

**Sunday, January 18, 2009**

**Reflections**

“Worship is the supremacy of God in the affections of His people.” - John Piper

You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed. -- A. J. Gordon

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**Sunday Worship Service Participants**

**January 18**

Greeter - Michael Sterrett

Childcare Workers - Aaron Brooks and Paula Townsend

Scripture Reading - Jennifer Oquist

**January 25**

Greeter - Paula Townsend

Childcare Workers - Tiffany Brooks and Matt Oquist

Scripture Reading - Michael Sterrett

**February 1**

Greeter - Teck Hia

Childcare Workers - Linda Mason and Jonathan Claggett

Scripture Reading - Paula Townsend

# Service of Praise

## **Prelude**

We invite you to prepare your heart for the worship of our God.

## **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 86:8-10

*Leader: Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. The nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name.*

**People:** For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Ye Servants of God

Number 165 in Trinity Hymnal

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Number 76 in Trinity Hymnal

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*\*Congregation standing*

# Call to Renewal

## Confession of Sin

Gracious God,  
you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus  
to direct us in the way of life.  
You offer us your Holy Spirit  
so that we can be born to new life as your children.  
Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction  
and that we often succumb to their lure.  
Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life,  
that we may receive your blessing. Amen.

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## A Moment of Private Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:13-14

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

### \* +Hymn of Thanks

There is a Redeemer  
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*+Young children may be dismissed at this time.*



# Call to Commitment

## Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

#### Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

<sup>2</sup> One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. <sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

<sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

### Prayer of Intercession

## Sermon

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John 7:1-53 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup>After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him.

<sup>2</sup>Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore His brothers said to Him, "Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing.

<sup>4</sup>"For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be known publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."

<sup>5</sup>For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

<sup>6</sup>So Jesus said to them, "My time is not yet here, but your time is always opportune.

<sup>7</sup>"The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it, that its deeds are evil.

<sup>8</sup>"Go up to the feast yourselves; I do not go up to this feast because My time has not yet fully come."

<sup>9</sup>Having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee.

<sup>10</sup>But when His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He Himself also went up, not publicly, but as if, in secret.

<sup>11</sup>So the Jews were seeking Him at the feast and were saying, "Where is He?"

<sup>12</sup>There was much grumbling among the crowds concerning Him; some were saying, "He is a good man"; others were saying, "No, on the contrary, He leads the people astray."

<sup>13</sup>Yet no one was speaking openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

<sup>14</sup>But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and began to teach.

<sup>15</sup>The Jews then were astonished, saying, "How has this man become learned, having never been educated?"

<sup>16</sup>So Jesus answered them and said, "My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

<sup>17</sup>"If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.

<sup>18</sup>"He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in

Him.

<sup>19</sup>"Did not Moses give you the Law, and yet none of you carries out the Law? Why do you seek to kill Me?"

<sup>20</sup>The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?"

<sup>21</sup>Jesus answered them, "I did one deed, and you all marvel.

<sup>22</sup>"For this reason Moses has given you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a man.

<sup>23</sup>"If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the Law of Moses will not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made an entire man well on the Sabbath?"

<sup>24</sup>"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

<sup>25</sup>So some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, "Is this not the man whom they are seeking to kill?"

<sup>26</sup>"Look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. The rulers do not really know that this is the Christ, do they?"

<sup>27</sup>"However, we know where this man is from; but whenever the Christ may come, no one knows where He is from."

<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, "You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

<sup>29</sup>"I know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me."

<sup>30</sup>So they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

<sup>31</sup>But many of the crowd believed in Him; and they were saying, "When the Christ comes, He will not perform more signs than those which this man has, will He?"

<sup>32</sup>The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to seize Him.

<sup>33</sup>Therefore Jesus said, "For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me.

<sup>34</sup>"You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come."

<sup>35</sup>The Jews then said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find Him? He is not intending to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, is He?"

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36"What is this statement that He said, 'You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come?'"

37Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.

38"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"

39But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

40Some of the people therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, "This certainly is the Prophet."

