



## The Lord's Day ~ January 23, 2022

- \* God Calls Us to Worship & Welcomes Us **Revelation 15:3-4**
- \* Seeking God's Blessing & Presence in Prayer
- \* Praising God in Song **#100 Holy, Holy, Holy**
- \* Declaring Our Faith **Shorter Catechism in Modern English #82, 84-87**

**We believe that God is holy, and that every sin deserves His anger and curse, both in this life and in the life to come.**

**We believe that since the fall no ordinary man or woman perfectly keeps the commandments of God but breaks them every day in thought, word, and action.**

**We believe that to escape God's anger and curse, which we deserve for our sin, God requires from us faith in Jesus Christ and repentance unto life.**

**We believe that faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, by which we receive and rest on Him alone for our salvation, as He is offered to us in the Gospel.**

**We believe that repentance unto life is a saving grace, by which we, being truly aware of our sinfulness, understand the mercy of God in Christ, grieve for and hate our sin, and turn from it to God, fully intending and striving for a new obedience.**

### Receiving New Members

Brothers and sisters in Christ, do you promise enthusiastically to receive Steve and Julie as fellow members in God's household of faith, continuously praying for them and lovingly supporting them in their obedient service to Almighty God; and do you promise actively to encourage Julie and Steve to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, speaking only words that are helpful for building up, making every effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and promoting their regular and faithful use of the means of grace--the Word of God, the sacraments, and prayer? Please answer this question in the affirmative by saying "I do."

### Taking Our Requests to God in Prayer

## Presenting & Dedicating Our Offerings to the Lord

Voice

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures  
 here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and  
 Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### \* Preparing to Hear God's Word

### Christ Will Be My Hideaway

1. I will dwell with - in the shel - ter of the God who reigns a - bove.  
 2. An - gels gath - er to pro - tect me when they hear my Sav - ior call.  
 3. Though a thou - sand fall a - round me, though death looks me in the eye,

I will rest be - neath the shad - ow of the might - y King of love. Though a sick - ness hides in  
 Sov - 'reign hands are ev - er read - y to up - hold me should I fall. Safe be - neath his wings of  
 e - vil shall not have the vic - t'ry while the Lord is at my side. God in pow - er raised my

dark - ness, though a plague des - troys by day, I will stand up - on his prom - is - es,  
 re - fuge, all my fears are kept at bay. I am shield - ed by his faith - ful - ness,  
 Sav - ior, I no long - er fear the grave. Thru this frag - ile life and ev - er - more,

Christ will be my hide - a - way. In you, my God, I trust, you are strong and here with us; in  
 Christ will be my hide - a - way.  
 Christ will be my hide - a - way.

you, my hope re - mains, Christ will be my hide - a - way.

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<sup>1</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel,  
for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land.  
There is no faithfulness or steadfast love,  
and no knowledge of God in the land;  
<sup>2</sup> there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery;  
they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.  
<sup>3</sup> Therefore the land mourns,  
and all who dwell in it languish,  
and also the beasts of the field  
and the birds of the heavens, and even the fish of the sea are taken away.  
<sup>4</sup> Yet let no one contend,  
and let none accuse, for with you is my contention, O priest.  
<sup>5</sup> You shall stumble by day;  
the prophet also shall stumble with you by night;  
and I will destroy your mother.  
<sup>6</sup> My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge;  
because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me.  
And since you have forgotten the law of your God,  
I also will forget your children.

**1 John 2:3-11**

<sup>3</sup> And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup> Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, <sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: <sup>6</sup> whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. <sup>8</sup> At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. <sup>9</sup> Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. <sup>10</sup> Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. <sup>11</sup> But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

## "Evidence Leading to Assurance"

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Review: shortcuts that trivialize sin and minimize Christ's atonement cannot give true certainty of fellowship with God.

How then can you have certainty of fellowship with God (otherwise referred to by John as knowing God or abiding in him)?

While Christ's gracious work is the only ground of salvation, there is necessary external evidence found in the life of one redeemed by Christ.

