



*The life of the church mirrors the gospel pattern in the life of a disciple. This is demonstrated in our **order of worship** (the bulletin you are holding): Opening moments offer recognition of the greatness and goodness of God that naturally folds into confession, assurance of pardon, songs of thanksgiving, instruction, and a charge to serve God in response to His grace in Christ.*



In reality, the incarnation was but the prelude to the atonement, an absolutely indispensable prelude because only *this man*, in our place, could expiate sin and propitiate God. But His enfleshment was not itself propitiation. He became flesh only in order to give His life as a ransom, and there could be no “*Tetelestai!*” till that life was given. He could make peace only by the blood of His cross. The union of the two natures, divine and human, in the person of Christ was indeed intimate beyond imagining; even so, it was not a reconciling union. The critical relationship, so far as the atonement was concerned, is not that between the two natures in the one person of Christ, but the personal relationship between the Father and the Son, incarnate as the last Adam, and bearing the world’s sin. It is by His obedience, not by the constitution of His person, that the many are put right with God; and that obedience must reach its climax in the cross.

Donald Macleod, *Christ Crucified*

Order of Worship

December 27, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship



*We believe everyone **worships** something and that we will inevitably imitate and serve what we worship.*



To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

To us a Child of hope is born, to us a Son is giv'n,
Him shall the tribes of earth obey, Him all the hosts of heav'n;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey, Him all the hosts of heav'n.

His Name shall be the Prince of Peace, for evermore adored,
The Wonderful, the Counselor, the great and mighty Lord;
The Wonderful, the Counselor, the great and mighty Lord.

His pow'r, increasing, still shall spread, His reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard His throne above, and peace abound below;
Justice shall guard His throne above, and peace abound below.

To us a Child of hope is born, to us a Son is giv'n,
The Wonderful, the Counselor, the mighty Lord of heav'n;
The Wonderful, the Counselor, the mighty Lord of heav'n.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment



*The **gospel moment** is a time we use to re-mind people of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

By His obedience we are justified, and by His death are reconciled to God. As we apprehend this we are ready to confess our sin.



*Since we understand that we are redeemed sinners, we agree with God about our sin to the end that we might be confirmed in the forgiveness and absolution we have in Christ. This pattern of **confession** makes way for affirmation and confirmation of God's covenant promise that He assures every believer of pardon for the sake of Christ's obedience and substitution.*





For assurance of pardon, the man who has faith is the man who is no longer looking at himself and no longer looking to himself. He looks entirely to the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work, and rests on that alone". –Martyn Lloyd-Jones



The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by our pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed to love, neglected justice and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

A Shield About Me

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory; You're the lifter of my head.

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, You're the lifter of my head.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, You're the lifter of my head.

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory; You're the lifter of my head.

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.



*Now that we
have
reenacted
the story of
the gospel
as a church
community.*

*We now
**experience
the renewal**
merited for
us by Jesus
Christ. We
express this
renewal in
our singing
praises to
Jesus for
His great
mercy
towards us.*





Jesus, our
shepherd,
prays with us
and for us. We
pray the
pastoral
prayer
expecting the
Holy Spirit to
minister Jesus'
benefits to us
as He prays for
us.



I'm Justified

Most Holy Judge I stood before You guilty,
When You sent Jesus to the cross for my sin.
There Your love was revealed, Your justice vindicated;
One sacrifice has paid the cost for all who trust in Jesus. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Now I'm justified, You declare me righteous;
Justified by the blood of the Lamb.
Justified freely by Your mercy, by faith I stand and I'm justified.

I come to You and I can call You Father,
There is no fear, there is no shame before You.
For by Your gift of grace, now I am one of Your children;
An heir with those who bear Your name and share the hope of glory.

(chorus x2)

By faith I stand and I'm justified.

Pastoral Prayer

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Special
"A Christ Hymn" Colossians 1:15-20
Theme: *The Supremacy of Christ*

Introduction:

- I. Christ and creation (vv. 15-16)

- II. Christ and providence (v. 17)

- III. Christ and the church (v. 18)

- IV. Christ and God (v. 19)

- V. Christ and the future (v. 20)

Conclusion:



*Since Jesus Christ
has committed
Himself to us in the
laying down of His
precious life, we are
reminded of this in
the preaching of the
Word and likewise
called to a daily,
deepening
commitment to
follow after Him.*



Song of Response



Receiving of tithes and offerings is not an "add on" to the service. It is part of worship. We demonstrate our trust in God's present provision and hope in our future with Him by supporting the spread of the Gospel. You will find baskets for your tithes at the rear of the sanctuary.



Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Earth and heav'n before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath oped the heav'nly door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

(Please note: the white tops are wine and bread, the purple tops are juice and bread; there is also gluten free bread available)



The **Benediction** is a pronouncement of God's favor upon His assembled people.



Benediction

