

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

February 19, 2012



Dick Jones, Senior Pastor

Berdj Tchilinguirian, Assistant Pastor of Shepherding and Assimilation

Trey Owens, Assistant Pastor of Youth and Family

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of the PCA

***Gathered to Worship on the Lord's Day
February 19, 2012***

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Berdj Tchilinguirian

PRELUDE

During this time of preparation, you are encouraged to pray silently, asking the Holy Spirit to enable you to cling to Christ and to delight yourself in Christ.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Dick Jones

***AFFIRMATION OF PRAISE (#521)**

“ My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

***COLLECTIVE CONFESSION**

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

1 John 2:1b-2

Be comforted and hear the good tidings of the Gospel:

If any man hath sinned, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Gospel of Christ

Based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 & Romans 4:25

Unison:

For the gospel has been given to us, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures for our justification.

PSALTER (PAGE 6)

“Psalm 4”

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Tender Mercies”
by Travis Boyd

***DOXOLOGY**

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

Children (up to age 5) may be dismissed to nursery building AFTER the doxology.

***MORNING PRAYER (closing with “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.*

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 4:48

Minister: *This is the Word of God!*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “*What We Want to Hear Reveals our Hearts*” Pastor Dick Jones
Part II

***Congregation Stands**

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Silent Preparation and Confession

Distribution of the Elements

*HYMN (#499)

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Question and Answer Number Twelve

Q. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?

A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

Galatians 3:12

Genesis 2:17

“...when we speak of the ‘covenant of works,’ we do not mean that Adam could do anything that would make God owe him something in return. We only mean that God was pleased to require a certain obedience as the condition upon which a gift would then be given. We call the first covenant a “covenant of life,” then, because it was life that God promised to Adam. And we also call it a “covenant of works,” because God required Adam to obey Him before He conferred the gift.

G. I. Williamson

The Shorter Catechism for Study Classes, Volume I

***Congregation Stands**

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

Michael & Rachel Novak

RUF: Trinity University

(1) *For the guys participating in the small group on sexual brokenness and restoration to find just that in the healing grace and mercy of God.*

(2) *For God to raise up students to attend their spring break mission trip to Laredo.*

(3) *For the new students who have been coming to RUF to feel welcome and get plugged in to the RUF community.*

(4) *For Michael to be given the confidence to reach out to students in the name of Christ.*

"I feel like an entirely different person than I was four years ago, and I know that Jesus is the reason." (a Trinity senior writing to Michael Novak)

On Our Website

"Sin lives in a costume; that's why it's so hard to recognize. The fact that sin looks so good is one of the things that make it so bad. In order for it to do its evil work, it must present itself as something that is anything but evil. Life in a fallen world is like attending the ultimate masquerade party." Paul David Tripp

This week's topic is **Sin and Temptation**. Read the practical "Jesus' Instruction for Dealing With Temptation" by Schwertley and Jonathan Edwards' famous *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* or John Owen's *Treatises on Sin*: "To read John Owen is to enter a rare world. Whenever I return to one of his works I find myself asking Why do I spend time reading lesser literature?"—Sinclair B. Ferguson.

"John Owen's treatises on Indwelling Sin in Believers and The Mortification of Sin are the most helpful writings on personal holiness ever written." (Jerry Bridges)

Last week's topic (anxiety & worry) is available in the Reading Room.

www.christpresnb.org



REMINDERS

- ***THE CRY ROOM**, located in the narthex across from the elevator, is available for moms and babies.
- * **PLEASE turn off your watch alarms, telephones, and pagers before the service.**
- * **PARENTS** – please help us limit the distractions during our worship service by **making sure your children attend to restroom needs, etc. before the service begins.**
- * **FOOD AND BEVERAGES (including water)** are not allowed in the sanctuary. Thank you!
- * **PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN:** Please transport any nursery-going children to the nursery immediately following the Doxology. (Nursery available for children under the age of five.)

Psalm 4

1. Give Thou an answer when I call,
God of my righteousness;
Have mercy; hear my prayer; Thou hast
Enlarged me in distress.
2. How long will ye, O sons of men,
Your empty follies prize?
How long my glory turn to shame?
How long seek after lies?
3. But know that for Himself the LORD
The godly man doth choose.
The LORD, when I upon Him call,
To hear will not refuse.
4. O stand in awe, and see that ye
From every sin depart;
And even on your bed commune
In silence with your heart.
5. Bring off-er-ings of righteousness,
Your sacrifices just;
Seek ye the LORD with confidence,
And in Him put your trust.
6. I will both lay me down in peace,
And quiet sleep will take
Because Thou only me to dwell
In safety, LORD, dost make.

