

The Church and Her King

When God raised Christ from the dead, he made him to sit at his right hand of glory, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion. He put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church (Ephesians 1:19-23). Christ is therefore rightly called King of the church. He is her authoritative Ruler.

This is not the government that is his by virtue of his eternal Sonship; it is one with which he was invested to accomplish God's purpose of grace. Christ rules in the hearts and lives of his people, bringing them unto repentance and faith, and perfecting holiness in them until they are fit for the glory that is to be their inheritance. And he protects his church against all that would harm her, causing all things to work together for her good.

He rules in his church by his Word and by his Spirit. By his Word he instructs, guides, corrects, warns, encourages, comforts, reassures. By his Spirit he installs understanding, submission, godly fear, faith, hope, joy, peace. By his Word and Spirit he will also gather his people out of the dust of the grave and establish them forever in their eternal reward. Christ governs the life of the church through offices of his own creation. Determining their functions and limiting their powers, he employs them as his ministers to declare his will and enforce his laws by spiritual discipline.

Christ alone is Head of the church, and he alone can be her rightful King. There is no room in the church for popes, dictators, or domineering souls in the grip of the spirit of self-will. The kings of the earth lord it over their subjects. But in the church it must never be so. Rather he that would be great must be the servant of all.

*And he put all things
under his feet and
gave him as head
over all things to the
church, which is his
body, the fullness of
him who fills all in
all.*

Ephesians 1:22-23

We extend a cordial welcome to each visitor! We would like to keep in touch with you. Please use the QR code to tell us about yourself.



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MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 166

“Wondrous King, All-Glorious”

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 47

“God the Lord Is King”

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S ASSURANCE

The Law of God

Matthew 22:37-40

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

O most great, most just and gracious God; thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but thou hast promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in him. We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused thy holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first thy kingdom. We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In thy Son is our salvation, in thy promises our hope.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 351 *“Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand”*

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

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THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 181

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

Sermon Text

Isaiah 46:1-7, pew Bible p. 607

Sermon

COMPARING GODS

*Hymn of Response # 455

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord)

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*The Lord's Benediction

Announcements

Today, 12:30pm A potluck luncheon will be held in the church. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 7:30pm. Weekly Bible Study at the church or via Zoom. We are studying the book of Deuteronomy. Our Bible study at the church begins with dinner at 7:00pm, followed by a time of study at 7:30pm. For information on attending the study via Zoom, please send an email to Pastor Wayne at wforkner86@mac.com.