



Liturgy for Sunday, February 7, 2021

Welcome (Ryan Adams)

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.
- 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

- <sup>1</sup>*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*
- <sup>2</sup>*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*
- <sup>3</sup>*For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.*
- <sup>4</sup>*In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.*
- <sup>5</sup>*The sea is his, for he made it,*



*and his hands formed the dry land.  
6Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
7For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand. (Psalm 95:1-7a)*

### 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) "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

2) "Shine Into Our Night"

### Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Nick Murray)

*7Today, if you hear his voice,  
8do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
9when your fathers put me to the test  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.  
10For forty years I loathed that generation  
and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,*



*and they have not known my ways.”*

<sup>11</sup>*Therefore I swore in my wrath,*

*“They shall not enter my rest.” (Psalm 95:7b-11)*

<sup>17</sup>*And now, please let the power of the Lord be great as you have promised, saying, <sup>18</sup>‘The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.’ <sup>19</sup>Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now.” (Numbers 14:17-19)*

### Songs

3) “He Will Hold Me Fast”

4) “Jesus Strong and Kind”

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)



**Words of Life: Wandering  
Numbers**

*Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love.  
("Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing", Robert Robinson)*

**Be reminded of God's provision (Numbers 1:1-10:36)**

- The book of Numbers traces Israel's wilderness wanderings from Sinai, to the wilderness of Paran, and, finally, to the plains of Moab.
- God gave Israel His prescriptions for life with Him.
  - In the details, we are shown that the worship of God is not a matter of imagination but revelation.
  - Jesus was equally clear that the way to God is singular and defined.

*Jesus said to [Thomas], "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)*

- God is clear with us about how He is to be worshiped.
- God gave Israel His presence for the mission before them. (9:15-18; 10:33-36)
  - The ark went before Israel, reminding Israel of His presence and power. (10:33)

*For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. (Isaiah 52:12)*

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)*

*Depend on it. God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply. (Hudson Taylor)*

**Be on guard concerning your heart (11:1-21:3)**

- We are given the examples of God's people for our spiritual good.

*Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. (1 Corinthians 10:6-12)*

- We are warned against grumbling about God's provision and rejecting God's direction.

- First, Israel complained about what they didn't have. (11:4-6)
- Then, Israel rebelled against what God had commanded. (13:1-14:12)
- Only Caleb and Joshua trusted God's every word.

*But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it. (Numbers 14:24)*

*For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Matthew 16:25)*

- Israel sought to save their lives by disobeying God.
- Disobedience led to death, as it always does. (14:29-30)

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)*

- Application:
  - Are you regularly thanking God for His good provision?
  - Are you regularly reminding yourself that God's gifts are not always immediate?

#### **Be amazed at God's sovereign mercy (21:4-36:13)**

- The grumbling of Israel continues in the last part of the book. (Numbers 21)
  - The people were judged for their complaints.
  - But God was merciful in their midst.

*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14-15)*

- The sovereign mercy of God prevails in the last part of the book. (Numbers 22-24)
  - Balaam was hired to curse the people of God, but God has already determined to bless Israel.
  - In fact, Balaam was unable to curse that which God had blessed.

*How can I curse whom God has not cursed? How can I denounce whom the Lord has not denounced? (Numbers 23:8)*

- God's plans to save through the promised seed will not be thwarted.

*I am the Lord. I have spoken; it shall come to pass; I will do it. (Ezekiel 24:14)*

*Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:6-7)*

## 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) "Only a Holy God"

## 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 (Lev Bragg)

### *For Our Church*

For CFC Kids, that the children in our church would come to know the Lord at a young age, that our staff and volunteers would be faithful leaders and selfless servants, and that parents in the church would be equipped to disciple their children in their homes.

### *For Our City*

For Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, pastor David Eldridge, their staff, elders, and congregation.

### *For Our Nation*



For our nation, that God would bring true spiritual revival, that people would grow dissatisfied with their sin and long for the truth of the gospel, and that healthy churches would display the glory of God and the hope of the gospel to those around them.

### *For Our World*

For the nation of Russia, that the Lord would raise up leaders who fear God and seek the welfare of their people above their political agendas, that restrictions on religious liberty would be lifted, and that churches and Christians might stand firm in the faith despite constant pressure to keep them from faithfully following Christ.

"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>24</sup>*The LORD bless you and keep you;*

<sup>25</sup>*the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

<sup>26</sup>*the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

(Numbers 6:24-26)

### 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).

### ***Membership Matters Class – Today at 2:00pm***

If you are interested in becoming a member at CFC, we are planning to hold a Membership Matters class today at 2:00pm. Attending this class is an important part of the process of becoming a member of Christ Fellowship Church. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at [cfcbirmingham.org/membership-matters](http://cfcbirmingham.org/membership-matters), speak with Nick Murray before you leave today.

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

For students 6th grade and up, our youth group meets on Sunday nights from 5:00-7:00pm 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](#).