Sung to the tune of *How Sweet and Awesome is the Place*

Therapeutic Praise

by David Murray

Despite hundreds of new Christian songs being composed each year, the ancient Psalms are experiencing something of a revival. Why? I believe the main reason is their therapeutic value. In a day of so many disordered emotions, worshippers are discovering how the psalms minister so powerfully to their emotional lives.

First, the Psalms balance divine revelation and human emotion. Some Christian songs are emotionally stirring but have little theological content; the heart is engaged but not the mind. Overreacting to this, some have composed songs that are full of theological facts but don't engage the worshipper's feelings. They are more like sung sermons.

The Psalms strike an inspired balance of doxology and theology; they combine the objective with the subjective in perfect proportions. Time and again we read, "Praise the Lord," followed by reasons and motivations for this praise. God is always declared and described in such a way as to stir up our hearts and cause us to interact with Him through His self-revelation.

Second, the Psalms richly express the full range of human emotions: grief and joy, doubt and confidence, loneliness and fellowship, despair and hope, fear and courage, defeat and victory, complaint and praise.

Is it any wonder that John Calvin called the Psalms "an Anatomy of all Parts of the Soul"? He explains, "There is not an emotion of which anyone can be conscious that is not here represented as in a mirror. Or rather, the Holy Spirit has here drawn to life all the griefs, sorrows, fears, doubts, hopes, cares, perplexities, in short, all the distracting emotions with which the minds of men are wont to be agitated."

The Psalms also paint a realistic portrayal of Christian emotions. The Psalms do not portray the Christian life as victory upon victory. Derek Thomas has pointed out that since a lot of contemporary worship is upbeat and positive, and thus at odds with what Christians experience in the rest of their week, it produces a disconnect that eventually leads to cynicism and a loss of assurance.

But when we turn to the Psalms, we find bold and bald honesty. Although the strong expressions of stark reality can initially jar our refined ears, we are soon relieved to find kindred spirits who help fully express what we often think, feel,

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and experience in our messy daily lives.

Fourth, the Psalms are a welcome outlet for our painful emotions. Have you ever sung about assurance while being full of doubt? Have you ever sung about joy when feeling depressed? Me, too. It's horrible, isn't it? Why can't I sing what I really feel? With the Psalms, you can. Some allow us to express doubt and even despair (Ps.88); others help us describe our struggles with providence (73); still others guide us in explaining our battles with depression (42, 78).

The Psalms open the pressure valves of our hearts and direct us in how to articulate our most painful emotions. We don't need to bottle them up or deny them. Instead, God has inspired songs by which we can admit them and let them out. As someone said, "What a relief! I can sing what's really on my mind and heart, and God provides me with words to rightly express these emotions. The Psalms reach in to find these emotions and then reach upward to God with them."

The Psalms not only permit us to "vent" our emotions but also call for their transformation. We are not left to wallow in our feelings but are shown how to move from fear to courage, from sorrow to joy, from anger to peace, and from despair to hope. The painful starting point is legitimate, but it's only a starting point. The end point of emotional healing must be kept in view and moved toward with the help of each psalmist's guiding hand.

Fifth, the Psalms call us to sympathetic emotion. As a rebellious teenager, I often sat in my Psalm-singing church wondering why I was singing words that had no relevance to me whatsoever. Why sing about sorrow when I was perfectly happy? Or, some Sundays, why sing about joy when I felt so depressed about my life?

Of course, such is the mindset of a self-centered teenager. But when God saves us, we begin to look beyond ourselves and to realize that while we may not feel these things, the others around us certainly do. The Psalms call me to weep with those who weep and to rejoice with those who rejoice, even if I feel exactly the opposite. They remind me of the emotional diversity of the body of Christ, and they invite me to share in the sufferings and successes of other believers. The Psalms turn me inside out.

Dr. David Murray is professor of Old Testament and practical theology at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is the author of the book *Christians Get Depressed Too*.

January 2012 Issue, *Tabletalk Magazine*



UNIFY † CELEBRATE † TESTIFY

JOIN THE EASTER CROSS WITNESS!

WHAT IS THE EASTER CROSS WITNESS?

The Easter Cross Witness was created to be a community celebration. Believers from local churches are given the opportunity to express a visible witness that will hopefully give them an opportunity to share with their neighbors about the hope that is within them. The crosses are not yard art, or Easter decorations, but a witness to the Risen Christ.

The two short declarative phrases on the cross changed everything. Both phrases, consisting of three simple words, altered the course of world history; *He is Risen & It is Finished*. Both statements are true. The weight of the reality behind these two phrases is staggering. The fact that Jesus has risen from the dead after finishing His mission of offering His life as a perfect sacrifice is why we celebrate Easter.

