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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



CHRIST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR VISION

CPC exists to invite every person in Georgetown and every place we serve into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

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 preparing our hearts

This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.

– Psalm 119:50^{ESV}

 ** call to worship

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

All: He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

Leader: He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

All: Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

Leader: But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

All: They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

– Isaiah 40:28-31^{ESV}

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice.
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend. To us he'll condescend.
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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**prayer of invocation

Leader: God in heaven, whose glory fills the temple and whose resplendent holiness befits your house: As we your people turn and worship you this morning, are we not assured that you transcend any physical structures and do not live in temples made by man? Are we not made certain by your Great Name that you are able to meet us each intimately where we are, and yet by your boundless Spirit you are able to gather us as your people in one voice? Let us therefore knit the offering of our worship into what Christ has done, that we might be united with you, and with your kingdom, arise in gladness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

** affirmation of faith

Leader: Christian, do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said – to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction.

– Isaiah 48:10_{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: God in heaven, you are as a refiner and purifier of silver,
A consuming fire so that our worship is offered in righteousness.
Therefore forgive us for the sin that remains in us,
Sins of omission and sins of commission,
Sins that are unseen and hidden and sins deliberate and brazen;
For this is a time of your patience and favor.
Let our current afflictions burn away the dross of worldliness and self.
Let us repent and believe upon and love Jesus Christ,
Our very life and salvation;
And grant that we find his heart in place of ours,
That we would in this life be preserved
And at the end of it be counted holy and righteous,
To the glory of your name. Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: For 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_{ESV}

All: Thanks be to God!

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left thee;
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need thy presence, every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight; tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting, Death? Where, Grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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scripture reading

Leader: Isaiah 51:1-6
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,
**All: Our Father who is 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,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

passing the peace

An elder will lead the passing of the peace.

During this time, everyone will be unmuted. When instructed, greet one another, saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

Series | “God of All Comfort”

Sermon | “Comfort in Affliction”

April 19, 2020

2 Corinthians 1:3-11 ^{ESV} | 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as we share abundantly in Christ’s sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. 6 If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. 7 Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. 9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. 10 He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. 11 You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

1. How We Are Afflicted
2. The Source of Our Comfort
3. Our Mission of Comfort

Leader: Though we cannot receive the sacrament of communion together while worshipping apart, we rejoice that our Lord continues to be present among us and remember Christ Jesus,

All: [W]ho, though he was in the form of God,
Did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
But emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
Being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
Even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
And bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
In heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.

– Philippians 2:6-11 ESV

*Please pray silently, giving thanks for Jesus, our salvation through him,
and our union with him in life forevermore.*

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Amen.

As you are able, please continue to joyfully give to the work of the Lord through our church by giving [online](#).

Note: Besides placing your offering in the offering plate, all of the [other ways to give](#), including mailing a check to the office, are available.

ALL MUST BE WELL

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well
Free and changeless is his favor, all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying
Yes, in living or in dying, all must be well

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**** benediction**

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia! He is risen, indeed!

****doxology**

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.