

Sunday, February 8, 2009

Reflections

"Halt passenger, take heed what you do see, This tomb doth shew, for what some men did die... Though here their dust Lies mixt with murderers, and other crew, Whom justice justly did to death pursue; But as for them, no cause was to be found Worthy of death, but only they were found, Constant and stedfast, zealous, witnessing, For the Prerogatives of CHRIST their KING... They did endure the wrath of enemies, Reproaches, torments, deaths and injuries. But yet they're those who from such troubles came, And now triumph in glory with the LAMB..."

- *Monument to Covenanters at Greyfriars Church, Edinburgh*

Sunday Worship Service Participants

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

February 22

Greeter - Bill Townsend

Childcare Workers - Allison Wakefield and Matt Oquist

Scripture Reading - Janet Surprenant

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 9:1, 2, 7, 8

Leader: I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.

People: I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

People: He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.

***Hymn of Praise**

Rejoice, the Lord is King
Number 310 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

In My Heart
See page 4

**Congregation standing*

Confession of Sin

O God, our great shepherd,
you tenderly gather us as lambs,
carrying us with your all-embracing love.
Yet, like sheep, we wander from you:
following our own ways, ignoring your voice,
distrusting your provisions.
Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust.
Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy
and restore our souls by your redeeming love.
Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely.
Through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, we pray. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 1:3-5

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

* +Hymn of Thanks

Blessed Assurance

Number 693 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

Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.

Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Piano

Praise God from whom all blessings 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31 (NIV)

- 21 Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood since the earth was founded?
- 22 He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,
and its people are like grasshoppers.
He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.
- 23 He brings princes to naught
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.
- 24 No sooner are they planted,
no sooner are they sown,
no sooner do they take root in the ground,
than he blows on them and they wither,
and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.
- 25 "To whom will you compare me?
Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.
- 26 Lift your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host one by one,
and calls them each by name.
Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.
- 27 Why do you say, O Jacob,
and complain, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD;
my cause is disregarded by my God"?

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- 28 Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
- 29 He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
- 30 Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
- 31 but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

Who is this Man? (Part 2)
John 10:22-42 (NASB)

- 22At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem;
23it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon.
24The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."
25Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me.
26"But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep.
27"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;
28and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.
29"My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

30"I and the Father are one."

31The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him.

32Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?"

33The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God."

34Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in your Law, 'I SAID, YOU ARE GODS'?"

35"If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

36do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

37"If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

38but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."

39Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp.

40And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing, and He was staying there.

41Many came to Him and were saying, "While John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true."

42Many believed in Him there.

***Hymn of Response**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Number 599 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

***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)**

Number 122 in Trinity Hymnal

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*

Congregational Meeting: There is a congregational meeting after the service today. 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 21 and need help with packing up the office and moving its contents. If you can help with moving or packing, please let Jason know as soon as possible.

Thank you from the Upper Room for providing hats and gloves for their clients this winter.

Weekly Schedule:

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

Budget Information:

Eight (8) Months June 2008 thru January 2009

Regular Giving (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$49,373.40
Fund Raising	\$14,945.00
Total Giving	\$64,318.40
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$63,942.52
Adjusted Budget (1)	\$69,025.80
Excess to Expense (Income - Expense)	\$375.88
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$4,707.40)

(1) Original budget minus Portuguese Outreach

**If you have any announcements, please contact the Oquists.
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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*