

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Lord's Day

Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	<i>Praise the Lord of Lords</i> - Williams <i>Ancient of Days</i> - Hughes	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	1 Timothy 1:12a, 17 (Responsive)	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino Lisa Dreibelbis
Opening Hymn	30: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson:	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-18	Shirley Long
The Response:	Psalm 80:7-14 (Responsive)	Shirley Long / Lisa Dreibelbis
The New Testament Lesson:	Philippians 3:4b-14	Shirley Long
Worship in Giving	Psalm 76:11	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Prayer Hymn	439: Prayer Is The Soul's Sincere Desire (verse 1 only)	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Praise & Worship	This Kingdom / You Are God Alone	Congregation
Sermon	Excellence in Exile, Part 9: <i>The Ancient of Days and Future Days</i> (Daniel 7:1-28)	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Closing Hymn	39: O God, Our Help in Ages Past	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Postlude	Sinfonia Handel / Williams	Pat Shroff

Organist	Pat Shroff	Hospital Visitor This Week:	Faye Hipkiss, 717-813-4638
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Hymn Leader, Vocalist	Maureen Logan
Flutist	Shirley Long	Children's Church	Sonya Valentino
Trumpeter, Pianist	Sonya Valentino	Greeters	Francy & Bob Lindenmuth
Trumpeter, Pianist	Marcy Garman	Office Administrator	Maureen Logan
Trumpeter	Melanie Leedom	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Lector	Shirley Long	Video Technician	Andrew Valentino
Responder	Lisa Dreibelbis	Visitation Minister	Patricia Strain
		Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 30

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small,
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - eth Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee! A - men.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 ST. DENIO
 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh hymn melody 11.11.11.11

Call to Worship: **1 Timothy 1:12a, 17**

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord,
who has given me strength.

¹⁷ **Now to the King eternal, immortal,
invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: **Daniel 7:9-10, 13-18**

⁹“As I looked,
“thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.
His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.
¹⁰A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.
Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The court was seated,
and the books were opened.

¹³“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.
¹⁴He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

¹⁵“I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. ¹⁶I approached one of those standing there and asked him the meaning of all this.
“So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: ¹⁷“The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth. ¹⁸But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever.”

The Response: **Psalm 80:7-14**

⁷Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.
**⁸You transplanted a vine from Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.**
⁹You cleared the ground for it,
and it took root and filled the land.
**¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.**
¹¹Its branches reached as far as the Sea,
its shoots as far as the River.
**¹²Why have you broken down its walls
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?**
¹³Boars from the forest ravage it,
and insects from the fields feed on it.
**¹⁴Return to us, God Almighty!
Look down from heaven and see!
Watch over this vine.**

The New Testament Lesson: **Philippians 3:4b-14**

^{4b} If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the

power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Worship in Giving: **Psalm 76:11**

¹¹ Make vows to the LORD your God and fulfill them; let all the neighboring lands bring gifts to the One to be feared.

439 Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

1. Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire, Un - ut - tered or ex - pressed; The
mo - tion of a hid - den fire That trem - bles in the breast. A - men.

WORDS: James Montgomery, 1818
MUSIC: Traditional American melody; arr. Robert G. McCutchan, 1935

CAMPMEETING
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This Kingdom

Jesus, God's righteousness revealed.
The Son of Man, the Son of God
His kingdom comes.
Jesus, redemption's sacrifice,
Now glorified, now justified,
His kingdom comes.

CHORUS

*And this kingdom will know no end,
And its glory shall know no bounds,
For the majesty and power
Of this kingdom's King has come.
And this kingdom's reign,
And this kingdom's rule,
And this kingdom's power and authority,
Jesus, God's righteousness revealed.*

Jesus, expression of God's love.
The Grace of God,
The Word of God revealed to us.
Jesus, God's holiness displayed,
Now glorified, now justified,
His kingdom comes.

REPEAT CHORUS 2X

Jesus, God's righteousness revealed.

You are God Alone

VERSE 1 (2X)

You're not a God created by human hands
You're not a God dependent on any mortal man
You're not a God in need of
Anything we can give
By Your plan, that's just the way it is

CHORUS

*You are God alone, from before time began
You were on Your throne, You are God alone.
And right now, in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone.*

You're unchangeable
You're unshakable
You're unstoppable
That's who you are

VERSE 2

You're the only God whose power none can contend
You're the only God whose name and
Praise will never end
You're the only God who's worthy
Of everything we can give
You are God, that's just the way it is

REPEAT CHORUS 1X

You're unchangeable
You're unshakable
You're unstoppable
That's who you are

REPEAT CHORUS 2X

39 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Still may we dwell se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
5. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home!
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night, Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal home! A-men.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719; based on Psalm 90
MUSIC: William Croft, 1708

ST. ANNE
C.M.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH! October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

Please take the time to give or send a card or note to Pastor Tim and Sonya, thanking them for all they do throughout the year. There is an envelope in your box of offering envelopes if you wish to make a monetary contribution. Let's show our pastor and his wife how much we appreciate their leadership and shepherding here at Christ Community Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday: MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.

Sundays: SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages @ 9:00 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP in Dech Chapel @ 10:30 a.m.

Monday, October 9: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING
7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

Thursday, October 12 & 26: WOMEN OF FAITH
@ 7:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge

UPDATE: MEN OF ADVENTURE will not meet on October 12,
but will meet on **Thursday, November 9** @ 7:00 p.m. at the Keller home.

Sunday, October 15: CHURCH DINNER @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons.
Please sign up to bring food.

Saturday, October 28: TRUNK OR TREAT • Candy donations are greatly appreciated to help out those who are decorating their cars for Trunk or Treat. There is a box in the lobby for you donations. All candy must be wrapped. Sugar free, peanut free and gluten free items are also needed. • Let us know if you will be decorating a car by signing the sheet in the narthex.

Saturday, November 26: MYERSTOWN HOLIDAY PARADE

The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs: • canned vegetables
• canned fruits • crackers (Saltines and other types of boxed crackers) • cookies
• cereal • regular items—basically anything will help fill their shelves.

Prayer Requests: If you have any prayer requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at pastortim@christcomm.church or (484) 269-4313.

PLEASE NOTE: Ruth Turner's new (and only)
phone number is 717-926-1543