

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, September 20, 2020

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.
- **Bathrooms & Diaper Changing:** We have now opened the family restrooms, for the purpose of CFC Kids and access to the diaper changing stations in those restrooms.
- The youth room is now (and again) serving as an overflow room. Additional seating is available in there, along with the service livestream.
- The Elementary Sunday School lesson, which is offered to 1st-5th graders during the sermon, will take place on the covered play area outside.
- 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

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)



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) "His Mercy Is More"

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more



2) "O Praise the Name"

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.
My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the name of the Lord our God
O praise His name forever more
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

And then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

*O praise the name of the Lord our God
O praise His name forever more
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

He shall return in robes of white,
The blazing Son shall pierce the night.
And we will rise among the saints,
Our gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

*O praise the name of the Lord our God
O praise His name forever more
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Nick Murray)

¹⁶*For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,*



*"I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.*

*¹⁷Therefore go out from their midst,
and be separate from them, says the Lord,
and touch no unclean thing;
then I will welcome you,*

*¹⁸and I will be a father to you,
and you shall be sons and daughters to me,
says the Lord Almighty."*

¹Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God. (2 Corinthians 6:16b–7:1)

O Thou Most High,

In the way of thy appointment I am waiting for thee,
my desire is for thy name,
my mind to remembrance of thee.

I am a sinner, but not insensible of my state.

My iniquities are great and numberless,
but thou art adequate to my relief,
for thou art rich in mercy;
the blood of thy Son can cleanse from all sin;
the agency of thy Spirit can subdue my most powerful lusts.

Give me a tender, wakeful conscience
that can convict and grieve me when I sin.

May I be consistent in conversation and conduct,
the same alone as in company,
in prosperity and adversity,
accepting all thy commandments as right,
and hating every false way.

May I never be satisfied with my present spiritual progress,
but to faith add virtue, knowledge, temperance,
godliness, brotherly kindness, charity.

May I never neglect
what is necessary to constitute Christian character,
and needful to complete it.

May I cultivate the expedient, develop the lovely,
adorn the gospel, recommend the way of Jesus,
accommodate myself to thy providence.

Keep me from sinking or sinning in the evil day;



Help me to carry into ordinary life portions of divine truth
and use them on suitable occasions so that
its doctrines may inform, its warnings caution,
its rules guide, its promises comfort me.
(From the Valley of Vision, "Spiritual Growth)

*²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become
the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)*

Songs

3) "Speak, O Lord"

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Prayer of Illumination (Daniel Barriault)



A Master Class in Evangelism

Acts 18:1-23

Lesson One: Everyone Is an Evangelist! (vv. 1-5)

- Are you faithfully using whatever time God has given you right now to make disciples?
- Evangelism is not just a professional business for a select few. It's a universal privilege for every follower of Jesus.

Lesson Two: Expect Opposition and Belief (vv. 6-8)

[15] For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, [16] to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. (2 Corinthians 2:15–16)

Belief and opposition are the fruit of ministry; so the messenger must persevere in the task with confidence in God to do his work. (David Cook)

- Is there a time when I stop sharing the gospel with someone? And if so, when?
 1. Have you been clear about the gospel?
 2. Are you tempted to move on because the process is slow, or because the person has shown no interest?



3. Have you asked others for wisdom?

Lesson Three: God Is Present with You to Save His People (vv. 9-17)

[20] *“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:20)

- Let God’s presence with you drive your courage.
- We can count on God saving people even if we can’t guarantee our safety.
- God’s sovereignty propels our evangelism.

Lesson Four: Evangelize Everywhere (vv. 18-21)

- There is no place or time when we should be unprepared to share the gospel.

Lesson Five: Evangelists Are Disciple-Makers (vv. 22-23)

- Evangelism is a starting point, an entry way into the Christian life, after which we have the great joy of walking with others as they are conformed more into the image of Christ.

September 27 – Acts 18:24-8



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

4) "It Is Well with My Soul"

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet
Though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed His own blood for my soul

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord oh my soul

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

And Lord haste the day



When my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

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 (Bart Box)

For Our Church

For our new elders: James Finch, Ralph Parrish, and Keith Pearson—that they would faithfully serve and care for our body by teaching the Word of Christ to us and modeling the character of Christ before us, and that we would support their leadership with unity and prayer.

For Our City

For Shades Mountain Baptist Church, pastor Danny Wood, their leaders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation

For those affected by Hurricane Sally on the Gulf Coast as well as those affected by the wildfires on the West Coast: that God would intervene to spare and protect lives and livelihoods; that those affected would be supplied with adequate food, shelter, and medical care; and that these disasters would cause all to understand eternal realities and find unshakable hope in Jesus.



For Our World

For the nation of Israel, that God would do the work of softening the hearts of the Jewish people so that they would embrace Christ as their Savior, that they would repent of their unbelief and turn to the living God, and that their religious apathy or ignorance would give way to a zeal for a true knowledge of the Messiah.

“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

⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

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 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!

EQUIP Class on Race, Politics, & The Gospel – Continues Tomorrow

Tomorrow night at 7:30pm, we will continue our study on the topic of Race, Politics, and the Gospel. We will host sessions at the building those evenings and live-stream to our YouTube channel for those who are unable to come in person. More information can be found on our website at cfcbirmingham.org/equip.

Women's Bible Study Options This Fall

Rebekah Rein is putting together a couple of women's studies for the Fall: one in person, and one over Zoom. If you are interested in joining either, please email her at rrein@cfcbirmingham.org.

