"Satan establishes his moral lordship mainly through lies." David Powlison, *Power Encounters: Reclaiming Spiritual Warfare*

"Christ being our friend, it is no matter who is our enemy." Richard Sibbes, *The Bruised Reed And Smoking Flax*

"Sometimes standing against evil is more important than defeating it. The greatest heroes stand because it is right to do so, not because they believe they will walk away with their lives. Such selfless courage is a victory in itself."

N. D. Wilson, Dandelion Fire



November 22, 2015 THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 66:8-9

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing: dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth, his Name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us: the Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth: let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still, his kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord be with you. Ruth 2:4 The Lord bless you. Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hosea 6:1

Come, let us return to the LORD, for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy One, we confess that we are unholy. We have taken the side of your Enemy and believed his lies rather than your Word. At a deep level we are suspicious of your goodness and authority. We revel in your gifts but do not delight in you. We are ungrateful and deluded in our pretended autonomy. You are Love, but we love ourselves and hate you. We sin. Clearly we do not deserve your forgiveness, but we are bold to ask for it because of your Son, Jesus, who loved us and gave himself for us. Please, Father, assure us of your love through the Gospel of your Son, and purge our sins through the cleansing fire of your Holy Spirit. We ask in the name of Jesus and according to his will. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hosea 14:4

"I will heal their apostasy;
I will love them freely,
for my anger has turned from them."

May the peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you!*

OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Isaiah 11:1-9

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray...

Holy Father, our great God, we praise you for your perfect holiness.

We thank you for not sparing your own Son but giving him up for us all. We love you for adopting us as your children by your grace. We trust you to use every circumstance for our good as your people.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for taking our condemnation on yourself.

We love you for the pity you showed in rescuing us from our sins. We rest in you because you are constantly interceding for us with the Father. We thank you that absolutely nothing can separate us from your love.

Holy Spirit of God, we praise you for giving us new life and living with us constantly.

We thank you for the war you wage against sin in our lives. We delight in the assurance you give us that we are God's sons in Christ. We love you for searching our hearts and helping us in our weakness.

Hear us, O Lord. We are happy to be under your care, Father.

Please hear us for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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He will clothe the poor with crowns in the kingdom he calls theirs.

He will raise them to the halls of heaven and release their earthly cares.

And the hard times, they will come. And the black clouds, they will break. But his riches come with the morning sun and they grow green fields of grace.

(Chorus)

So let all condemnation cease!
Let guilt have no more claim!
Let the devil lose all dominion!
For the Lamb of God he came!
And the Lamb of God was slain!
And the Lamb of God was raised!

We will fix our wandering eyes on the wonders of our Lord. By his sacred stripes we have been healed, through his wounds our joys supplied.

(Chorus)

Now the strong ones and the weak are the same under his blood. For empty-handed all must come to receive his endless love.

(Chorus)

The Son Of God Goes Forth To War

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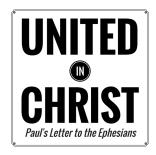


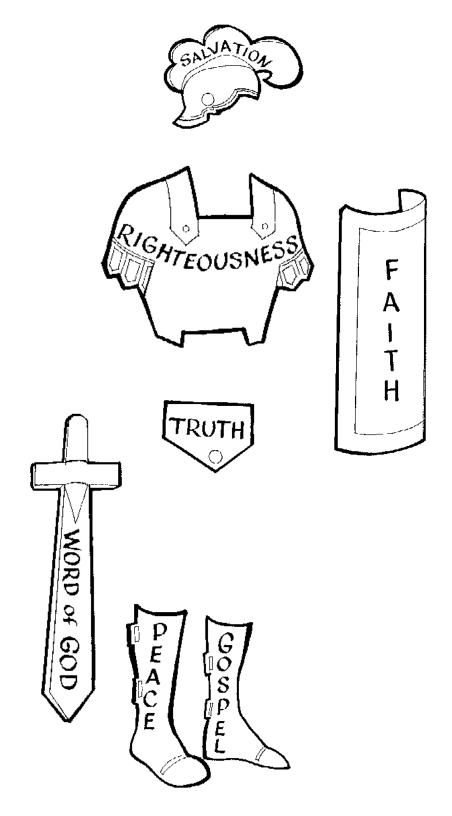
NEW TESTAMENT READING • Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

SERMON • "Spiritual Warfare" (Rev. Eric Costa)







CONFESSION OF FAITH • Colossians 1:15-20

Who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet one another with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God's grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after the musicians. The glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available in the back for prayer [James 5:13-16].)

Rock Of Ages

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While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

(Chorus x2)

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

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When I shall reach that happy place, I'll be forever blessed; for I shall see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest.

(Chorus)

Filled with delight my raptured soul would here no longer stay; though Jordan's waves around me roll, fearless I'd launch away. *(Chorus)*

BENEDICTION • Ephesians 6:23-24

Peace be to you, brothers and sisters, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

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Sunday School • After Worship, and some time for fellowship and coffee, join us for Sunday School. Kids will meet in the sanctuary before going to their classes. Adults will meet in the fellowship hall for sermon discussion (young children are welcome to accompany their parents).

Prayer Home Group • Today (Nov. 22) after Worship and Sunday School at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). Everyone is welcome! We'll eat lunch together, then discuss "Prayer As A Gift Of God," from Karl Barth's book, *Prayer*.

Advent / Song of Songs • Next Sunday (Nov. 29) we will begin a new sermon series for Advent on the Song of Songs. Advent is a time for God's people to rekindle their longing for Christ. What better book to contemplate together than the ancient world's best love poetry? Invite others to join us for the Season!

Congregational Meeting • Sun., Dec. 6 after Worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect Dave Bull and Tim Sery to the office of Deacon. Members may vote, though everyone is invited to join us.

Christmas Eve Service • 7pm Thu., Dec. 24.

Financial Report YTD through Oct. 31

Giving: \$107,000 Expenses: \$117,000 Account Balance: \$12,000

Musicians • Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 at the Costa home for fellowship and practice. Families are welcome. Also, if you're interested in Advent choir, contact Kady Boden (kady@ascensionpc.org).

Nursery Volunteers • Contact: Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

Today: Hamilton Next Sunday: Pope

Refreshments Volunteers • Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com).

Today: Hamilton Next Sunday: Sery

Regular Gatherings • For information about our meetings like home groups and bible studies for men and women, visit ascensionpc.org/calendar.



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