THREE PRAYERS FOR THE EASTER CROSS WITNESS

1. As we plant the crosses in our yards or apartment windows, may we joyfully once again acknowledge that we belong to the Risen Christ. Ask Him to use this simple cross to reenergize our own hearts so that we may have renewed joy to share with others about the wonders of what has been finished.
2. Pray that this silent, visual witness will lead to appropriate opportunities for a verbal witness. As we have opportunity to share the hope that is within us, pray that we will possess a winsome boldness and speak the truth in love.
3. When the visible witness is over, ask the Lord to grant us much grace and renewed vigor to go about the noble task of loving our neighbors as Christ loves us. This is the best witness and acid test, and they are watching. May we take to heart the wisdom of Saint Francis of Assisi who stated that he was compelled to preach the gospel at all times, in all places, with all his might even if it meant resorting to words. People must see the gospel in action before they can hear the good news. All words + no love in action will = futility.

You can have your own Easter Cross Witness cross for a donation of only \$5. They are available after worship service outside the sanctuary or in the office during the week.



Women of Purpose

Remember to make your reservations for the March 2nd and 3rd conference with Nancy Guthrie. Don't forget that the CPC woman who registers the most women from outside the church will receive a beautiful spa basket, including a \$100 gift certificate to the lovely Landmark Day Spa. In order to win, you must register your ladies online as a group, or hand the filled-out registrations all together to Amy Hornbuckle (210-792-9074).

Hearing Jesus Speak through the Gospels

Nancy Guthrie

March 2nd & 3rd, 2012

___ Conference \$25 ___ Optional Friday Night Supper \$5

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

** Scholarships available.*

Contact Gaye Meyers at 210-724-7901

MEN

IN THE CHURCH

MEN'S RETREAT 2012

And he said to him, "You, shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. (Matthew 22:37)

TOPIC: SPIRITUAL HEADSHIP

FEBRUARY 24 - 25

JOHN KNOX RANCH FISCHER, TX

SPEAKER: PASTOR BERDJ TCHILINGUIRIAN

Cost: \$49 per attendee

Make checks payable to *Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC)* and be sure to write 'Men's Retreat' in the memo space.

Drop check by the office or tear off slip at the bottom and put in offering plate with your check by **February 14th**.

Scholarships are available; see Pastor Berdj or Don Miller.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Berdj at 830-629-0405 or berdjt@satx.rr.com.

Men's Retreat 2012:

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Spotlight on RUF



Michael and Rachel Novak are serving in Reformed University Fellowship at Trinity University. They have two children, Caleb (born in 2008) and Abigail (born in 2010).

Michael is a graduate of University of Tennessee and Covenant Theological Seminary.

RUF is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America and each campus minister operates in association with a local PCA congregation.

Each RUF minister is an ordained Teaching Elder in the PCA.

RUF is unique in that it works under the auspices and authority of the denomination and Presbytery. Students are encouraged to participate and attend the local denominational church.

The RUF guys are doing frontline service in the cultural and spiritual warfare which is ongoing in our culture—preparing Christian leaders to view life and the world biblically. There is perhaps no more important task for the Church than this! Our church has financially supported RUF at Trinity University since it was initiated there.

youth

news & events

Weekly Gatherings

High School Sunday Night — Bosses Pizza 6:30 pm

Middle School Mid-Week — Wednesday, Annex 6:15 pm

There will be no Youth Group Tonight

Upcoming Events

◆Middle School Round Up, June 5-9

◆High School RYM, July 8-14



youth group girls
shopping trip

February 25th

Meet at the
church at 9:30
am.

We will caravan to
the San Marcos
outlet malls and
have lunch there.

Contact Person:

Hilary Owens
830-624-5696

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEXAS HILL COUNTRY BIBLE CONFERENCE 2012, hosted by the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals and featuring Derek Thomas, Steven Lawson, and Paul Jones, will be March 2-3 at First Baptist Church in Boerne. To register or for more information, go to ALLIANCENET.ORG or call 1-800-488-1888.

AN INQUIRER’S CLASS has been scheduled for Friday, March 30th (6–9 p.m.) & Saturday the 31st (9:00 a.m.-12 noon) in EB 205. Sandwiches will be served Friday and a light breakfast on Saturday. Childcare is available upon request. This class is for any interested in learning about the vision, goals & tenets of our church and denomination. Please register in office by Wed. March 28th (629-0405).

FREE INDIVIDUAL TAX RETURN ASSISTANCE is being offered to our folks by Stuart McLennan. Stuart has nine years H&R Block experience and can be reached at 830-214-0807 or usma53@earthlink.net.

SAVE-THE-DATE for a CPC Peru Mission Trip June 22-29th. There are approximately twenty slots available for folks 13 years and up to go and aid Wes Baker in his missionary efforts in Trujillo. More information will appear in next week’s bulletin. Contact: Richard Steele (7steeles@gmail.com, 210-239-6543, 210-863-2579).

