



Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day — January 28, 2007
Covenant Renewal Service

Preparation for Worship: Psalm 113

Prelude: "It is Well" arr. Hayes

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 149:1, 4

Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** #165 "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

†**Invocation**

Psalm 113:3-4

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,

People: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Pastor: The Lord is high above all the nations,

People: His glory above the heavens.

Pastor: Let us pray.

†**God's Greeting**

2 Corinthians 1:2

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

†**Response** (*in song*) "Thy Strong Word"

Tune: Ebenezer

God the Father, Light-creator,

To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light of Light begotten,

Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light revealer,

Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever

Praise the Holy Trinity!

The Law of God

From Psalm 50

Pastor: The Psalmist declares, "Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people." The word of God reveals our sin and the judgment we deserve. Let us therefore humble ourselves before God and confess our sins to Him.

Confession of Sin (*in unison*)

People: Gracious heavenly Father, I have heard Your word and am grieved by my sinfulness. I do not love and serve You as I should.

Instead I seek after gods of my own making and ignore Your

covenant with me. I do not honor and revere Your name, but instead abuse it. I also disregard Your word and do not always listen and learn it. For these and all my sins, I ask for grace and pardon.

Declaration of Forgiveness

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Do you believe that Jesus Christ, by His perfect life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection, has atoned for your sins and satisfied the wrath of God toward you?

People: We do.

Pastor: In the name of Christ and by the authority of His Word I declare to you that your sins are forgiven and you are not under the condemnation of God. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Exhortation Romans 12:3-8

Pastor: Having received God's mercy and forgiveness, and having been delivered from all evil, let us receive instruction from God's Word so that we may live in thankfulness to Him. [Reading]

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

†**Hymn of Assurance** #695 "By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven"

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Fred Weber

Gospel Reading John 6:37-40

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Text Reading Philippians 1:1-11

Pastor Dan Millward

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "God Finishes What He Starts"

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offering

Prayers of Intercession (followed by the Lord's Prayer)

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

All who are communicant members in good standing in any evangelical Christian church, or those who have been approved by the Session, may participate in the Lord's Supper. (Note about Communion wine: the outer rings contain wine; the inner rings contain non-alcoholic wine.)

Affirmation of Faith 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;
and 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your power. You formed us in Your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve You. Out of Your love for us, You sent Your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (*in song*)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of His glory,

The whole earth is full of His glory,

The whole earth is full of His glory.

Holy is the Lord.

Words of Institution & Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymn #657 “In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee”

Prayer after Communion (*in unison*)

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge the great mystery and blessing of this holy feast. Instead of wrath, we have received Your pardon; in the place of fear we have been given hope. Our High Priest and Mediator of the New Covenant has reconciled us to You and even now intercedes for us at Your right hand. Please strengthen us by these gifts so that, relying only on Your promise to save sinners who call on Your name, we may, by Your Spirit, honor You with our souls and bodies, to the honor and glory of Your holy name. Amen.

†**Closing Hymn** #463 “A Debtor to Mercy Alone”

†**Benediction**

†**Benediction Response** “Three-fold Amen”

Serving Today

Elder: Fred Weber

Piano: Connie Van Til

Sound Board: Kyle Peterson

Announcements

After Today's Service...

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment followed by Pastor Millward's continued teaching on today's sermon text/topic.

Next Sunday (January 28)

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on Philippians 1:12-20.

Hymns: #295 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

#243 "Praise the Savior Now and Ever"

#482 "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

#369 "Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns"

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Make a time this week for preparation and prayer.

Sunday, January 28 - A quarterly **benevolence offering** will be received during the worship service. Also, a **congregational meeting** will be held immediately after the morning worship service, with a **Potluck Luncheon** following the meeting.

Points to Ponder

On the Benefits of Catechisms

In our day and age, the idea of using a catechism (a series of questions and answers that teach the basic beliefs of the Christian faith) is certainly not popular. Many consider the entire idea of catechesis (oral instruction via a catechism) to be out-dated and archaic. But for all the venom directed at the use of catechisms, the modern replacement methods have failed to produce any meaningful results. The deplorable state of the Christian church provides ample proof of this. Unlike years gone by when children and adults were catechized in basic beliefs of Christianity, many believers--and even many pastors--have an incredibly shallow understanding of theology and the Bible. This is very sad. To be sure, catechisms are not some “secret tool” that will suddenly or magically reverse the condition of ignorance among Christians, but there are a great many benefits in the use of a catechism. Some examples are:

1. Catechisms provide an organized, easy-to-remember format for memorizing and teaching the great truths of Scripture.
2. Catechisms help to promote a “big picture” understanding of how the various parts of the Bible fit together.
3. Catechisms allow us to learn (indirectly, of course) from some of the greatest theologians that God has given the church and to benefit from their mature understanding.
4. Catechisms are “time-tested” and have been approved by a vast community of God's people throughout history.
5. Catechisms help guard against doctrinal impurity by providing an objective standard for measuring and comparing one's understanding of Scripture.
6. Catechisms provide a unique “link with the past” as we confess (agree) together with the saints who have gone before us regarding the truths expressed in the catechism.

These are just a few of the many benefits of using a catechism for instruction in the biblical faith.

And in case you're wondering, the word *catechism* comes from the Greek word *κατηχέω* (katecheo, pronounced cat-ay-KEH-oh) which means “to instruct orally” or “to teach by word of mouth.” In other words, a catechism is simply a means of teaching or instructing.

—David Peterson

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Scripture Readings for this Week

Our Scripture readings are taken from the Daily Lectionary. It provides for reading twice through the New Testament and once through the Old Testament during a two-year cycle. The readings also reflect the seasons of the liturgical year.

Sun.	Psalm 67	Isaiah 47:1-15	Hebrews 10:19-31	John 5:2-18
Mon.	Psalm 57	Isaiah 48:1-11	Galatians 1:1-17	Mark 5:21-43
Tue.	Psalm 54	Isaiah 48:12-22	Galatians 1:18-2:10	Mark 6:1-13
Wed.	Psalm 65	Isaiah 49:1-12	Galatians 2:11-21	Mark 6:13-29
Thu.	Psalm 143	Isaiah 49:13-26	Galatians 3:1-14	Mark 6:30-46
Fri.	Psalm 88	Isaiah 50:1-11	Galatians 3:15-22	Mark 6:47-5
Sat.	Psalm 122	Isaiah 51:1-8	Galatians 3:23-29	Mark 7:1-23

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