CHRIST the SHEPHERD PCA

June 2, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer Creator (TH #97)

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus (TH #176)

*Confession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

*Old Testament Scripture – Isaiah 40:1 – 8 (pg. 599)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

*Worship through giving back to God

Holy Bible, Book Divine (TH #137)

Sermon – The Reaction of Faith vs. The Reaction of Unbelief

John 11:45 – 57 (pg. 898)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Music for Meditation

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (TH #257)

*Closing Song – Are You Weary, Are You Languid? (TH #477)

*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

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven. We have tried to heal ourselves. Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ, we have tried to work off our guilt. We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins. When this did not work, we quickly turned to denial and distraction. Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have tried to change through our own efforts. We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower. This has left some of us arrogant. This has left most of us anxious and depressed. Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves. Forgive us for neglecting your grace. Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Food for Thought

"We must never wonder if we see abounding unbelief in our own times and around our own homes. It may seem at first unexplainable to us how men cannot see the truth which seems so clear to ourselves and do not receive the Gospel which appears so worthy of acceptance. But the plain truth is that man's unbelief is a far more deeply seated disease than it is generally reckoned. It is proof against the logic of facts, against reasoning, against argument, against moral persuasion. Nothing can melt it down but the grace of God. If we ourselves believe, we can never be too thankful. But we must never count it a strange thing if we see many of our fellows just as hardened and unbelieving as the [people in this passage]."

—J.C. Ryle, commenting on John 11:46-50