



January 21, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (TH #53)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (TH #521)

*Confession of Faith – Nicene Creed

*Old Testament Scripture – Exodus 20:1-17 (pg. 61)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

*Worship through giving back to God

That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God (TH #558)

Sermon – The Light of the World

John 8:12 – 20 (pg. 894)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Music for Meditation

Hark! The Voice of Love and Mercy (TH #259)

*Closing Song – The Light of the World is Jesus (TH #476)

*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

Our Savior, help us. We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and too weak to climb; we are in the foothills when we should be on the heights; we are pained by our graceless hearts, our prayerless days, our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race, our sullied consciences, our wasted hours, our unspent opportunities. We are blind while the light shines around us. Take the scales from our eyes and grind to dust our hearts of unbelief. Make it our highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast, appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things but refuse. We believe – help our unbelief. Amen.

Food for Thought

“This is the darkness into which Jesus came as a light. Darkness consists of *a lack of knowledge*: ignorance, folly, and superstition; it has a *moral dimension*: evil and fear; it is *experiential*: bondage, misery, and death; and it is *judicial*: judgment and wrath. What is true of the dark world is also true of every life apart from the shining light of Jesus' gospel.

Any sober and honest history of the world will show this principle to be true. But just as those who spend time in the dark acquire night vision, we have become nocturnal creatures — we have come to think that ignorance, evil, misery, and condemnation are not so bad. But the Bible gives us day vision and shows that ours is a dark planet in need of light.”

— Richard D. Phillips, John: Reformed Expository Commentary