

MAY 21, 2023

Morning Order of Worship

Prelude

Announcements: Pastor Zach Siggins

Silent Preparation for Worship

Greeting

God's Call to Worship: Psalm 98:4-6

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

Psalm: #98A [see insert]

Prayer for God's Blessing

Hymn: #402 *Christ Is Made a Sure Foundation*

Confession of Faith: (in unison): The 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 worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
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.

Scripture Reading: John 17 (Bible p.903)

Prayer of Confession: (in unison) From *Liturgical Forms and Prayers of the United Reformed Churches in North America*.

Our Father, we are sinful, and You are holy. We recognize that we have heard in Your law difficult words, knowing how often we have offended You in thought, word, and deed, not only by obvious violations, but by failing to conform to its perfect commands, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Apart from Christ, there is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope; for where we thought we were well, we are sick in soul. Where we thought we were holy, we are in truth unholy and ungrateful. Our hearts are filled with the love of the world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against You, in whose image they were created.

Our Father, although You are a holy God, who cannot look upon sin, look upon Christ our Savior and forgive us for His sake. You have promised us that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. For if we do sin, we have an Advocate before Your throne, Jesus Christ the Righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins. Give us Your pardon by Your mercies, dear Father, for You have clothed us in Christ's righteousness. We ask also that You would give us an increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may learn the wisdom of Your ways and walk in Your holy paths, for Your glory and the good of our neighbor. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hymn: #404 *The Church's One Foundation*

Prayer for God's People

Offering

Sermon: Pastor Zach Siggins

Text: Acts 11:19-30 (Bible p.920)

Title: A Healthy Church

Hymn: *We Are God's People* [see insert]

God's Blessing

Evening Order of Worship

Prelude

Announcements: Zach Siggins

Silent Preparation for Worship

Greeting

God's Call to Worship: Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm: #118A *O Thank the Lord for All His Goodness* (v.1,6-8)

Prayer for God's Blessing

Psalm: #136 *O Thank the Lord, for He Is Good*

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:1-25 (Bible p.1006)

Prayer of Confession: (in unison) *The Book of Common Worship*, 1993.

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 9:24-26

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Psalm: #32A *What Blessedness Belongs to Him*

Prayer Requests and Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Zach Siggins

Text: Ezra 3 (Bible p.390)

Title: The Place of Worship in Your Priorities

Hymn: #277 *Before the Throne of God Above*

The Lord's Supper

Psalm: #133A *How Excellent a Thing It Is*

God's Blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 21

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Coffee & Conversation 10 a.m.

Morning Worship Service 11:15 a.m.
Pastor Zach Siggins

Join us for snacks after the Morning Worship Service

Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.
Lord's Supper
Pastor Zach Siggins

Serving Today

Ushers: AM: Josh Currie & Matt Swann
PM: Darlene Burkett

Sound: AM: Franklin Ha & Jacob Lim
PM: Tyler McDonald & Juhan Song

Morning Nursery: Amanda Hanko & Sonja Hanko

Snack: Darlene Burkett & Lois Sorkness

Offering Counters: Nathan Hanko & David Burkett

Lord's Supper Prep: Caroline Master

Morning Cleanup: Janet Birkmann & Ben Tyson

Evening Closeup: Franklin Ha

This Week

Wednesday

6 p.m. Ambler/Wyndmoor Small Group @ the church
North Wales Small Group cancelled

Thursday

7:45 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study @ Siggins home

Friday

8 p.m. Men's Fire @ Siggins home

Saturday

4 p.m. Memorial Weekend picnic @ Siggins home

Today is the last Sunday School classes and Coffee and Conversation.

Small Groups

The Wyndmoor/Ambler small group will meet this Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the church. This meeting will be the last one for the season. For more information contact Tom Sorkness tjsorkness@gmail.com

The North Wales small group is cancelled this week. Meetings online will resume next Wednesday. For more information contact George Cottenden gcottenden@verizon.net

New members are always welcome.

Women's Bible Study

This week the Evening Bible Study group will meet at 7:45 p.m. at the Siggins home.

Bridal Shower

On Friday, June 2 from 5-7p.m. at the Siggins home. This is a dinner in honor of bride-to-be Sara Meilahn. Please RSVP at this link:

<https://www.punchbowl.com/parties/148bb34e24c232e30628>

Summer Picnics

Are you interested in hosting a summer picnic this year? There are three dates still available:

Saturday, June 17

Saturday, July 8

Saturday, September 2

Hosts may choose to grill burgers and hot dogs or host a potluck picnic, as well as have people bring drinks, etc. Rectangular tables are available to borrow from the church. The church will supply all the paper products.

George L. Albany
Janet Birkmann
Sutton & Cheryl Bogedain

Upcoming events

June 2: Shower for Sara Meilahn

June 3: Craft Night

June 11: Annual Meeting

June 24: Zachary Herbster's ordination service

Next Lord's Day (May 28)

Morning Worship Service 11:15 a.m.

Pastor Zach Siggins

Join us for snacks after the Morning Worship Service

Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.

Pastor Zach Siggins

Serving Next Lord's Day

Ushers: AM: George & Barbara Cottenden

PM: Linda Finlayson

Sound: AM: Zachary Herbster & Nathan Hanko

PM: Pete Sorkness

Morning Nursery: Vanessa Prontnicki & Sandra Siggins

Snack: Linda Finlayson & Matt Swann

Offering Counters: Sarah McDonald & David Burkett

Morning Cleanup: David & Ludin Hanko

Evening Closeup: Tom Sorkness

Prayer List

Praying through the directory. This week please pray for the following:

Brianna Zera

George Albany

Memorial Weekend Picnic Saturday, May 27th Siggins home @ 4 p.m.

Please sign-up on the sheet on the back table if you would like to attend. Please indicate if you are able to contribute a food item.