



November 12, 2023

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

\*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

Come, Thou Almighty King (TH #101)

Amidst Our Beloved Stands (TH #427)

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

\*Old Testament Scripture – Micah 5:1 – 6 (pg. 778)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

\*Worship through giving back to God

How Shall the Young Direct Their Way? (TH #148)

Sermon – Jesus: Uniter or Divider?

John 7:40 – 52 (pg. 893)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Music for Meditation

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (TH #247)

\*Closing Song – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (TH #499)

\*Doxology (TH #731)

\*Benediction

## 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

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy name. Amen.

## Food for Thought

*“The malice of Christ’s enemies is always against reason, and sometimes the staying of it cannot be accounted for. Never any man spoke with that wisdom, and power, and grace, that convincing clearness, and that sweetness, wherewith Christ spoke. Alas, that many, who are for a time restrained, and who speak highly of the word of Jesus, speedily lose their convictions, and go on in their sins! People are foolishly swayed by outward motives in matters of eternal moment, are willing even to be damned for fashion’s sake. As the wisdom of God often chooses things which men despise, so the folly of men commonly despises those whom God has chosen. The Lord brings forward his weak and timid disciples, and sometimes uses them to defeat the designs of his enemies.”*

— Matthew Henry