CHRIST the SHEPHERD PCA

December 29, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

O Come All Ye Faithful (#208)

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (#216)

*Confession of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

*Old Testament Scripture – Isaiah 40:1 – 5

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

*Worship through giving back to God

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (#198)

Sermon – Celebrate the Senior Saints!

Luke 2:22 – 42

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Widow and Orphan Offering

*Closing Song

Comfort, Comfort My People (#197)

*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

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

“But now a new King was born, and with his birth the angels pronounced peace on earth -- peace like the Hebrew **shalom**: total peace for the whole person. This meant peace with God, first of all. Until we have peace with God, we cannot have any true peace at all. Our sins cry out against us and we are afraid to die, because deep down we know that we deserve judgment. But Jesus came to give us peace with God by paying the penalty that our sins deserve. The Bible says that in Christ, God was 'making peace by the blood of his cross' (Col. 1:20).”

— Philip Graham Ryken, Reformed Expository Commentary: Luke