

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do) Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is) Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.*

Does the Father truly love us? (He does) Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom, and priests to God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?
He is, He is, He is, He is, He is worthy! He is worthy of all blessing and honor and glory!
Is He worthy of this? He is.*

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easter dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth, proclaiming the good news of our risen Lord.

All: We will go forth in the power of our risen Lord, sharing the hope of the gospel to a world in need of the Savior's love.

benediction

announcements | Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries (9am);
Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries, (11am)

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For events, please sign up through the QR codes or on the APC website!

Key Equipping is not meeting tonight in light of Easter Sunday, but will resume next week.

Men's Breakfast on Saturday, April 22 from 8-9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Men and high school aged boys of APC—join us for fellowship over breakfast from Chick-fil-A. Our speaker, Scott Erdelatz, will share lessons from the life of Daniel.

Register today for the APC All-Church Retreat! Mark your calendars and plan to join us May 5-7, 2023 at the beautiful NorthBay, in North East, MD. This will be a wonderful weekend of making memories as a church family over meals together, worship, games, and fun for all ages.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 19th to 23rd for children who are rising kindergarteners through 5th grade! Nursery will be available for children of volunteers. Save the date for a VBS interest meeting between worship services on April 23.

Newcomer Fellowship Dinner on Saturday, May 20, 6-8pm at APC. If you've been attending APC for one week or several months, please join us for food and fellowship. You'll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here.

The next Inquirers Class is June 2 and 3. If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. It's also a great opportunity to meet other newcomers to the church, as well as pastors and staff! Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church.

SIMULCAST OPPORTUNITIES

We love families and are so glad you are here! If you need to leave the Sanctuary for any reason, a simulcast is available in Room 112 on the Main Level. We also have speakers in the Lobby, so you will be able to see and hear the service from there. The Nursing Mothers Room is downstairs in Room 009, and also has a simulcast. To find Room 009, please go down the stairs by the elevator and turn left at the bottom of the stairs. Room 009 is off the downstairs Lobby.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week's Coffee Set Up: Allison Bolling, Andrea Romyn, Justin Stephens
Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Kari Adams, Jacquie Prather, Rebecca Schad

Nursery

This Week's 9am Service: Gus and Woodrow Coombs, Erin Furgerson, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Aaron McCauley, Christian Poole, Angel Tinev
This Week's 11am Service: Didier Balagizi, John Connelly, Juliet Edem, Bailey Rolland, Stacey Stephens
Next Week's 9am Service: Rob, Laura, Emily, and Elyse Coit, Laura Erickson, Tom Petelik, Margaret Veenstra, Traci Youngquist
Next Week's 11am Service: Mark Adams, Cindy Cai, Rick and Sara Eppright, Tom Mood, Staci Root

Children's Church

This Week's 9am Service: Nathan and Lisa Fleischaker
This Week's 11am Service: Erin Furgerson

A/V Team

This Week's Service: Lee Huntington, Megan Malone, Collin White

Ushers

9am Service: Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Brian Field, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Jon Osborne
11am Service: Christian and Connor Brittle, Mike Mazek, Rick Eppright, Vynn Huh

Deacons on Duty

Adam Barr, Angel Tinev

KEY EQUIPPING

During our Key Equipping time on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm, ministries are designed to equip all ages, from toddlers to seniors, to be disciples. A disciple is a follower and worshiper of Jesus. This is a life-long process of learning how to become more like our Lord.

Covenant Kids Ministry: Children 2 years old - 5th grade, Lower Level (Nursery for 1 & under) We welcome children to learn foundational truths about God and the Gospel story. We experience what it looks like to love God and love others in community with our worship, small groups, teaching, games, fellowship, and dinner!

PROTAS Youth Ministry: Teens 6th-12th grade, Upper Level

Connect each week in community with your peers — the schedule includes games, worship, small group discussions, a short devotion at a teen level, and dinner.

