

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, March 7, 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.
- There will be an Elementary Sunday School lesson during the sermon. Kids K-5th who wish to attend will be dismissed and led to their classroom as the sermon begins.

Call to Worship

¹*I love you, O LORD, my strength.*

²*The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

³*I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies...*

⁴⁹*For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,
and sing to your name.*

⁵⁰*Great salvation he brings to his king,
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,
to David and his offspring forever. (Psalm 18:1-3, 49-50)*

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) "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

2) "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Billy Shepard)

*¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

*²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!*

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

*⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment. (Psalm 51:1-4)*

[Pause for Private Confession]

*⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

*⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.*

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

*¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*



¹¹*Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

¹²*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit. (Psalm 51:7-12)*

[Pause for Private Confession]

¹⁶*For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.*

¹⁷*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
(Psalm 51:16-17)*

Songs

3) "Not in Me"

4) "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)



Words of Life: Kingdom
1-2 Samuel

A World-Shaping Prayer (1 Samuel 1-2)

- Hannah’s prayer reads like a roadmap for the book of Samuel (and the Bible as a whole).
- Her prayer contains both a principle and a promise:
 - The principle—God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (1 Sam. 2:4-8)
 - The promise—God will give strength to His king, the messiah. (1 Sam. 2:9-10)

Act 1 - Samuel and Saul (1 Samuel 3-15)

- Samuel, the last of the judges, embodied the humble spirit that God commends.
 - Samuel shows us the supreme importance of listening carefully to God’s Word.

And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” (1 Samuel 3:10)
 - Are we listening to God’s Holy Word as intently and carefully as Samuel?

Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. (Proverbs 8:33)
- Saul was not a careful listener or a faithful follower.
 - Israel wanted a king like the other nations, and that’s exactly what they got. (1 Samuel 8)
 - God opposes the proud, even when the proud is an Israelite king. (1 Samuel 15)
 - Saul heard the Word of the Lord, but he failed to do *all* the Word of the Lord.
 - Saul became like the people of Israel at the end of Judges.

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. (Judges 21:25)
 - Application:
 - Are there any areas of partial obedience in our lives?
 - Are you finding refuge in the King who fully obeyed all God’s Word?

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:8)

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. (Psalm 2:12)

Act 2 - Saul and David (1 Samuel 16-31)

- The ideal king of Israel is not a tall man but a shepherd boy. (1 Samuel 16)

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)

- David was not only a shepherd; David was a warrior. (1 Samuel 17)
 - Immediately before fighting Goliath, David was anointed as Israel’s king.
 - David embodied the humility that Saul lacked.
 - The humble king slew the proud, defiant giant.

Once again there is a serpent in the garden—land of Israel. (Peter Leithart)

- Goliath most fully represents the enemy of God’s people, and David most fully represents the champion of God’s people.

Whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him. The sojourner as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death. (Leviticus 24:16)

- In light of Christ’s greater victory, we should rejoice over and live in victory.

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” (Revelation 5:9-10)

Act 3 - David and Jesus (2 Samuel 1-24)

- David was promised a dynasty that would endure & a descendent that would rule—a Kingdom! (2 Sam. 7)

“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. (Psalm 2:6-7)

- But David is clearly not the hope of the world. (2 Samuel 11)
 - David failed the test of comfort and ease.
 - David let his guard down and so let the nation down.

Sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”(Genesis 4:7)

- The failure of David points clearly to the faithfulness of Jesus, great David’s greater Son.

The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me: When one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of God, ⁴ he dawns on them like the morning light, like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning, like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth. (2 Samuel 23:3-4)

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. (Jer. 23:5)

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

5) "All Glory Be to Christ"

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 (Nick Murray)

For Our Church

For our church, that we would develop evangelistic friendships with friends, family, and neighbors who do not know the Lord; that we would have discernment and boldness in knowing how to best reach them with the gospel; and that the Lord would be pleased to draw people to himself through our faithful witness.

For Our City

For Faith Presbyterian Church, pastor Jason Sterling, their staff, elders, and congregation.

For Our Nation

For police officers, firefighters, and first responders, that the Lord would help them to look after the good of others as they serve and protect; that they would be consistent in



maintaining peace and just order; and that God would protect them as they serve in dangerous situations.

For Our World

For the nation of Iran, that the Lord would raise up peaceful and just leaders to govern, for a peaceful resolution of tensions between Iran and our nation, for a great harvest resulting from faithful believers sharing bold accounts of their faith, and for the church to rapidly multiply and mature despite persecution against non-Muslim peoples.

"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

¹⁵Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." (Revelation 11:15)

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...

Members' Meeting – Tonight at 5:00pm

Our next Members' Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 7th at 5:00pm. It will take place in person, but we will also offer a Zoom option. We will receive incoming members, remove outgoing members, and other items of business. Please plan to attend!

College Ministry Lunch Today after Church

College students, meet us for lunch at Taco Mama in Homewood following the service today for a time to meet and fellowship with other college students. Feel free to contact Rebecca Osteen at (803) 617-9767 if you need a ride or have any questions.

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.

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 for more information.

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. Register at the link in your midweek announcement email.

CFC Kids Camp — July 20-23

All current 3rd-5th graders are invited to join us at Student Life for Kids Camp July 20-23 at Shocco Springs! Cost for camp is \$269, with additional discounts for families with multiple kids.

