

Christ Presbyterian Church

January 10, 2021

Opening Song

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise.

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword;
our prayer attend:
come and thy people bless, and give thy word success
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me, give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do;
love enough to cover ev'ry sin, in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace;
turn my strivings into works of grace – Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise, lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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.*

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen;
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-11

Sermon

“Jesus’ Baptism and Yours”

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge
the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Closing Song

See Christ, Who on the River's Shore

See Christ who on the river's shore with John the Baptist stood,
his secret in the name he bore: the holy Lamb of God.

See all his body washed and wet baptized in Jordan's flow,
as here his shame and glory meet, his pain and triumph show.

See Christ to whom the Father speaks
as his beloved Son;
Messiah's chosen task he takes,
the servant's work begun.
See him on whom the Spirit fell
descending like a dove,
in whom we find a springing well
of peace and joy and love.

See Christ through forty hungry days
with sand and stones for bed;
in lonely trials and desert ways
with him may we be led.
See him, the chosen Lamb who died
to whom all praise we bring;
see Christ baptized, Christ crucified,
and Christ our reigning King!