CHRIST the SHEPHERD PCA

July 7, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

All Creatures of Our God and King (TH #115)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (TH #30)

*Confession of Faith – Nicene Creed

*Old Testament Scripture – Isaiah 52:13 – 15

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

*Worship through giving back to God

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood (TH #253)

Sermon – Believe in the Light

John 12:27 – 36

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Music for Meditation

Man of Sorrows! What a Name (TH #246)

*Closing Song – Crown Him with Many Crowns (TH #295)

*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

To enrich me will not diminish your fullness, Lord God; all your lovingkindness is in your Son. I bring him to you in the arms of faith. I urge his saving name as the one who died for me. I plead his blood to pay for my debts of wrong. Accept his worthiness for my unworthiness, his sinlessness for my transgression, his purity for my uncleanness, his sincerity for my guile, his truth for my deceits, his meekness for my pride, his constancy for my backsliding, his love for my enmity, his fullness for my emptiness, his glory for my shame, his devotion for my waywardness, his holy life for my unchaste ways, his righteousness for my dead works, his death for my life. Amen.

Food for Thought

"What is keeping you and me from Jesus? Chances are we know exactly what it is: some material desire, like a new house or car; some hurt we refuse to forgive; some sin that needs to be confessed and forgiven. We can stubbornly hold on, like the rich young man who encountered Jesus, and spend the rest of our lives 'going away sad'. Or we can make that final decision: Nothing will stand between us and Jesus. We might have to ask some friends to carry us to find the help we need to find Him.... We must ask for the faith to be healed of whatever it is that's paralyzing us. Make the decision now that nothing will separate you from His love whether it is something as flimsy as a dollar bill or as hard as a tile roof."

—Michael Card, Immanuel: Reflections on the Life of Christ [Commenting on the incident where the paralytic's friends broke through a roof to lower their friend to where Jesus was inside].