

## Worship Spotlight

### What is the Assurance of Forgiveness?

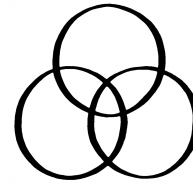
After we humble ourselves during the time of confession, the Lord then lifts our heads and forgives us. The pastor calls us to rise. He proclaims the gospel (“good news”) clearly and directly: that Jesus Christ has died for us and been resurrected for us, to pay the penalty for our sin and to secure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

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**November 17th, 2019**

*The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

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Prelude

Announcements

### **GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP**

Call to Worship

Psalm 113:1-3

†Congregational Singing

#76 “O for a Thousand Tongues”

†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!**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

**Who made heaven and earth.**

†Collect

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

†Greeting

†Congregational Singing

“Christ is Mine Forevermore”

### **GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF**

Call to Confession

Hebrews 10:19-22

*Silent Confession*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God

**according to your steadfast love;**

according to your abundant mercy

**blot out my transgressions.**

For I know my transgressions,  
**and my sin is ever before me.**  
 Against you, you only, have I sinned  
**and done what is evil in your sight,**  
 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
**wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**  
 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.**

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing

“Behold Our God”

### GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5, 20-22

Epistle Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22-27

†Gospel Reading

John 4:7-9, 16-26

†Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q1

Sermon

Pastor Chad Anderson

“The Mountain of the Lord”

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 in accord with the practice of our denomination.*

*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: “Peace be with you” (Jn. 14:27) or “Christ be with you” (Rom. 16:20).*

Declaration of God’s Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing

“At the Lamb’s High Feast”

### GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response

#628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Chad Anderson  
**Nursery Volunteers:** Kay Johnson, Mary Lanka

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### CHURCH LIFE

**Monday, November 18th**

Chess Club

4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 20th**

Bible Night

7:00 p.m.

❖ Join us Wednesday, Nov. 20th for **Bible Night**—all ages join in games, songs, memory work, and a short devotional to review what we’ve been learning on Sunday mornings. Refreshments will be served.

❖ We will hold a **Thanksgiving Eve service** the evening of Wednesday, November 27th beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be a pie fellowship to follow. Please contact the church office if you would be willing to supply a pie or topping.

**November Birthdays:** (15) Xan Barber, Evelyn LeFeber 2006, Sylvia LeFeber 2006, (22) James Hooton 2015, (24) Evelyn Salyer 2011, (26) Tory Hooton, Lisa Hajda, (29) Knox Johnson 2011, (30) Celia Williams 2017

### Financial Report

	Last Week	Year to Date
Budgeted Need	\$3,461.15	\$155,751.75
Received	\$3,560.00	\$151,087.51

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖ That God would keep us from legalism, making His Grace the source for all we do.
- ❖ For our expecting mothers and their children: Anika Fong, Kacia Hughett
- ❖ For our men serving in the armed forces: Joseph Barber III, Ryan Brock, Ben Elliott, and Isaiah Petty.

*If you would like to receive TPC announcements and prayer requests via e-mail, please speak with Pastor Dave or email your contact info to: [tpc@tpckearney.org](mailto:tpc@tpckearney.org)*

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