

# *Christ the Shepherd, PCA*

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Welcome

Call to Worship & Invocation

\*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

Lord, With Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee (TH #80)

How Firm A Foundation (TH #94)

\*Confession of Faith – Nicene Creed (TH pg. 846)

\*New Testament Scripture – Psalm 27 (pg. 460)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

\*Worship through giving back to God

More About Jesus Would I Know (TH #538)

Sermon – When is the Darkest Hour?

Acts 9:1 – 19a (pg. 917)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Music for Meditation

The Old Rugged Cross

\*Closing Song – God Moves In A Mysterious Way (TH #128)

\*Announcements and Gloria Patri (TH #735)

\*Benediction

\*Please stand if able.

TH = Trinity Hymnal

B = Blue song book

## **Nicene Creed**

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-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living  
and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, Sin is my malady, my monster, my foe, my viper, born in my birth, alive in my life, strong in my character, dominating my faculties, following me as a shadow, intermingling with my every thought, my chain that holds me captive. Yet your compassions yearn over me, your heart hastens to my rescue, your love endured my curse, your mercy bore my justice. Let me walk in humility, bathed in your blood, tender of conscience, living in triumph as an heir of salvation through your blessed name. Amen.

## Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 7

20. Are all people then saved through Christ just as they were lost through Adam?

No. Only those are saved who through true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his benefits.

21. What is true faith?

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all the God has revealed to us in his Word; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit works in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation.

These gifts are purely of grace, only because of Christ's merit.

22. What then must a Christian believe?

All that is promised us in the gospel, a summary of which is taught us in the articles of our catholic and undoubted Christian faith.

23. What are these articles?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten 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 to heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.