41Others were saying, "This is the Christ." Still others were saying, "Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?"

42"Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

43So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him.

44Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

45The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?"

46The officers answered, "Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks."

47The Pharisees then answered them, "You have not also been led astray, have you?"

48"No one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he?"

49"But this crowd which does not know the Law is accursed."

50Nicodemus (he who came to Him before, being one of them) said to them,

51"Our Law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?"

52They answered him, "You are not also from Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee."

53Everyone went to his home.

### **\*Hymn of Response**

O Great God

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## **O Great God (continued)**

Help me now to live a life  
That's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised  
With my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heaven  
Glorify Your Name through me

# Service of Communion

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Guidelines for Reception of Communion

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, it is important that you carefully consider the claims of the gospel and the grace that is offered through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to talk with an elder of the church and spend this time now in prayer and meditation on the scriptures in the bulletin.

## Scripture Verses for Those Not Communing

Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

- Isaiah 53:4-6

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

- John 3:16-18

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

- John 14:6

Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 6:6-8, 22-23

**\*Confession of Faith**

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done in earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen.

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**\*Gloria Patri**  
Number 735 in Trinity Hymnal

# Gloria Patri

Text: 2nd century, traditional  
Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

Piano

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Ghost: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out

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

## \*Benediction

**Announcements**  
(Please be seated)

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## Announcements\*

**Church luncheon:** There will be a church luncheon after the service next Sunday, January 25. Please sign up to bring something to share.

**Congregational Meeting:** The Nashua Commission has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 8 following the Sunday morningworship service. The purpose of the meeting is to form a Pulpit Search Committee and a Building Task Force, and to vote on the size of the Christ Presbyterian Church Session. TE Jason Wakefield will be the moderator. All members are asked to attend.

**Movers and Packers:** We will be moving the CPC Office out of the Landmark Building on Saturday, February 28 and need help with packing up the office and moving its contents. We are also looking for space to store some items such as furniture and books. If you can help in moving, packing, or storage, please let Jason know as soon as possible.

### Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Life Together	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Small Group	Claggett house
	6:30 p.m.	Small Group	Wakefield house

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### Budget Information:

Seven (7) Months June thru December 2008

Regular Giving (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$43,378.40
Fund Raising	\$9,645.00
Total Giving	\$53,023.40
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$54,676.40
Seven (7) Months Adjusted Budget (1)	\$60,397.58
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$1,653.00)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$7,374.18)

(1) Original budget minus Portuguese Outreach

*\*If you have any announcements, please contact the Oquists.  
Phone: 603-881-3808, Email: announcements@nashuapca.org*

# Kingdom Focused Prayer

*Pray for God's name to be honored*

- Our worship service would be honoring to him
- Thankful for God's provision of a facility to worship in and to be diligent in our care of it so that people will see Christ in us

*Pray for His Kingdom to be extended*

- For our friends and neighbors to come to know Christ
- That Nashua be changed to reflect the city of God
- For the fatherless, widows, orphans and homeless to be cared for by believers
- For justice to be established in Nashua in our courts and streets
- Pray for the work of the Mission To North America committee of our Presbytery as we seek to plant more churches in Northern New England.
- For the opportunity to meet and get to know more people of Nashua because the office is located in a downtown professional building.

*Pray for His people to be fed and nurtured*

- For the Word to be preached faithfully
- That the witness and ministry of our church leadership would be empowered by the Spirit
- That all those who hear would be receptive to the Holy Spirit
- Pray for the elder/deacon training

*Pray for His forgiveness to be felt and extended to others*

- That we become more aware of our sinfulness
- That we be burdened with the things that burden God
- That we may experience the width, length, height, and depth of God's love for us
- For us to be bold in sharing our faith

*Pray for His Bride, the church, to be purified and kept from temptation*

- That God would sanctify his church
- That God would guard us from discouragement
- That God would protect us from gossip and complaining
- For God to strengthen us in faith, that we might believe His promises in the gospel, particularly His delight in saving the lost