CHRIST the SHEPHERD PCA

April 7, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (TH #85)

Hallelujah! Thine the Glory (TH #179)

*Confession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

*Old Testament Scripture – I Samuel 17:32 – 37 (pg. 240)

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 – Christ the Shepherd, Part 1: Christ and His Flock

John 10:1 – 11 (pg. 896)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Music for Meditation

What Wondrous Love Is This (TH #261)

*Closing Song – All the Way My Savior Leads Me (TH #605)

*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

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Food for Thought

"I have tried to teach my children the things I was taught, like how to "know sheep," being able to recognize who they belong to, and to weigh up their quality in a few seconds. They understand the style and character of our flock and the others around us, and they also have sheep of their own. Molly lost her eldest ewe two winters ago. And, because she worked for me at lambing time, I let her choose a young ewe as a replacement when a hundred or more sheep were in the barn. They would have looked identical to most people. A few minutes later she shoes the best one and dropped a cool teenage smile at me on the way out of the shed. She knew it was the best, and one I had hoped not to give away, but the loss was lessened because I was proud that she was knowledgeable enough to pick it. Not many shepherds would have chosen so well."

— James Rebanks, Pastoral Song