

Morning Worship

THE PRELUDE

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SILENT MEDITATION AND PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

* THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 168 – *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

* THE INVOCATION

* THE CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM #60, 62-64

Leader: How are you righteous before God?

People: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ: that is, although my conscience accuses me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them, and am still prone always to all evil; yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor had any sins, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me; if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.

Leader: But why cannot our good works be the whole or part of our righteousness before God?

People: Because the righteousness which can stand before the judgment seat of God must be perfect throughout and entirely conformable to the divine law, but even our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin.

Leader: Do our good works merit nothing, even though it is God's will to reward them in this life and in that which is to come?

People: The reward comes not of merit, but of grace.

Leader: But does not this doctrine make men careless and profane?

People: No, for it is impossible that those who are implanted into Christ by true faith, should not bring forth fruits of thankfulness.

* THE HYMN NO. 521 – *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE – **EXODUS 13**

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Sanctify to Me every firstborn, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me." ³ Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you went out from Egypt, from the house of slavery; for by a powerful hand the LORD brought you out from this place. And nothing leavened shall be eaten." ⁴ "On this day in the month of Abib, you are about to go forth." ⁵ "It shall be when the LORD brings you to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall observe this rite in this month." ⁶ "For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD." ⁷ "Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and nothing leavened shall be seen among you, nor shall any leaven be seen among you in all your borders." ⁸ "You shall tell your son on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'" ⁹ "And it shall serve as a sign to you on your hand, and as a reminder on your forehead, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth; for with a powerful hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt." ¹⁰ "Therefore, you shall keep this ordinance at its appointed time from year to year." ¹¹ "Now when the LORD brings you to the land of the Canaanite, as He swore to you and to your fathers, and gives it to you," ¹² you shall devote to the LORD the first offspring of every womb, and the first offspring of every beast that you own; the males belong to the LORD. ¹³ "But every first offspring of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck; and every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem." ¹⁴ "And it shall be when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' then you shall say to him, 'With a powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.'" ¹⁵ "It came about, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore, I sacrifice to the LORD the males, the first offspring of every womb, but every firstborn of my sons I redeem." ¹⁶ "So it shall serve as a sign on your hand and as phylacteries on your forehead, for with a powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt." ¹⁷ Now when Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, even though it was near; for God said, "The people might change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt." ¹⁸ Hence God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea; and the sons of Israel went up in martial array from the land of Egypt. ¹⁹ Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones from here with you." ²⁰ Then they set out from Succoth and camped in Etham on the edge of the wilderness. ²¹ The LORD was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. ²² He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

* THE HYMN – *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

* THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING NO. 87 – *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (Psalm 23)*

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE – **MARK 16**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. ² Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³ They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large. ⁵ Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. ⁶ And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him." ⁷ "But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.'" ⁸ They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

[⁹ Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and reported to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping. ¹¹ When they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they refused to believe it. ¹² After that, He appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking along on their way to the country. ¹³ They went away and reported it to the others, but they did not believe them either. ¹⁴ Afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at the table; and He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen. ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." ¹⁶ "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned." ¹⁷ "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." ¹⁹ So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.] [And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]

THE SERMON – **"SCRIPTURE AND THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST"**

* THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 181 – *We Come, O Christ to You*

* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – *The Doxology*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;

*praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* THE BENEDICTION

* THE POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing, If Able

Evening Worship

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

* THE HYMN NO. 92 – *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

* THE INVOCATION

* THE CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Solas of the Reformation

We believe that the holy Scriptures alone are the sole inherently authoritative norm for faith and practice. All tradition must yield to the authority of the Bible. We embrace the whole counsel of God as it is revealed in the entirety of sacred Scripture.

We believe that salvation comes through Christ alone. All that He has done in His perfect life of obedience, death on the cross, bodily resurrection from the grave, and session at the right hand of the Father is sufficient for our salvation, for there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus.

We believe that salvation is by faith alone. We are right before our heavenly Father only through saving faith, which He has worked in us. Our good works can never merit right standing before God.

We believe that salvation is by grace alone – God's unmerited favor toward and power in the lives of His people.

We believe that all things are to the glory of God alone.

THE PSALM – *Psalms 98*

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE – **ROMANS 3:21-4:25**

THE EVENING PRAYER

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

THE SERMON

* THE HYMN NO. 196 – *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE COMMUNION WITH OUR LORD JESUS AND HIS PEOPLE

* THE HYMN NO. 295 – *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – *The Gloria Patri* (No. 735)

* THE BENEDICTION

* THE POSTLUDE

Announcements

· The nursery workers today are: Spickard (SS); Hadlock (MW); Davis (EW).
The nursery workers next Sunday are: McCall (SS); Cunningham (MW); K. Ferris (EW).

· Next Sunday, **November 6th**, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Please prepare for this covenant meal yourselves as Paul directs in I Cor. 11:17-34. Immediately following the worship service, we will have our first Sunday of the month church wide fellowship meal.

· Inquirers Class continues on Wednesdays at the Meeting House from 6-8:00 PM. Caleb, Darryl and Brad are teaching. This class is required for membership for those who are coming from a non-PCA background, and encouraged for all new members. Nursery will be provided.

· Ladies, don't forget the baby shower coming up this **Saturday, November 5th**, from 2-4:00 PM. PLEASE NOTE: THE LOCATION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO ELIZABETH CANGELOSI'S HOME (1370 Rachel Lane, Cookeville, TN 38501). This shower is in honor of Alissa Hodge (boy baby), Mandy Walker (girl baby), and Sally Winningham (girl baby).

· Men's Retreat will be **November 11th-12th** at Cedar Lake Camp. Sign-up forms are on the Greeters' Table. Deadline to sign up is November 6th.

· Youth Group will be going to Nashville Rescue Mission on **November 12th**. We will depart from the school at 2 PM and return home around 8 PM.

· A Graceful Holiday Sale (Fundraiser for the Grace Presbyterian Church Building Program)—**December 3rd** at Algood Elementary School cafeteria from 9 AM—5 PM. Please reserve table by November 20th. See Adele Seitzinger or Deborah Robson for more details.

THE LORD'S DAY

October 30, 2011

As You Enter Silently, Use These Words to Prepare Your Heart for Worship:

“Unless you first of all grasp what your relationship to God is, and the nature of his judgment concerning you, you have neither a foundation on which to establish your salvation nor one on which to build piety toward God.”

-- John Calvin, *Institutes*, III.xi.1

“Although I am a sinner by the law and under condemnation of the law, yet I despair not, because Christ lives, who is both my righteousness and my everlasting life. In that righteousness and life I have no sin, no fear, no sting of conscience, no care of death. I am indeed a sinner as touching this present life, and the righteousness thereof, as a child of Adam. But I have another righteousness and life, above this life, which is Christ the Son of God, who knows no sin, no death, but is righteousness and life eternal; by whom this my body, being dead and brought to dust, shall be raised up again, and delivered from the bondage of the law and sin, and shall be sanctified together with my spirit.”

-- Martin Luther, from the introduction to his *Commentary on Galatians*

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