ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, December 27, 2020

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. (Psalm 95:6,7a)

[* indicates standing] Prelude: [Welcome, Announcements] **Preparation for Worship:** Psalter-Hymnal #475 (1,2) *God's Call to Worship (see above) *Confession of our need for God's grace (Psalm 124:8): "Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth" *God's Greeting to His People *Song of Response Psalter-Hymnal #184 (1,2,3) ***Opening Prayer** God's Law & Word for the new year: Psalm 90 **Praver of Confession and Praise** (God's assurance of pardon: Psalm 37:23,24) *Song of Praise Psalter 90C (1,6,7,8) **Confession of Faith** (see bulletin) **Prayer of Requests with Thanksgiving** Worship in giving of Tithes and Offerings *Song of Preparation Psalter 23B (1,2,3,5) Prayer for God's blessing on His Word **Scripture Reading:** Psalm 23 Sermon: **Psalm 23:3** *Respond in Song Psalter 91A (1,2,4) *Benediction (God's parting Word of blessing) *(Moment of Silent Meditation) -----

Sermon: Psalm 23:3

The Lord is my Shepherd – He restores me and leads me.

We see:

- 1. As the sheep of God, we rejoice in the passionate care of our Shepherd, in restoring us when we are cast down.
- 2. As the sheep of God, we rejoice in the diligent work of our Shepherd in guiding us into righteousness.
- 3. As the sheep of God, we rejoice in knowing that He has an invested interest in us.

Questions for discussion: [see on the table]

The church is called to be a confessing church, that she may be, *the pillar and ground of the truth* (1Tim. 3:15,16)

The Heidelberg Catechism

- 27. Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?
- <u>A.</u> God's providence is His almighty and ever present power,[1] whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures,[2] and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty,[3] indeed, all things, come not by chance[4] but by His fatherly hand.[5]
 [1] Jer. 23:23, 24; Acts 17:24-28. [2] Heb. 1:3.
 [3] Jer. 5:24; Acts 14:15-17; John 9:3; Prov. 22:2. [4] Prov. 16:33.
 [5] Matt. 10:29.
- **<u>28. Q.</u>** What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?
- <u>A.</u> We can be patient in adversity,[1] thankful in prosperity,[2] and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love;[3] for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.[4]

[1] Job. 1:21, 22; Ps. 39:10; James 1:3. [2] Deut. 8:10; I Thess. 5:18.
[3] Ps. 55:22; Rom. 5:3-5; 8:38, 39. [4] Job 1:12; 2:6; Prov. 21:1; Acts 17:24-28.
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CALENDAR

- Wednesday's (6:00 PM)—Catechism class. God willing to resume Jan.13
- <u>Pizza & Theology—Last Friday of month; 6: 00-8:00 PM</u> ["Theology" is about discussing biblical truth for all of faith and life]

PRAYER REQUESTS

BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER: (*Email your requests for prayer*!) "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:6)

• Pray for our country and government and for persecuted church in the world.

Pray for King's: (Sermon-Audio, website, Good News Bible Study)

- Our individual personal concerns and cares in situations of our lives. God's blessing in our work, and all we do, as service to Him. Dave in challenges at work and Card family in his different shifts. Parents raising children (to know God's blessing and grace to persevere).
- HEALTH: PTL for our health; pray for any with concerns/trials. Mr. Dunham (kidney disease). Jocelyn's health and the health of her baby.
- LOVED ONES: Gabe (friend of Cards, in US military in Spain). Elder Burrell's parents (health). Arlysse (Sharilyn's sister) worsening condition from pancreatic cancer. Bonnie (Mrs. Dunham's friend); health & unsaved family.

Modolo's in Italy (encouragement in desire to witness to the Gospel)

Pray for Regional Presbytery.

- Ministry of First Presbyterian Church (FPC) in Suriname (Rev. Hamid). Pray for covenant children, the youth, and single adults in our churches
- Church Plant in NC and Elder Booher's work towards exam for ordination.
- Rev Gibson (health & ongoing ministry of "abortionfreeKC")

Pray for King's mission work through Reformation Christian Ministries:

- All who work with RCM (Florida office; Board in US & Canada; GNBS).
- Students in College & Seminary.
- CLA (Suriname); ongoing online teaching & tests in classrooms.
- SALT (ministry of Pastor Poettcker with RCM)

Pray for blessing on worship in Tithes & Offerings.

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Worship Service: Sundays 10:00 A.M.

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<u>Questions for discussion</u> [Sermon: Psalm 23:3]

1. What does it mean to be *cast down*, and how is that corrected?

2. How is "passionate care" shown in being restored?

- 3. How do you and I have such passionate care of our *Shepherd*?
- 4. What should we think when we hear paths of righteousness?
- 5. What should we think when we hear for His name's sake?
- 6. How does this text give us true hope and expectation for 2021?!