Evidence #1: the moral test or the obedience factor (2:3-6)

Evidence #2: the social test or the love factor (2:7-11)

\* Responding to God's Word in Song

**Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God**

1. Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, in ev - 'ry part with praise,  
 2. Praise in the com - mon words I speak, life's com - mon looks and tones,  
 3. So shall each fear, each fret, each care be turned in - to a song,

that my whole be - ing may pro - claim thy be - ing and thy ways.  
 in fel - low - ship en - joyed at home with my be - lov - ed ones,  
 and ev - 'ry wind - ing of the way the ech - o shall pro - long.

Not for the lip of praise a - lone, nor e'en the prais - ing heart,  
 en - dur - ing wrong, re - proach, or loss with sweet and stead - fast will,  
 So shall no part of day or night from sa - cred - ness be free,

I ask, but for a life made up of praise in ev - 'ry part:  
 for - giv - ing free - ly those who hate, re - turn - ing good for ill.  
 but all my life, in ev - 'ry step, be fel - low - ship with thee.

Horatius Bonar, 1863, alt.

ELLACOMBE C.M.D.  
*Gesangbuch*, Wittenberg, 1784

\* God Dismisses Us with His Blessing

A - men, a - men, a - - - - men.

\* Please stand if able

## Announcements

- Due to the current high rate of community transmission of Covid and our responsibility to provide a safe environment for God's worship, the elders appeal to all worshipping with us today--out of love for one another--to please properly wear a suitable face covering when moving throughout the building, when unable to socially distance, and when singing. Pews have been roped off to aid in distancing. Even when distanced and seated, face coverings are encouraged. The elders will continue to monitor all relevant circumstances and update these measures accordingly. We thank you for your commitment to public worship and your willingness to put others first in doing all things for the sake of true peace and unity within Christ's church.
- Elder Eric Runion is teaching the current adult class Sunday School class entitled *The Whole Christ*.
- The **Annual Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation** have been scheduled for Monday, January 31 at 7 PM and will be held in the Fellowship Hall. While we encourage as many as possible to be present in-person, we will be making full Zoom participation available (including comments/questions through chat as well as voting on motions and in elections). Further instructions will be given nearer to the meeting. The **Annual Report** has been distributed electronically for those on our newsletter mailing list. A limited number of printed copies are available. Elder Runion & Deacon Giebel will be standing for reelection at the meeting.
- The **presbytery's women's retreat** is scheduled for April 28-30, 2022! Guest speaker Mary Beeke will teach on the *Law of Kindness*. There are many upgrades to the retreat this year - a new location at Hume Christian Camp NE (MA) in the Berkshire mountains and a new website ([www.opcpnynewomensretreat.org](http://www.opcpnynewomensretreat.org)). Brochures are available on the table in the narthex. The registration deadline is March 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions contact Jan van der Jagt or Kathy Scarbrough at ([kescarbro01@gmail.com](mailto:kescarbro01@gmail.com)) or (585.576.8254).
- Helping with this morning's service are Julie Runion (accompanist), Dan Lash & Rich Reem (ushers), Richard Backus (sound) and Tony Pisani (video).

## Weekly Calendar

23	JAN, SUN	● 10 – 11am	In-person Morning Worship + YouTube
		● 11:30am – 12:15pm	In-person Sunday School + YouTube (Adult Class)
		● 6 – 6:45pm	In-person Evening Worship + Zoom
26	JAN, WED	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Men's Prayer on Zoom
27	JAN, THU	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Ladies Book Discussion Group on Zoom
28	JAN, FRI	● 9:15 – 11am	Ladies Bible Study on Zoom
		● 6:30 – 8:30pm	Youth Group @Cornerstone
30	JAN, SUN	● 10 – 11am	In-person Morning Worship + YouTube
		● 11:30am – 12:15pm	In-person Sunday School + YouTube (Adult Class)
		● 6 – 6:45pm	In-person Missionary Prayer + Zoom

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