

Liturgy
Sunday, February 12, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

—based on Psalm 66:1-2, 4

Song of Adoration: Hymn #598- “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #11- “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

Song of Thanksgiving: Red Book #47- “The Goodness of Jesus”

Confession of Faith

Minister: Christians, what do you believe?

Congregation:

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made: of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

—Nicene Creed

Scripture Reading: Malachi 4:1-6

Confession of Sin

Minister: Our Lord Jesus said: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Congregation: As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

—based on Matthew 22:37-40

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

—based on Ezekiel 36:25-26

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Mr. Rick Moore, Ruling Elder

Song of Preparation: Hymn #605- “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Ed Veldhuizen, “John the Baptist Baptizes Jesus”

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-17; Luke 3:1-22

Outline:

- i) John Prepares the Way
 - (1) The Culture of the Greco/Roman World
 - (2) John the Prophet
- ii) Jesus is Baptized
 - (1) Official Beginning of Ministry
 - (2) Vicarious Ministry of Jesus:
 - (a) Servant Ministry
 - (b) Intercessor
 - (c) Suffering
 - (d) Death

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

—from Acts 20:35, NIV

Closing Song- Hymn #726- "Spirit of the Living God"

Benediction

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

Amen.

-Jude 24,25