

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **VERSE BY VERSE** - Wednesday

We invite you to join us for our weekly inductive Bible study, Verse By Verse, every Wednesday night at 6 PM, here at CCWC. Attendees are welcome to arrive early with their dinner at 5 PM to eat and fellowship with others. Childcare is provided.

## **ACADEMY: NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW (PART 1)** - January 19 - April 13

Our next Academy class will offer a survey of the books and themes of the New Testament, with part 1 of the course beginning on January 19 and concluding on April 13. It will meet downstairs on Sundays from 8:40 AM - 9:40 AM. Childcare will be available. To sign up, please use the sign up sheet at the connection center or contact Isaac Whitney at isaac@christchurchwc.org.

## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** - January 19 - April 13

Our three-part membership class will be offered on Sunday mornings from January 19 to April 13 downstairs, from 8:40 AM to 9:40 AM. Classes may be attended in any order, but all must be attended before prospective members can proceed through the application process. Childcare is available.

## **EVENING SERVICE** - March 9

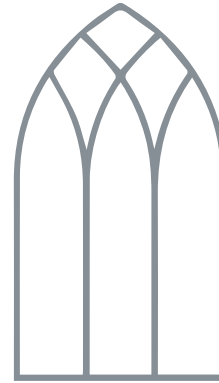
Please make plans to join us tonight for our next evening service on March 9, at 5 PM. In addition to corporate worship and prayer, Pastor Tim Garber will be preaching from Philippians 3:12-16. Childcare will be provided.

## **SUNDAY NIGHT THEOLOGY** - March 30

Our upcoming SNT lecture will take place on March 30, at 5 PM., here at Christ Church West Chester. Esther Liu, faculty member at the Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation in Glenside, PA, will deliver a lecture on the content of her book on shame. This lecture will seek to not only comfort those struggling with shame, but will also equip those walking alongside loved ones experiencing its effects. Childcare will be provided during the lecture. For more information on Sunday Night Theology, please visit our website.

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**CHRIST  
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Service of Divine worship on the morning of  
**MARCH 2, 2025**

PREPARATION SONG  
*Entered The Holy Place Above*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Psalm 100:1-5

PRAYER OF ADORATION  
*Holy, Holy, Holy  
Only A Holy God*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE  
*And Can It Be?*

SCRIPTURE READING  
Zechariah 6:9-15  
*Jesus, My Great High Priest*

CONFSSIONAL READING  
The New Hampshire Confession of Faith: Article 9; God's Purpose of Grace

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING  
Hebrews 9:1-28

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
*Doxology  
Arise, My Soul, Arise*

SERMON  
John 17:6-19

*Before The Throne Of God Above*

BENEDICTION  
Hebrews 10:19-22

PREACHER: DR. RAYMOND JOHNSON  
PRESIDING MINISTER: MAXWELL WILLIS

## BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

### **VERSE 1**

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands; My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

### **VERSE 2**

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

### **VERSE 3**

I bow before the cross of Christ and marvel at this love divine:  
God's perfect son was sacrificed to make me righteous in God's eyes  
This river's depths I cannot know, but I can glory in its flood  
The Lord most high has bowed down low  
And poured on me his glorious love  
And poured on me his glorious love

### **VERSE 4**

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb: my perfect, spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace  
One in Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

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# SERMON NOTES

## **SAFE AND SET APART: THE LORD'S PRAYER**

JOHN 17:6-19 | DR. RAYMOND JOHNSON

# ENTERED THE HOLY PLACE ABOVE

### **VERSE 1**

Entered the holy place above  
Covered with meritorious scars  
The tokens of his dying love  
Our great high-priest in glory bears  
He pleads his passion on the tree  
He shows himself to God for me

### **VERSE 2**

Before the throne my Savior stands  
My friend and advocate appears  
My name is graven on his hands  
And him the Father always hears  
While low at Jesus's cross I bow  
He hears the blood of sprinkling now

### **VERSE 3**

This instant now I may receive  
The answer of his powerful prayer  
This instant now by him I live  
His prevalence with God declare  
And soon my spirit in his hands  
Shall stand where my forerunner stands

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# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

## **VERSE 1**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## **VERSE 2**

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

## **VERSE 3**

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

## **VERSE 4**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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# ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

## **VERSE 1**

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

## **VERSE 2**

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

## **VERSE 3**

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

## **VERSE 4**

The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One;  
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son.  
His Spirit answers to the blood,  
His Spirit answers to the blood,  
And tells me I am born of God.

