



CHRIST
CHURCH
OF ARLINGTON

Gathered Worship
September 1st, 2024

God Welcomes Us

* Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-7, 19-22

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

ALL: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

ALL: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Leader: Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

ALL: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

* Prayer of Invocation

* Song of Praise.

Fairest Lord Jesus

* Please stand (if possible)

God Restores Us

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

* Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-13

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

ALL: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

ALL: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

* Song of Adoration

Psalm 103

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A #37

Leader: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

ALL: The souls of believers are at their deaths made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Prayer

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

God Nourishes Us

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (p. 818-819)

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

ALL: but the Word of our God will stand forever.

Song of Preparation/Dedication

The Church's One Foundation

Sermon

"Fresh Perspectives, Renewed Hope"

Revelation 20:1-10 (p. 1040)

Rev. Billy Boyce

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Humble Access for Holy Communion

ALL: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O Merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy even as to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose eternal nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, that by faith in your dear son, Jesus Christ, our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, so that we evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Presentation of Communion Elements

Minister: Behold! The gifts of God for the people of God! Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Minister: When we eat this meal we are reminded that we are not our own,

ALL: But together belong to Christ, and in Christ belong to one another.

Minister: The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

ALL: And we who are many are one in Him! *(partake of the bread together)*

Minister: The cup that we drink is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

ALL: And we who are many are one in Him! *(partake of the cup together)*

* Doxology

The Old Hundredth

* Benediction

Sermon Notes

1. On Life

2. On Death

3. On the End

Announcements

*CCA Scripture Reading - Week of Sep. 1st
Mark 1-4; Psalm 1*

Kids Ministry

As our fall Sunday School term approaches, we are still in need of volunteers for teachers and classroom aides. Please join us for an informational lunch after Sunday School on September 8 for all teachers, substitute teachers, and anyone interested in serving. We will be going over some important information and policies.

For more info, contact our Kids Ministry Director, Tacye Clarke.

Session Meeting

The next stated meeting of CCA's Session will be this Wednesday, September 4th, from 7:30-9PM. Please notify Pastor Billy if you'd like to attend as a guest.

Men's Discipleship and Leadership Development

Our next monthly men's discipleship and leadership training meeting will be next Sunday, September 8th, from 6-8PM at the CCA Chapel. Please contact Pastor Billy for discussion materials or to RSVP.

Women's Bible Studies

Monday morning and Tuesday evening women's Bible studies will resume September 9 and 10. Contact Melynda to join a group.

PathForward Service Project: Sunday, September 22nd

Please join us after Sunday School to pack meals for our local ministry partner, PathForward. Contact John Faber for more details.

Clarendon Day

CCA will have a booth at Clarendon Day (Saturday, September 28th, 11AM-5PM), our local community's annual street fair. If you're interested in serving on the planning team, please contact Melynda. A volunteer signup will open soon.

September Potluck

Mark your calendar for our next all-church potluck on Sunday, September 29th.

Welcome to CCA!

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Our prayer is that you encounter God's glory and grace, and experience his great love for you in Christ.

We look forward to getting to know you and hearing about your journey of faith. Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service.

Worshipping with Kids:

- All children are welcome to stay with their parents throughout the whole service.
- The nursery is available for infants and toddlers (through age 3).
- Kids' worship activity bags and kids' bulletins are available if interested.

Celebrating Communion:

- We celebrate the Lord's Supper (or Communion) every week at CCA.
- We welcome all baptized Christians – those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel – to receive Communion with us.
- If this does not currently describe you, we invite you to participate in spirit by considering the things you see and hear in worship, including God's love for sinners as portrayed in this meal. You can use the "Prayers for Communion" provided in the pews to guide you. Please use these prayers to help you pray and experience God's grace, as we believe that the Lord Jesus does not want anyone to leave the celebration of his Table empty-handed.
- For parents: to receive communion, a child must have been baptized and formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong.
- If you have any questions about whether you should participate in the Lord's Supper, please talk with one of our church leaders.
- Our communion bread is gluten-free, and we offer both wine and juice. Wine is in the outer ring; juice is in the inner ring.

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