

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, September 19, 2021

Welcome (Bart Box)

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

¹Praise the LORD!

*Praise the name of the LORD,
give praise, O servants of the LORD,*

*²who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God!*

*³Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!*

*⁴For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession.*

*⁵For I know that the LORD is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.*

*⁶Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,
in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all deeps. (Psalm 135:1-6)*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

*⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
(Romans 15:7)*



Songs

1) "All Creatures of Our God and King"

2) "What a Beautiful Name"

Public Reading of Scripture – Isaiah 44:21-25 (Brittany Mann)

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Ryan Adams)

⁶Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6b)

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11)

Songs

3) "All I Have Is Christ"

4) "This Is My Father's World"

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)

Reading of the Preaching Passage



Words of Life: Sovereignty
Esther

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) "Take My Life"

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 maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3), that any cause for division amongst brothers and sisters in Christ would be addressed quickly and humbly, and that we would be united in mind and love for one another (1 Pet. 3:8).

For Our City

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

For Our Nation



For president Joe Biden and all other elected officials, that they would use authority for the benefit of others; that they would act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly; and that they would exercise discernment and wisdom in governing our cities, states, and nation.

For Our World

For missionaries around the world, including all of CFC's mission partners, whose work has been drastically affected and who have had to leave their posts due to the pandemic: that God would preserve the fruit that they have long labored over from the counter-work of the enemy; for those who wonder if or when they'll be able to return to their work, that God would help them to trust His sovereign strategy over all things; and for those whose financial support seems uncertain, that God would make all grace abound to them so that they may abound in every good work.

"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

¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1 Timothy 1:17)

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...

CFC Kids and Face-Coverings

We are now recommending that all teachers in CFC Kids (both preschool and elementary) and all kids in elementary classes wear a facial covering while they are in CFC Kids. We are recommending this up to October 3, at which point we will reevaluate these protocols. There are masks available in the hallway for any who need one.

Birds and Bees Seminar – Friday, October 8th at 6:00pm

Parents, we would love for you to join us at the Birds and Bees seminar on October 8th from 6:00pm-9:00pm. The Birds and Bees seminar is designed to give parents of 1–10-year-olds the tools and confidence to talk to their young kids about sex. Register at the link in your midweek email.

Support Students at Glen Iris Elementary School

This fall, CFC will be collecting school supplies for students at Glen Iris Elementary School. Look for backpacks with supply lists in the commons space to see how you can contribute.

Women's Small Group Dinners

Around the Tables is a new opportunity for women to get to know each other through quarterly dinners with 5-7 other people. For more information, and to sign up to host a group of women in your home or a restaurant during the month of October, please visit www.cfcirmingham.com/women.

Social-Distanced Seating Option Available

For any who would like to make use of it, we have a social-distanced seating option available where the livestream is playing in the fellowship hall. Masks are required for all who choose to sit in that room.

College Women's Retreat—October 15-17

All college age women are invited to join us for a mountain retreat weekend October 15-17 in Cashiers, NC. Throughout the weekend, we will dig into the book of James together, and it will be a great time of fellowship, getting to know one another, and spending time outdoors. The cost for the weekend is \$50. Scholarships are available as we do not want the cost to be the reason anyone doesn't go. Contact Rebecca Osteen with any questions or to sign up at rebeccaosteen22@gmail.com.



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@cfcbermingham.org for more information.