WEEKLY EVENTS

MEN’S PRAYER GATHERING	Sundays	9:00 a.m.
WOMEN’S PRAYER GATHERING	Sundays	9:00 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES	Sundays	9:30 a.m.
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (recessed this week)	Sundays	6:30 p.m.
MEN’S & WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDIES	Mondays	6:30 p.m.
MEN’S PRAYER GATHERING	Tuesdays	6:30 a.m.
MEN’S & WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDIES	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
CHURCH FAMILY SUPPER	Wednesdays	5:30 p.m.
WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY	Wednesdays	6:15 p.m.
LEADERSHIP CLASS (MIXED)	Wednesdays	6:15 p.m.
MIDDLE SCHOOL MIDWEEK	Wednesdays	6:15 p.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL	Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
NIGHT-WITH-THE-MASTER	Wednesdays	6:15 p.m.
ELDER’S PRAYER MEETING	Thursdays	12:00 p.m.
PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP	Fridays	9:30 a.m.

SERVICE

TODAY

NEXT WEEK

<i>Parking Lot Attendant</i>	David Donley	Cory Elrod
<i>Rapid Visitation</i>	Culpepper	Hill
<i>Sunday School/Worship Greeters</i>	Perry	Olson
<i>Nursery Greeters</i>	Moeller/Thornhill	Thoms
<i>Deacon-of-the-Month</i>	Dwight Webb	

JANUARY MONTHLY GIVING/EXPENSE

Monthly Budget for General Operating Expenses.....\$ 67,732.49
Monthly Building Fund Payment.....\$ 11,143.00
Total Monthly Budget.....\$ 78,875.49

Last Month's Giving for General Operating Account.....\$ 70,148.90
Last Month's Giving for Building Fund.....\$ 19,498.28
Last Month's [Deficit]/Surplus for Operating Account.....\$ 2,416.41
Last Month's [Deficit]/Surplus for Building Account.....\$ 8,355.28
Last Month's Total [Deficit]/Surplus.....\$ 10,771.69

Year-to-Date [Deficit]/Surplus for Operating Account.....\$ 2,416.41
Year-to-Date [Deficit]/Surplus for Building Account.....\$ 8,355.28
Year-to-Date Total [Deficit]/Surplus.....\$ 10,771.69

WEEKLY GIVING/EXPENSE

General Budget Giving.....\$ 14,467.14
Building Fund Giving.....\$ 2,085.00
Total Offering Week of 2/12.....\$16,552.14

RULING ELDERS

Gary Bird	Floyd Johnson	Don Miller
Bob Davenport	Jack Lucas	Charles Taylor**
Gary Henry	Ned Martin**	Fred Willard
Ace Horan, Sr.	Gene Meyers	**Emeritus

DEACONS

Dee Anderson	Cory Elrod	Darren Hill
Bob Bower	Rick Faber	Dwight Webb
Doug Culpepper	Jim Fritsch	

MUSIC STAFF

Choir Director	Mrs. Denise Bindel
Organist	Mrs. Joji Tonko
Pianists	Mrs. Sally Forney
Mrs. Gaynelle Deese	

AUXILIARY STAFF

Assistant to the Senior Pastor	Mrs. Kathy Teuton
Women's Ministries Coordinator	Mrs. Gaye Meyers
Church Secretary	Mrs. Shawnde Johnson
Nursery Supervisor	Mrs. Ellen Snyder
Children's Sunday School Superintendent	Mr. Dean Showalter

MISSION STATEMENT

Our purpose is to establish and build a church which is pleasing to God.

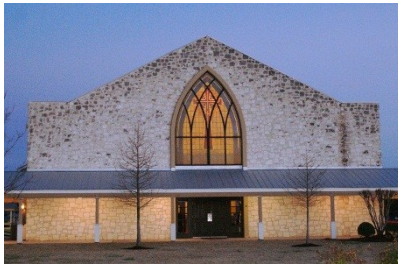
During that historic period known as ***The Reformation***, men of great courage and conviction set about to reform a church which had departed from many of the essential truths of orthodox Christianity. These truths are often referred to as the ***solas***.
The Latin phrases are:

SOLA SCRIPTURA or ***THE SCRIPTURE ALONE!***
SOLUS CHRISTUS or ***CHRIST ALONE!***
SOLA GRATIA or ***GRACE ALONE!***
SOLE FIDE or ***FAITH ALONE!***

and

SOLI DEO GLORIA or ***TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY!***

The banners declaring these important truths bear our testimony and affirmation that these truths are the pillars of biblical Christianity.



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