

Sunday, February 10, 2008
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:45AM

Welcome to Communion Presbyterian! *(Announcements)*

- ♦ Welcome to the worship and celebration of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! ♦
- ♦ We invite our visitors to sign the Guest Book located on the entry table. Please also visit our information counter. ♦
 - ♦ Children are invited to stay for the entire service; however, we also provide childcare for those who desire it. Please consult an attendant wearing a blue smock for assistance. ♦
- ♦ Today we will observe the Lord's Supper. This sacrament communicates the "true communion" that believers have with God and each other. By participating with us, you are proclaiming to be a baptized and professing disciple of Jesus Christ, a member in "good standing" of a Christian church, a repentant sinner and a "hope-filled" saint, possessing the faith of a humble child – trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. ♦
 - ♦ May the Lord be honored among us this day. ♦

Preparation for Worship & Canto

***Opening Hymn – As When The Hebrew Prophet** *(Coronation)*

As when the Hebrew prophet raised the brazen serpent high,
The wounded looked & straight were cured, the people ceas-ed to die.
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*Just as the Savior on the cross, a healing virtue flows;
Who looks to Him with lively faith is saved from end-less woes.
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He came to raise our fallen state and our lost hopes restore;
Faith leads us to the mercy seat, and bids us fear – no more.
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***Call to Worship – Ezekiel 36:25–28**

Elder – *I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.*

Congregation – **And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.**

Elder – *And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey My rules.*

Congregation – **You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be My people, and I will be your God.**

***Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and Assurance of Pardon**

Song – There is Joy in the Lord

There is joy in the Lord; there is love in His Spirit.
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
There's a fountain I know, every time I am near it,
My heart overflows to the Lord.

*All blessing and honor are His; All glory and power are His!
Let all wisdom and strength, be the Lord's in this place
Let all glory be given to Him!*

There is joy in the Lord; there is love in His Spirit.
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
There's a fountain that flows, like a river from heaven,
Abounding in love to my soul.

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Old Testament Law – Numbers 21:4–9

(The judgment of biting snakes is also met with the source of healing.)

Old Testament Psalm – Psalms 106:7–48

(The Psalmist recounts Israel's rebellion and God's faithfulness to deliver them.)

Reader – *The word of the Lord.* **Congregation** – **Thanks be to God.**

Song – Consuming Fire

There must be more than this; O breath of God come breathe within.
There must be more than this; Spirit of God we wait for You.
Fill us anew we pray. Fill us anew we pray.

*Consuming fire, fan into flame a passion for Your name.
Spirit of God, fall in this place. Lord have Your way;
Lord have Your way – with us.*

Come like a rushing wind; clothe us with power from on high.
Now set the captives free; leave us abandoned to Your praise.
Lord let Your glory fall, Lord let Your glory fall.

New Testament Gospel – John 7:37--52

(The words & works of Jesus convince many, including Nicodemus, to believe in him.)

New Testament Epistle – Romans 8:1-16

(“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”)

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Offertory – Spirit of the Living God

[Presenting an offering to the Lord is a meaningful act of worship. It demonstrates the sacrifice of thankful hearts by those who have been blessed by Divine provisions! Please pass the offering basket throughout your section toward the back. Thank you.]

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me, (2xs)

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Affirmation of Faith – The Heidelberg Catechism (Q. 4–8)

Elder – *What does the Law of God require of us?*

Congregation – **Christ teaches us in summary: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”**

Elder – *Can you keep all this perfectly?*

Congregation – **No, for I am prone by nature to hate God and my neighbor.**

Elder – *Did God create humankind evil and perverse like this?*

Congregation – **No. On the contrary, God created man good and in His image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that he might rightly know God his Creator, love Him with his whole heart, and live with Him in eternal blessedness, praising and glorifying Him.** *[Continued]*

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Elder – *Where, then, does this corruption of our nature come from?*

Congregation – **From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in the Garden of Eden; whereby our human life is so poisoned that we are all conceived and born in the state of sin.**

Elder – *But are we so depraved that we are altogether unable to do good and prone to do evil?*

Congregation – **Yes, unless we are born again through the Spirit of God.**

***Hymn – God Loved the World** *(Old 100th)*

God loved the world so that He gave, His only Son, the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe, should everlasting life receive.

*Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith, Who was made flesh & suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone, are built on this chief Cornerstone.*

God would not have the sinner die, His Son with saving grace is nigh.
His Spirit in the Word doth teach how man the blessed life may reach.
Amen.

Sermon: Nic @ Nite

(Text: John 3:1 – 21; message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach)

Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer & Elder's Response

***Hymn of Preparation – As Moses in the Desert** *(St. Christopher)*

As Moses in the desert did lift the snake up high,
The Son of Man must be raised up that men might live, not die.
For God so loved this world of men, He gave his Son for us,
That we might have eternal life, if we in Him do trust.

*God did not send His Son to condemn the world of sin.
Christ came instead to save all those who place their trust in Him.
All who believe escape God's wrath; they come into the light.
But all who practice evil deeds are guilty in God's sight.*

Without the Son, all perish; the verdict is decreed.
All those who fail to trust Christ's Name condemned will ever be.
Lord, give me boldness to proclaim Your message at all costs,
That they might gain eternal life by looking to the cross.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Receive the bread and cup by approaching the table from the left and moving to the right. Partake at the table, or upon returning to your seat. Please return the empty cup to the front basket when you have finished. Thank you.
{Wine is located on the table edge nearest to the cross. Grape juice is on the outside.}

***Closing Hymn** *[See reverse], Closing Prayer, Gloria Patri, Benediction*

**Those who are able, please stand.* *– CCLI o.n. #43171*

♦ Please remember to silence all your communication devices. Thank you ♦

♦ Please join us after the service for refreshments and for Children's Sunday School, Outreach Ministry, and "clean-up."