CHRIST the SHEPHERD PCA

April 14, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

Not All the Blood of Beasts (TH #242)

When All Your Mercies, O My God (TH #56)

*Confession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

*Old Testament Scripture – Exodus 21:1 – 19 (pg. 62)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

*Worship through giving back to God

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (TH #184)

Sermon – Christ the Shepherd, Part 2:
The Shepherd and the Pretenders

John 10:10 – 21 (pg. 896)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Music for Meditation

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (TH #247)

*Closing Song – Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (TH #599)

*Gloria Patri (TH #735)

*Benediction

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated 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.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are the substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Food for Thought

"By Christ came grace, truth, and eternal life. Important as this doctrine is, it requires to be fenced with one word of caution. We must not overstrain the meaning of our Lord Jesus Christ's words. We must not suppose that eternal life was a thing entirely unknown until Christ came, or that the Old Testament saints were in utter darkness about the world to come. The way of life by faith in a Savior was a way well known to Abraham and Moses and David. A Redeemer and a Sacrifice was the hope of all God's children from Abel down to John the Baptist; but their vision of these things was necessarily imperfect. They saw them afar off, and not distinctly. They saw them in outline only, and not completely. It was the coming of Christ which made all things plain and caused the shadows to pass away. Life and immortality were brought into full light by the Gospel. In short, to use our Lord's own words, even those who had life had it 'more abundantly' when Christ came into the world."

— J.C. Ryle, Expository Thoughts on the Gospel of John