

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, June 6, 2021

Welcome (Bart Box)

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

¹*Praise the LORD!*

*Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!*

²*Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!*

³*Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!*

⁴*For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation. (Psalm 149:1-4)*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

¹⁷*The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing. (Zephaniah 3:17)*

Songs

1) "Let the Nations Be Glad"

2) "Holy, Holy, Holy"



Public Reading of Scripture – Matthew 5:3-12 (Xiaokun Niu)

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Bart Box)

*³Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,
who do his just commands;
seek righteousness; seek humility;
perhaps you may be hidden
on the day of the anger of the LORD. (Zephaniah 2:3)*

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Colossians 3:1-4)

Songs

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

4) "Is He Worthy?"

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)

Reading of the Preaching Passage (Laura Adams)



Words of Life: Restoration
Zephaniah

The Day of the Lord Is Near! (1:2–3:8)

- **Judgment comes against every sin.**
 - God judges idolatry (1:4–6).
 - God judges abusive authority (1:8; 3:3–4).
 - God judges violence and fraud (1:9).
 - God judges religious complacency (1:12–13).
 - God judges pride and boasting (2:8, 10, 15).
 - God judges stubborn rebellion (3:1–2, 6–7).

- **Judgment comes against every nation.**
 - God will judge foreign nations (2:4–15).
 - God will judge Judah (1:4–18; 3:1–7).
 - God will judge all mankind (1:2–3; 3:8).

- **Judgment exposes every false hope.**
 - Human strength will not save (1:14).
 - Human structures will not save (1:16).
 - Human resources will not save (1:18).
 - False gods will not save (1:4–6; 2:11).

Seek the Lord! (2:1–3)

- Turn to the Lord in humility.

- Turn to the Lord before it is too late.

- Turn to the Lord through Christ.
 - *[22] Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. (Hebrews 9:22)*

 - *[4] For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. (Hebrews 10:4)*

 - *[5] Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; [6] in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. [7] Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" ... [11] And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away*

sins. [12] But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, [13] waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. [14] For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. (Hebrews 10:5–7, 11–14)

- [27] My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. [28] I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:27–28)
- [3] For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Colossians 3:3–4)
- [18] ... you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. (1 Peter 1:18–19)
- [8] Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)
- Where is your hope?

Rejoice! (3:9–20)

- **Behold Our God!**

- God redeems people from every nation to Himself (9–10), removes shame from His people (11), provides refuge for His people (12), purifies His people (13), forgives His people (15), wins victory for His people (15), dwells with His people (15), protects His people (15), gives endurance to His people (16), uses His power for His people (17), delights in His people (17), gives peace to His people (17), sings over His people (17), gathers His people together (18), delivers His people (18), brings honor for His people (19), and restores His people (20).
- [6] On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. [7] And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. [8] He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. [9] It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." (Isaiah 25:6–9)

- **Respond with Rejoicing!**

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) "Behold Our God"

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 the Lord would continue to grow our church in diversity along ethnic, socioeconomic, and age lines; that we would be united in mind and love for one another (1 Pet. 3:8); and that our unity amidst diversity would be a testimony to the reconciling power of the gospel.

For Our City

For Philadelphia Baptist Church, pastor Cory Varden, their elders, staff, 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 North Korea, that the Lord would strengthen North Korean believers who are languishing in prison camps, that the gospel would be proclaimed both in and outside prison walls, that Christians in the country would have access to Bibles and fellowship, and that God would open Kim Jong-Un's eyes to the surpassing glory of the gospel of Jesus 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

*¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil. (Zephaniah 3:15)*

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

All members are encouraged to attend the Members' Meeting tonight at 5:00pm. Our time together will include a bring-your-own-dinner (but CFC will provide drinks and cookies for dessert) in the fellowship hall, affirmation of new members, and other important items of business.

Sign Up for VBS Today!

VBS is coming June 28-July 1 from 9:00am-12:00pm! You can now sign up your kids age 4 through 5th grade on our website. We also still need volunteers to help us ensure we are able to safely host as many kids as we can. You can sign up to volunteer on the website.

Women's Ministry Opportunity

If you are interested in being a pen pal to a woman who is incarcerated, please contact Emily Herring at eeh@herring-group.com. CFC women are partnering with the Birmingham Women's Work Release prison to provide pen pal relationships and to find ways to minister to the women. We are expanding the pen pal ministry and looking for more women to serve in this way!

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.

Youth Camp – June 14-18

The student ministry will be attending Student Life Mission Camp at Lee University in Cleveland, TN from June 14-18. All students who have completed 6th-12th grade are welcome. Direct any questions to Billy Shepard at bshepard@cfcbirmingham.org.

Women's Summer Bible Study

On Monday nights in June and July, we will be going through the study *She Reads Truth: This is the Old Testament*. For more information, please visit cfcbirmingham.org/women or email Rebekah Rein at rrein@cfcbirmingham.org.

Held: Women's Fellowship Dinner – Thursday, June 17

Introducing an event series for the women of CFC as we seek to glorify God through fellowship, connection, and sharing. Please join us on Thursday, June 17, at 6:30pm for a meal as we seek to engage with and encourage one another, with the recognition that we were designed to grow together in Christ, and that it is Christ who continually sustains us. RSVP at cfcbirmingham.org/women.

