

THE LORD'S DAY
Covenant Presbyterian Church
October 25, 2020

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE TWO CHORALE PRELUDES ON
"FOR ME TO LIVE IS JESUS" (PHILIPPIANS 1:21)

"For me to live is Jesus, to die is gain for me; so when my Savior pleases, I meet death willingly."
PACHELBEL & WALTHER

THE CHORAL CALL "IF MY PEOPLE" ROOT

THE CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 98:1-4

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music!

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*"Our Father, Who 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 forever. Amen"*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

HCQ.106- What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment?

I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor— not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds— and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of murder is also why the government is armed with the sword.

HCQ.107- Does this commandment refer to only murder?

By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness. In God's sight all such are disguised forms of murder.

HCQ.108- Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way? No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

THE HYMN

“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

- 1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow’r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.**
- 2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right man on our
side, the man of God’s own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord
Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.**
- 3. And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God
hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.**
- 4. That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may
kill: God’s truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 JOHN 3: 11-15

“For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s were righteous. Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.”

THE MORNING PRAYER

THE ANTHEM

“GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN”

WAGNER

THE SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 5: 21-26

“But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.”

THE SERMON

“MURDER IN OUR HEARTS”

REV. TIM STARNES

THE HYMN

“MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOR”

- 1. 1. “May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and pow’r controlling all I do and say.”**
- 2. “May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I
triumph only through his pow’r.”**
- 3. “May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.”**
- 4. “May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.”**
- 5. “May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.”**

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“FUGHETTE ON ‘EIN FESTE BURG”

PACHELBEL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a Session meeting this afternoon at 4:45.

Ben will be preaching tonight from 1 John 5:20. It will be live-streamed beginning at 6:00PM.

Prayer Meeting is Wednesday at 6:00PM.

The annual Reformation Celebration will be held Friday, October 30, 5:30-7:30, at the home of Jennifer and Dudley Tribble, 770 McKnight Road. You may drop your candy donations by the office any time.

If you are not receiving emails and texts from the church, please go online to your Breeze account and be sure your information is up-to-date. Or you can call the church office and Judy will help you.