Adult Classes (Begin April 23)

Topical—"God's Glory in Missions", Led by Elder Rob Fisher. "Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exist because worship doesn't."—John Piper. Many of us have heard this quoted before. In this study of missions using Piper's book, *Let the Nations be Glad! The Supremacy of God in Missions*, we will explore and seek to be transformed by God's zeal for His own Glory as it is expressed in bringing people from every tribe, nation and tongue to extol His greatness. The cost of the book is \$13.99, and scholarships are available.

Foundational—"How to Read the Bible", Led by Pastor Josh Diack. The task of reading and understanding the Bible has and continues to be met with strong headwinds. The headwinds, rather than discouraging us, show us the value of the task—to know and study the Bible faithfully and dependently, and in so doing to "taste and see" Christ clothed in its pages.

Book of the Bible—"Ezra—Rebuilding the Temple and Recognizing God's Voice in the Midst of Hardship, Opposition, and Disappointment", Led by Elder Bryant Street. This class will look at the return of the Jewish exiles from Babylon in its historical context and in the context of prophesy by Daniel, Haggai, and Zechariah.

CORPORATE PRAYER IN 2023

Every Sunday, 8:15am—Main Level Adult Education Room

Second Saturday of the month, 9am—Main Level Adult Education Room

Third Saturday of the month, 11am—Main Level Adult Education Room

APC Visitor Form



Men's Breakfast



Give to APC



Inquirers Class



Retreat Registration



Newcomer Dinner



Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary. Silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

Please see a greeter or usher for assistance.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP prelude

bagpipe processional | *Dorothy Taft*

easter acclamation | *Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries*

(Please stand and read responsively.)

Leader: Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

gathering song

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today *(Trinity Hymnal #277)*

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia! sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!

raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia! death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia! where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia! made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia! ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! Alleluia! Praise to Thee by both be giv’n; Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!

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call to worship | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Revelation 21:5-6

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.”

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choral anthem | *Children’s Choir*

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Now we sing a joyful song. Jesus reigns in highest heaven, sing this song the whole day long.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Hear our voices as we sing: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia to our King.

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song of praise

Glorious Christ

The radiance of the Father before the dawn of time
You spoke and all creation came to be
The molecules and planets reveal Your great design
And every one was made so we could see—so we could see

*You are the glorious Christ, the greatest of all delights
Your power is unequalled, Your love beyond all heights
No greater sacrifice than when You laid down Your life
We join the song of angels who praise You day and night—Glorious Christ*

You left the air of heaven to breathe the dust of earth
And dwell among the outcast and the poor
You came to be forsaken and died to take our curse
So You could be our joy forevermore—forevermore

You’re seated now in heaven, enthroned at God’s right hand
You’ve shattered death and freed us from our fears
And though we cannot see You, You’re coming back again
And all will be made right when You appear
And all will be made right when You appear

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | *Vell and Carmen Rives (9am); Gary and Kathy McGee (11am)*

John 20:1-18

The Resurrection

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.

¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

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confession of faith

Please stand and read responsively from the Heidelberg Catechism, Question #45.

Question: How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

Answer: First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He might make us share in the righteousness He won for us by His death. Second, by His power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ’s resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

song of praise

The Power of the Cross

O to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath—We stand forgiven at the cross.*

O to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; “Finished!” the vict’ry cry.

O to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow’r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.

What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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congregational prayer

offertory prayer | *Elder Chris Weld (9am); Serenity Novak, Worship Assistant (11am)*

presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory | *Adult Choir*

Coronation

Crown Him—the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace.

Crown Him—the One Who died and rose again to live forevermore.

Crown Him—the Bread of Life, High and holy Priest, Bright and Morning Star.

He holds the keys of death; He holds the keys of hell; He is ruler of the kings of earth.

Crown Him—behold your King.

See Him coming with the clouds; every eye shall see Him Whom they have pierced.

See Him, Who is the first and is the last, Alpha and Omega.

He is the Living One; He Who is and was and Who is to come.

He has loved us unto death; He has freed us by His blood; He is the mighty Son of God.

Crown Him—behold your King.

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sermon scripture reading

Acts 2:22-41

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’”
³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

prayer for illumination

sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“Witnesses of the Resurrection”