

Sunday, February 1, 2009

Reflections

“But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
- John 4:23-24

God's children should pray. They should cry day and night to Him. God hears every one of your cries in the busy hour of the daytime and in the lonely watches of the night. - Robert Murray McCheyne

Sunday Worship Service Participants

February 1

Greeter - Teck Hia

Childcare Workers - Linda Mason and Jonathan Claggett

Scripture Reading - Paula Townsend

February 8

Greeter - April Claggett

Childcare Workers - Pat Newman and Denise Kingsley

Scripture Reading - Bill Townsend

February 15

Greeter - Denise Kingsley

Childcare Workers - Laura Sterrett and Bill Townsend

Scripture Reading - Tiffany Brooks

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

1 Chronicles 29:10-11, 13

Leader: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

People: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Leader: Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

People: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

***Hymn of Praise**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above (verses 1, 2, 5, 6)
Number 2 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory
Number 122 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

Confession of Sin

Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed
to be an obedient church:
we have not done your will;
we have broken your law;
we have rebelled against your love;
we have not loved our neighbors;
we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

* +Hymn of Thanks

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Number 457 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

+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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (NIV)

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

¹⁷ The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

Who is this Man? (Part 1)

John 8:12-39 (NASB)

¹²Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

¹³So the Pharisees said to Him, "You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not true."

¹⁴Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.

¹⁵"You judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone.

¹⁶"But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and the Father who sent Me.

¹⁷"Even in your law it has been written that the testimony of two men is true.

¹⁸"I am He who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me."

¹⁹So they were saying to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also."

²⁰These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.

²¹Then He said again to them, "I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come."

²²So the Jews were saying, "Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come?'"

²³And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

²⁴"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

²⁵So they were saying to Him, "Who are You?" Jesus said to them, "What have I been saying to you from the beginning?

²⁶"I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world."

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²⁷They did not realize that He had been speaking to them about the Father.

²⁸So Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.

²⁹"And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him."

³⁰As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him.

³¹So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;

³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

³³They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

³⁵"The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever.

³⁶"So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

³⁷"I know that you are Abraham's descendants; yet you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.

³⁸"I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father."

³⁹They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father " Jesus said to them, "If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham.

⁴⁰"But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do.

⁴¹"You are doing the deeds of your father " They said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.

⁴³"Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word.

⁴⁴"You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because

there is no truth in him Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

⁴⁵"But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.

⁴⁶"Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?

⁴⁷"He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God."

⁴⁸The Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

⁵⁰"But I do not seek My glory; there is One who seeks and judges.

⁵¹"Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death."

⁵²The Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon Abraham died, and the prophets also; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste of death.'

⁵³"Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out to be?"

⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God';

⁵⁵and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I will be a liar like you, but I do know Him and keep His word.

⁵⁶"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."

⁵⁷So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

⁵⁹Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

***Hymn of Response**

We Come, O Christ, to You

Number 181 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

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 Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the Prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Congregation standing*

***God, All Nature Sing Thy Glory (verse 4)**

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God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
we, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
with our acts as with our voices, thy commandments to fulfill.

***Benediction**

Announcements

(Please be seated)

**Congregation standing*

Announcements*

Mark your calendars! Saturday, February 7 at 1 p.m. we will be looking at a potential property for Christ Presbyterian Church. The address is Emmanuel Covenant Church, 24 Echo Ave., Nashua, NH. Please plan to join us!

Congregational Meeting: The Nashua Commission has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 8 following the Sunday morning worship 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

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

Mercy Ministry Opportunities

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Nashua
883.9355

Supplies

Baby items, diapers, etc.

Upper Room Compassionate Ministries (Katie)
595.2039

Volunteers

For sorting clothes or bagging food for 1 hour or more

Supplies

Clothing, particularly socks (mens, childrens), shampoo, toothpaste, diapers (size 4 &5), outdoor clothing, hats, mittens, etc.

"Only the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ and millions of "mini-churches" (Christian homes) throughout the country can attack the roots of social problems." - Tim Keller, *Ministries of Mercy*

