



# **Christ Church of Arlington**

Gathered Worship

November 19, 2023

## God Welcomes Us

\* Call to Worship

*Psalm 27:1-6*

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**ALL: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

Leader: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**ALL: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**ALL: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

\* Prayer of Invocation

\* Song of Praise

*Let Your Kingdom Come*

## God Restores Us

Song of Confession

*O Great God*

Silent Confession of Sin

\* *Please stand (if possible)*

\* Assurance of Forgiveness

*Titus 3:4-7*

Leader: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,

**ALL: not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

\* Song of Adoration

*O Great God*

Confession of Faith

*The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A #1*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**ALL: That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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

*Isaiah 60:10-15 (p. 620)*

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

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

\* Song of Preparation

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

Sermon

"A Secure Church"  
*Revelation 3:7-13 (pp. 1029-1030)*  
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

\* Benediction

## **Sermon Notes**

1. Am I secure?

2. How can I endure?

## **Announcements**

### **Fall Sunday School Classes**

Our fall Sunday School term will conclude today, 11:30-12:30. Starting next Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School classes will be on break for Advent then start up again in January. Please be sure to thank our faithful teachers and assistants for their service to our children!

### **Women's Ministry**

Women's Bible Studies on Nehemiah will not be meeting this coming week. The next meetings will be on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Also, save the date for a CCA Women Christmas gathering on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>! For more info, please reach out to Melynda.

### **2023 Turkey Trot**

The annual Arlington Turkey Trot will take place this Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you'd still like to register or volunteer, please use the link provided in our Friday Flocknote, or visit the Turkey Trot website: [arlingtonvaturkeytrot.org](http://arlingtonvaturkeytrot.org).

### **Advent Greening**

Please join us for our annual "greening" of the church building, after worship next Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Georgia Cylke.

### **Men's Fellowship**

Our next men's fellowship will be on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, location TBA. Please reach out to Pastor Jimmy for more details.

### **OrthodoXology**

OrthodoXology will have its next meeting on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, at the Langborgh home. Please RSVP to Eric if you'd like to attend.

### **Neighborhood Caroling**

Mark your calendars for an early evening of neighborhood caroling in Lyon Park. We'll be gathering at the church building on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. For more information, please contact Pastor Jimmy.

## **Welcome to CCA!**

We hope you find rich fellowship with God and with his people this morning. As you enter worship, we'd like to make you aware of a few things:

### For All Visitors:

- After the service, please join us for coffee and doughnuts.

### For Those with Kids:

- Children of all ages are welcome to stay with their parents throughout the whole service.
- The nursery is available for infants and toddlers (through age 3).

### About 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. If you have any questions about whether you should participate in the Lord's Supper, please talk with our Pastor or one of our elders.
- 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.
- 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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