Taking the Message Home

Today's message, "To Live is Christ" is taken from Philippians I:19-26. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG)

- Where does Paul's confidence come from in this passage?
- In your own words, what does, "to live is Christ and die is gain" mean?
- Who do you know that best exhibits what "to live is Christ" looks like?
- Take an honest look at yourself. What area(s) of your life are not being lived with Christ at the center? What steps do you need to take to change that? What help do you need in making such steps?
- Paul longed to depart from this earth and be with Christ. Can you honestly say that you see death as gain? What fears do you have about death? What assurances does God give you in the gospel to face those fears?

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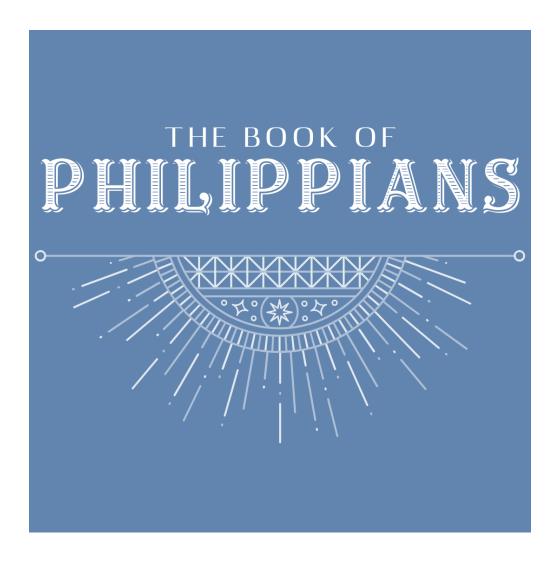
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Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal Sixth Sunday in Epiphany
16 February 2020

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

Introit—O Splendor of God's Glory Bright, Vs I



Call to Worship—from Psalm 33:1, 4-5, 8-9, 18-22

Pastor: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

All: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Pastor: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

All: Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Pastor: For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,

on those who hope in his steadfast love,

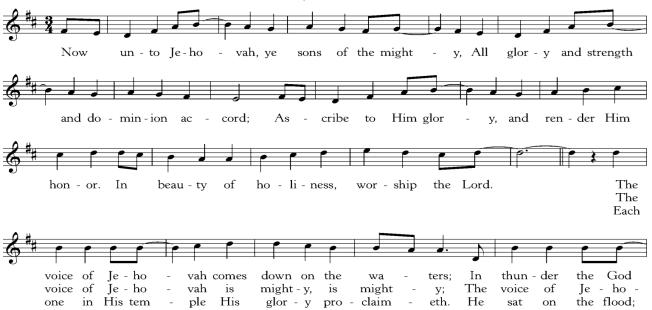
All: that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Pastor: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

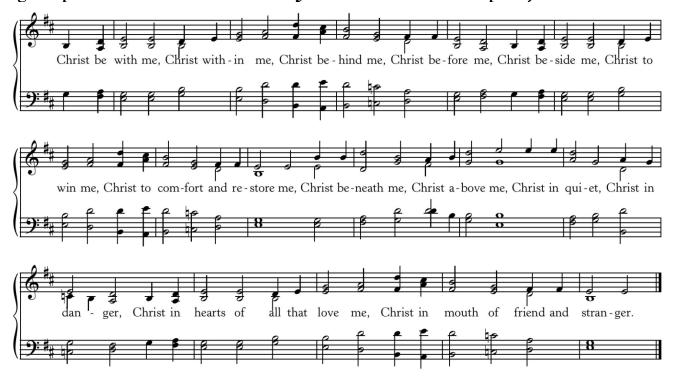
All: For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Pastor: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Hymn of Praise—Psalm 29: Now Unto Jehovah



Sung Response—Christ Be With Me (from St. Patrick's Breastplate)



Text: Atomriug indui niurt tren, St. Patrick, 372-466, Trans by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95; Music: St. Patrick Clonmacnoise, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

Prayer Focus—David Carrera is a church planter and senior pastor of Beth Sar Shalom Reformed Church (BSSRC) in Shelbyville, TN that serves the hispanic community in the area. BSSRC recently moved into a new location which is allowing additional ministries to be added to its ministry to include the production of a local Spanish radio program using the teaching materials of Dr. R. C. Sproul, John McArthur, Ravi Zacharias, and many Spanish reformed theologians. We have created an online radio called "Belén la Radio." It will be used to share the Gospel to all of Latin America and the world, but our main goal is to provide discipleship to our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

- Pray for David's marriage and children; for their spiritual health and strength.
- Pray for our online radio ministry: "Belén la Radio"
- Pray for support spiritually and financially for this radio ministry
- Pray for BSSRC, for growth in faith, love and knowledge of the Lord and to be a strong witness of His grace.
- Pray for the local ministry; for great opportunities to serve and discernment to be involved with the ones that honor the Lord.
- Pray for David's international ministry; He is involved in teaching pastors the doctrines of grace in countries where that teaching is not available. He will be traveling to Ecuador, Guatemala, and Mexico.
- Pray for David's continued involvement in producing Reformed Christian teaching in Spanish.
- Pray that God will provide for all of our needs as a church and ministry.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

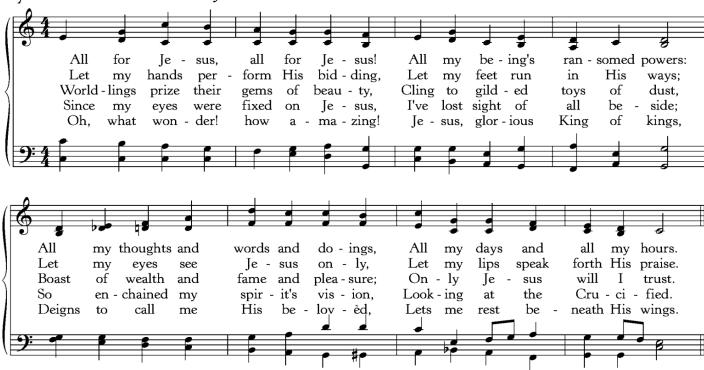
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise—All For Jesus



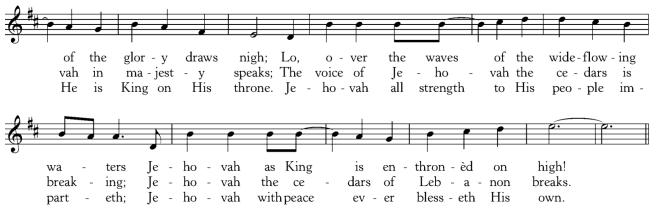
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GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



Text: Verse 1, The Psalter, 1912, Verses 2-4, Book of Psalms, 1871; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2009. Used by permission.

Hymn of Praise—Wonderful, Merciful Savior



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New Testament Reading—Galatians 2:19-21

¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Response—Search Me, O God



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Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 103:8-14, 17-18

Pastor: O Lord, we come to you confessing. You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You will not always chide, nor will You keep Your anger forever.

Do not repay us according to our sins, nor repay according to our iniquities.

Pastor: As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is Your steadfast love to those who fear You.

Remove our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west. All:

Hymn of Communion—We Will Feast



God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.





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Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children,

O Lord, show Your compassion to those who fear You.

All: For You know our frame, You remember that we are dust.

Pastor: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Colossians I:II-I4

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hymn of Praise—Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts



Text: St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153, Tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-87; Music: Folk Melody

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Introduction of New Members Second Service

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Philippians I:19-26

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—Press on Toward the Goal: A Study of Philippians, Part 4

To Live is Christ

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth, Vs I



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Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven

and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We 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.

* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Sung Response—Gloria



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