offering

<sup>9</sup>For 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)

<sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And 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 (Billy Shepard)

### *For Our Church*

That our congregation would continue to be faithful to make disciples both in our immediate surroundings and among all nations, that God would help us to teach and obey for ourselves all that Christ has commanded, and that we would mindful of his promised presence to go with us always.

### *For Our City*

For The Church at Brook Hills, pastor Matt Mason, their staff, elders, and congregation.

### *For Our Nation*

For relief from the effects COVID-19: that God would miraculously intervene a stem the spread of the virus; for healing for those that are sick; that public health measures and



vaccinations would protect and preserve life; and for relief from all of the other social, emotional, and economic effects that this pandemic has produced.

### *For Our World*

For the nation of Turkey, that God would send revival to this strategically located nation, that the gospel would convert and mobilize many nationals and refugees who are passing through the country, and that God would grant endurance and fruitfulness to those missionaries that CFC has sought to partner with in the past.

*“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

*<sup>4</sup>The Rock, his work is perfect,  
for all his ways are justice.  
A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,  
just and upright is he. (Deuteronomy 32:4)*

### 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...

### ***Words of Life Sermon Series and Bible Reading Plan***

To track along with the Words of Life sermon series, get a reading plan bookmark on your way out the door today. You can also access the entire reading plan at [cfcbirmingham.org/wordsoflife](http://cfcbirmingham.org/wordsoflife).

### ***Tech Volunteers Needed***

We are looking for more volunteers to join our tech team on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in running sound, song lyrics, or our livestream, please email Will Mitchell at [wmitchell@cfcbirmingham.org](mailto:wmitchell@cfcbirmingham.org) for more information.

### ***CFC Youth Tonight***

For students 6th grade and up, our youth group meets on Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00pm here at the church building. All students are welcome! Contact Billy at [bshepard@cfcbirmingham.org](mailto:bshepard@cfcbirmingham.org) with any questions.

### ***Foster Parent Training***

If you or someone you know would like to be trained to serve as a foster parent, Lifeline will be holding training classes at our building in the Spring. Orientation is Monday, February 22nd from 6:00-8:00pm. Classes begin on March 8th from 6:00-9:00pm and will last 10 weeks. You can register at the [link here](#).

