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WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

What is the Assurance of Forgiveness?

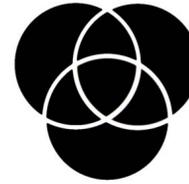
After we humble ourselves during the time of confession, the Lord then lifts our heads and forgives us. The pastor calls us to rise. He proclaims the gospel (“good news”) clearly and directly: that Jesus Christ has died for us and been resurrected for us, to pay the penalty for our sin and to secure for us eternal life.

The pastor then declares that all who trust in Jesus have indeed been forgiven of their sins. He often invokes God’s Triune name (“Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”), which reminds us of our baptism, the sign and seal of the cleansing we have in Jesus (Acts 2:38, 22:16). Each week, during the assurance of forgiveness, we return to that baptismal promise: we are clothed with Christ and forgiven in Him (Gal. 3:27).

The pastor does not have special power in himself to remit sins, but he has been ordained to speak God’s Word to God’s people and to proclaim the Gospel (Matt. 18:18; John 20:23). Only God can forgive our sins against Him. But God chooses to speak that forgiveness through ordained ministers who serve as his representatives. The minister’s word is God’s Word to us, in so far as he is simply proclaiming what the Scriptures teach.

Of course Christians can confess their sins to God and receive his forgiveness at any time throughout the week. Jesus, our Great High Priest, continually intercedes for us at the Father’s right hand (Rom. 8:34). But it comforts our souls to actually hear those words of forgiveness proclaimed boldly and authoritatively by the man called to speak God’s Word to us. It reminds us that the forgiveness of sins is not just something in our heads, but a true Word from Christ himself—true despite the various doubts and fears within us, true because it is based on the finished work of Christ on the cross.

Having received this gloriously good news, we respond with a bold: “Amen!” God has dealt with our sin and brought us rest and peace. He has prepared us to draw nearer to Him in the next major portion of our service, the Ascension.



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 27th, 2022

The First Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jeremiah 23:5-6

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-5

†Congregational Singing

“The Advent of Our King”

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Behold, the Lord comes to save us.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

†Collect

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

“The Lord is My Salvation”

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 66:16-20

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Merciful God, we confess we have not prepared the way for your Son’s Advent. We ignore what you have done, neglect what you are doing, and forget what you will do. Make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await our coming King; that when He shall appear, He may not find us sleeping in sin but active in His service and joyful in His praise; we ask this through Him whose

coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord
Jesus Christ. Amen!

†Assurance of Forgiveness
†Congregational Singing

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Esther 7:1-10; 8:7-8, 15-17
Epistle Reading Romans 8:31-39
†Gospel Reading Matthew 7:7-14
†Profession of Faith The Colossian Hymn
Sermon Pastor Chad Anderson
“Esther Heard, Mordecai Exalted, God’s People Saved”

Sermon Series: Esther

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (a cappella)
†Prayer of Dedication

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord’s Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: “May the Peace of Christ be with you” (Jn. 14:27), and the response: “And also with you.”

Declaration of God’s Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing “Beautiful Savior”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

Worship Leader: Elder Michael Freitag

Nursery Volunteers: Kacia Hughett, Rachel Hajda

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, November 27th - *The First Sunday in Advent*

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

Thursday, December 1st

7:15 p.m. . . . Women’s Bible Study

- ❖ **Help Butterfields move:** Floyd and Pat are moving to a new home in Kearney on Saturday, December 10th at 9:00 a.m. Please meet us at 1403 W 36th St. to help them out. If you have a pick-up truck, please bring it!
- ❖ **Perspectives** on the World Christian Movement will offer a discipleship course in Kearney on Sunday evenings beginning in January. Please begin looking at your calendar and prayerfully consider registering for this course. You will be edified and encouraged to learn more about God’s mission to redeem all nations and the unique ways you can join in His mission. Learn more and register here: perspectives.org/kearneyne
- ❖ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$3,789.04. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$166,717.76. Received 10/30: \$6,596.99. Received year-to-date: \$171,508.41.
- ❖ **November Birthdays:** (29) Knox Johnson 2011
- ❖ **December Birthdays:** (4) Joshua Sykes 2004, (6) Becky Parish, (13) Steven Lano 2015, (14) Don Bates, (20) Chuck Larsen, Anika Fong, (25) Doug Sykes, (27) Rosalind Rodgers 2016, (29) Janet Irlmeier, Sarah Salyer

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖ That God would raise up Elders, Deacons, and WIC Committee members for Trinity and that we, as a church, would patiently equip them for service and support them in their work.
- ❖ Presbytery: That God would raise up PCA church plants in our region
- ❖ Missions: PCA Mission to the World (MTW) Missionaries and Families.
- ❖ For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Rachel Goodbrake (Andrew David Arthur born 7/22), Rachael Hajda (Eliza Jane born 5/13), Kristin Holl, Bethany Remm.

STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)

Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, David Lano

Deacons: Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Sam Lanka (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

WIC: Annie Hooton (President), Anika Fong (Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kacia Hughett (Nursery), Julie LeFeber (Servant Support), Deborah Anderson (Women’s Fellowship), Julie LeFeber & Carol Holl (Church Fellowship)

Custodians: Eleanor Hajda, Charis Wood