



Christ Church of Arlington

Gathered Worship

February 11, 2024

God Welcomes Us

* Call to Worship

Psalm 149:1, 2, 4

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

ALL: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. Praise the LORD!

* Prayer of Invocation

* Song of Praise

The Church's One Foundation (We Go to All the World)

God Restores Us

Prayer of Confession

ALL: God of all ages, who from generation to generation has heard the cries of your children humbly seeking forgiveness, and has welcomed sinners back into your embrace, hear the thoughts of our hearts, examine our motives, and forgive us our faults. We ask this through your Son who died and rose for us and for our salvation. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

* *Please stand (if possible)*

* Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 44:21-23

Leader: Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

ALL: Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.

* Song of Adoration

To God Be the Glory

God Nourishes Us

Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:1-17 (pp. 1031-1032)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Church: Numbered, Beyond Number"

Rev. Billy Boyce

New Member Reception and Baptism

Leader: Christians, in whom do you believe?

ALL: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will 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.

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.

[†] *Catholic in this sense means "universal, across all nations and cultures."*

The Installation of Church Officers

Explanation of Installation

Questions for Installation

1. *Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?*
2. *Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of the Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourselves out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?*
3. *Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?*
4. *Do you accept the offices of ruling elder and deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you officers?*
5. *Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?*
6. *Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?*

Question to the Congregation

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elder and deacon, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their offices, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitle them?

Laying on of Hands and Prayer

Charge to the Officers

Charge to the Congregation

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

Announcements

Sunday School Spring Term

Sunday School for all ages continues today, 11:30-12:30. We offer the following classes for children:

- Preschool (ages 3 and 4)** - Location: Garden Room (downstairs)
- Early Elementary (grades K-3)** - Location: Fireside Room (downstairs)
- Late Elementary (grades 4-6)** - Location: Narnia Room (in tower)
- Middle School (grades 7-8)** - Location: Teen Lounge (upstairs)
- Girls' High School** - Location: Bethany Room (downstairs)
- Boys' High School** - Location: Coffee Shop (meet in narthex)

Questions? Contact our Kids Ministry Director, Tacye Clarke.

Book Discussion Group

Please join us tonight at 4PM, as we gather at Sandy Langley's home in Vienna to discuss George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. RSVP to Sandy.

Women's Bible Studies

Our next Monday Women's Bible Study on the book of Acts will be on February 12th at 10AM at Christ Church. The next Tuesday Women's Bible Study will be on February 13th at 7:30PM at Madison Laton's home. Contact Melynda for more details and a study guide.

Men's Discipleship and Leadership Development

Our next men's discipleship and leadership training meeting will be on Sunday, March 3rd, 6-8PM in the CCA Chapel. Meetings are open to all men interested in spiritual growth. Please see one of the pastors for discussion materials.

Save the Date: Women's Weekend

Mark your calendars for a women's weekend, April 12-13. We will enjoy Friday night fellowship, with prayer, small group discussion, and time together in Scripture on Saturday morning in the CCA Chapel. Registration opens soon!
Contact Melynda for more information.

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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