## **VERSE 5**

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

### **HEBREWS 9:1-28 (ESV)**

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen

## ONLY A HOLY GOD

### **VERSE 1**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God

### **VERSE 2**

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God

### **CHORUS**

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only!  
Cry out! Sing holy! Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

### **VERSE 3**

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God

### **VERSE 4**

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God  
Only my Holy God

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## CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

### **PSALM 51:7-12 (ESV)**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

### **1 JOHN 1:9-2:2 (ESV)**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation. But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

### **HEBREWS 9:1-28 (ESV)**

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## CONFESSIONAL READING

We believe election is the eternal purpose of God according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners. Election is perfectly consistent with human free agency and includes all the means necessary to achieve God's purpose. It is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, which is infinitely free, wise, holy, and unchangeable. Election completely rules out boasting and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and the active imitation of his free mercy. It encourages the greatest possible exercise of human responsibility. The election of individuals to life may be confirmed by its effects in everyone who truly believes the gospel. Election is the foundation of Christian assurance, and confirming our election deserves our greatest diligence.

*(II Tim. 1:8-9; Eph. 1:3-14; I Peter 1:1-2; Rom. 11:5-6; John 15:16; I John 4:19; II Thess. 2:13-14; Acts 13:48; John 10:16; Matt. 20:16; Acts 15:14; Ex. 33:18-19; Matt. 20:15; Eph. 1:11; Rom. 9:23-24; Jer. 31:3; Rom. 11:28-29; James 1:17-18; II Tim. 1:9; Rom. 11:32-36; I Cor. 1:26-31; Rom. 3:27; Rom. 4:16; Col. 3:12; I Cor. 3:5-7; I Cor. 15:10; I Peter 5:10; Acts 1:24; I Thess. 2:13; I Peter 2:9; Luke 18:7; John 15:16; I Thess. 2:12; II Tim. 2:10; I Cor. 9:22; Rom. 8:28-30; John 6:37-40; I Thess 1:4-10; Isa. 42:16; Rom. 11:29; II Peter 1:10-11; Phil. 3:12; Heb. 6:11)*

### **THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFESSION OF FAITH: ARTICLE 9; GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE (Adapted; 1833)**

## AND CAN IT BE?

### **VERSE 1**

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

### **REFRAIN**

Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

### **VERSE 2**

He left His Father's throne above—  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Humbled Himself—so great His love—  
And bled for all His chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me.

### **VERSE 3**

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

### **VERSE 4**

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne  
And claim the crown through Christ my own.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

And the word of the Lord came to me: "Take from the exiles Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who have arrived from Babylon, and go the same day to the house of Josiah, the son of Zephaniah. Take from them silver and gold, and make a crown, and set it on the head of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest. And say to him, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord. It is he who shall build the temple of the Lord and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne. And there shall be a priest on his throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.'" And the crown shall be in the temple of the Lord as a reminder to Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah. "And those who are far off shall come and help to build the temple of the Lord. And you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. And this shall come to pass, if you will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God."

### **ZECHARIAH 6:9-15 (ESV)**

## JESUS, MY GREAT HIGH PRIEST

### **VERSE 1**

Jesus, my great High Priest,  
Offered his blood and died;  
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.  
His pow'ful blood did once atone,  
And now it pleads before the throne.

### **VERSE 2**

To this dear Surety's hand  
Will I commit my cause;  
He answers and fulfills his Father's broken laws  
Behold my soul at freedom set;  
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

### **VERSE 3**

My Advocate appears  
For my defense on high;  
The Father bows his ears and lays his thunder by.  
Not all that hell or sin can say  
Shall turn his heart, his love, away.

### **VERSE 4**

Should all the hosts of death  
And pow'rs of hell unknown  
Put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on,  
I shall be safe, for Christ displays  
His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace.

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