



Fountain Square
Presbyterian Church

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Welcome

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

He will judge the people with righteousness
and defend the cause of the poor.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

The mystery of the ages is revealed;
the eternal plane of God is known to all.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us kneel down before him
to give him honor, glory, and praise.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us offer him
all the treasures of our hearts and our lives.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Song of Praise

"Father Long Before Creation"

Father long before creation,
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and his cov'nant,
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise his name.

God's compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing,
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us
That his only Son he gave.

Loving Father now before thee,
We will ever praise thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing,
'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb;

Giving glory, giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb.

words from a Chinese Hymn, translated Francis Jones; Andrew Osenga, 2005
The Velvet Eagle Sings (ascap); admin. by The Loving Company

Song of Praise

"How Vast the Benefits Divine"

How vast the benefits divine,
Which we in Christ possess!
We are redeemed from guilt and shame
And called to holiness.
But not for works which we have done
Or shall hereafter do,
Hath God decreed on sinful men
Salvation to bestow.

The glory, Lord, from first to last,
Is due to thee alone;
Aught to ourselves we dare not take
Or rob thee of thy crown.
Our glorious Surety undertook
To satisfy for man,
And grace was given us in him
Before the world began.

This is thy will, that in thy love,
We ever should abide;
That earth and hell should not prevail
To turn thy Word aside.
Not one of all the chosen race,
But shall to heav'n attain,
Partake on earth the purposed grace
And then with Jesus reign.

words Augustus M. Toplady, 1774; music Holly Dutton, 2002

Prayer of Confession

God, our heavenly Father,
You have reigned as King from eternity.
For You have a right to rule
that which you created and redeemed.

Yet, left to ourselves, we resist your rule.

Forgive our treasonous outbreaks of rebellion.

Grant us Your gift of repentance
that leads to life so that we might live
as joyful servants
of such a kind, merciful and generous King.

Subdue and restrain our wayward hearts.

Rule and defend us
so that we possess a simple, pure,
and undistracted devotion to You.

For we pray in the strong name of our Savior,
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Hope

Based on Romans 8:34

Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Christian, you are forgiven.

Amen!

Confession of Faith

**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.

Life as Worship

CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY PRAYER BOOKS. We will be following the Daily Prayer Project's prayer guide for Christmas and Epiphany through February 16. Books can be picked up on Sinsabaugh's front porch (1306 Pleasant Street). Email Carrie if you have any questions (carrie@fountainsquarepres.org).

YOUTH EVENTS. All youth programming is announced via Redeemer's Daily Digest and their Sunday morning emails. Please check your inbox from this morning from Redeemer for information on upcoming events. Contact Caroline with questions (caroline@redeemindy.org).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY. Men's Bible study meets Sunday evenings at 7pm via Zoom (Meeting ID: 469 444 059; Password: 056649). They are currently doing Tim Keller's study - Living in a Pluralistic Society: Judges, Daniel & Joseph. Contact Grant Thomas for more information (grantrileythomas@gmail.com).

COVID-19 RESPONSE. Our mercy team has put together a curated list of ways to serve each other and our community during this season. You can view the list online at [bit.ly/covid19-mercy]. Contact the mercy team with questions (mercy@fountainsquarepres.org).

NEW HOPE COUNSELING. Need an outlet to process everything? New Hope Counseling continues to be open to serve clients. They offer telecounseling via a secure provider on your computer, tablet, or mobile device. We all sense how disrupted life is right now. Need-based scholarships are available to Fountain Square Pres attendees. Email Intake Coordinator, Liz Escoffery at (counseling@newhopeindianapolis.org).

ONLINE GIVING. We can continue worshipping the Lord, entrusting back to him a portion of what He has provided by going online at [fountainsquarepres.org] and clicking "Give" in the upper right hand corner. Email Carrie if you have any questions (carrie@fountainsquarepres.org).

NEED SOMETHING? We all have needs and are in this together. We expect this season will press in uniquely upon all of us. If you need any kind of assistance to get through this season, please do not hesitate to email our mercy team (mercy@fountainsquarepres.org).

Prayers of the People

Song of Grace

“He Was Wounded”

**He was wounded for our transgressions,
He bore our sins in his body on the tree;
For our guilt, he gave us peace,
From our bondage gave release,
And with his stripes, and with his stripes,
And with his stripes, our souls are healed.**

**He was numbered among transgressors,
We did esteem him forsaken by his God;
As our sacrifice, he died,
That the law be satisfied,
And all our sin, and all our sin,
And all our sin was laid on him.**

**We had wandered, we all had wandered,
Far from the fold of “the Shepherd of the sheep”;
But he sought us where we were,
On the mountains bleak and bare,
And bro’t us home, and bro’t us home,
And bro’t us safely home to God.**

**Who can number his generation?
Who shall declare all the triumphs of his cross?
Millions, dead, now live again,
Myriads follow in his train!
Victorious Lord, victorious Lord,
Victorious Lord and coming King!**

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words Thomas O. Chisholm, 1920; music Joseph N. Partain, 1977

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10

¹ “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Pat Hickman

Connecting Prayer

Song of Response

“The Church’s One Foundation”

**The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word;
From heav’n, he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood, he bought her and,
For her life, he died.**

**Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope, she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder,
We see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.**

**Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.**

words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866; music: Brian Moss; Parson John Publishing, 1996

Benediction

New-ish here?

Welcome! We’re so glad you joined us today. We hope you’ll stay connected with us during this season. Please go to [<https://bit.ly/fspres-connect>] to complete our connection card and stay in touch. We send out two emails weekly with information on upcoming events, encouragements, and resources. Glad you are here.

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