

Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Newark, DE

CHRIST, CULTURE, AND POLITICS

Bible Conference
March, 2024

The Politics of Jesus

"If the gospel is to challenge the public life of our society, it will not be by forming a Christian political party, or by aggressive propaganda campaigns. It will only be by movements that begin with the local congregation in which the reality of the new creation is present, known, and experienced, and from which men and women will go into every sector of public life to claim it for Christ. But that will only happen when local congregations recognize that they exist for the sake of those who are not members, as a sign, instrument, and foretaste of God's redeeming grace for the whole life of society."

Lesslie Nebinin

ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 3, 2024

The playing of the chimes is a signal that the hour of our corporate worship has begun. During this time, we invite you to silently prepare your hearts to praise our Triune God to whom belongs all glory, power, and majesty.
(Please silence all phones and non-medical electronic devices.)

Hearing support is available. Please, ask an usher, audio technician, or Deacon Norm Marks.

Welcome

PASTOR BARBER

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude — Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (arr. by M. Hayes; abridged)

HIGO RODRIGUES,
Piano

❖ GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship (from the Worship Sourcebook)

Pastor: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: Come, let us adore him.

People: **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

Pastor: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come, let us adore him.

All: **Lord, open our lips. And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

PASTOR BARBER

❖ Hymn (Trinity #100) — Holy, Holy, Holy (music next page)

❖ PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

D
Bm
A
D
G
D
7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A
D
Bm
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E7
A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

D
Bm
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D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

Bm
D
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A7
D
7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

❖ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament reading — Daniel 7:9–14 (Pew Bible, p. 945)

⁹“As I looked,
thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

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ELDER KEVIN
FREER

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹¹ “I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³ “I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:9–14

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PASTOR BARBER

**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN
(followed by Private Confession of Sin)**

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord says return to me with all your heart. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

Joel 2:13 (Pew Bible, p. 967)

WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



You can also give online on our website, through the app Vanco Mobile, or mail a check to the office (if it is for the Deacons Fund, please note on the memo).

KEVIN FREER,
Cello

Offertory Response — My Savior's Love (Charles Gabriel; arr. by Molly Ijames)

❖ Song — King of Kings (music next pages)

Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. Children 2 and 3 years old may go to Beginner Bible in room 100; children 4 years to 2nd grade may depart during the last verse to the Fellowship Hall for Junior Church.

Parents please pick up children after the service.

King of Kings

Words and Music by
Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood
and Jason Ingram

♩ = 68



1. In the dark - ness we were wait - ing, with - out hope,
the king - dom com - ing and to re -



with - out light, till from Heav - en You came run - ning. There was mer -
- con-cile the lost, to re - deem the whole cre - a - tion You did not



- cy in Your eyes. To ful - fil the law and pro - phets, to a vir -
- des-pise the cross. For e - ven in Your suf - f'ring, You saw to



- gin came the Word from a throne of end - less glo - ry to a cra -
- the oth - er side. Know - ing this was our sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for



- dle in the dirt.
our sake You died.



Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry,



maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings. 2. To re - veal

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2.

3. And the morn - ing that You rose all of heav - en held its breath till that stone
of Christ was born, then the Spir - it lit the flame. Now this Gos -

— was moved for good, for the Lamb had con - quered death. And the dead
- pel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood

— rose from their tombs, and the an - gels stood in awe, for the souls
— and in His name, in His free - dom I am free, for the love,

1.

— of all who'd come to the Fa - ther are re - stored. 4. And the Church
— of Je - sus Christ who has res -

2.

ur-rect - ed me. Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son,

praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry, ma - jes - ty, praise for - ev - er to the

King of Kings. Praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

The Politics of Jesus — Mark 12:13–17 (Pew Bible, p. 1079)

¹³ And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?”

¹⁵ But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.” ¹⁶ And they brought one. And he said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said to him, “Caesar's.” ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” And they marveled at him.

Mark 12:13–17

PASTOR
CUNNINGHAM

❖ Song — If It Had Not Been for the Lord (music next pages)

❖ GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

GRACE & PEACE Choir Rehearsal — 4–5pm

YOUTH GROUP — 5–7pm

If It Had Not Been for the Lord

Words and Music by Kristyn Getty,
Matt Boswell and Matt Papa
Arranged by Samuel Wilson

VERSE

1. If it had not been for the Lord on our side when
(2. If it had not) been for the Lord on our side when
(3. If it had not) been for the Lamb on that cross, where

strong rag - ing floods sur - rounded us, we'd be sure - ly crushed be - neath the
dry de - sert plains had wear - ied us, but for grace we'd still be wand - ring
love full and free reached down to us, there would be no peace with God, no

waves of sin, if it had not been for, if it had not been for the Lord. 2. If it had not
in those lands, if it had not been for, if it had not been for the
peace with man. If it had not been for, if it had not been for the

CHORUS

Lord. Our hope, our help from age to age the same. Our God, our Rock, most
wor - thy to be praised. From this mount of grace, our grate - ful hearts will sing e - ver

more, "If it had not been for the Lord." 3. If it had not

Back to VERSE

Lord. Our hope, our help from age to age the same. Our God, our Rock, most
wor - thy to be praised. From this mount of grace, our grate - ful hearts will sing e - ver

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more, "If it had not been for the Lord." 4. If it had not been for the Lord

on that day be - fore hea - ven's throne, what would we say? There with end - less won - der, we will

shout, "A - men!" If it had not been for, if it had not been for the

Lord. Our hope, our help from age to age the same. Our God, our Rock, most

wor - thy to be praised! From this mount of grace, our grate - ful hearts will sing e - ver -

more, "If it had not been for the Lord, if it had not been for the Lord."



OUR MISSION We exist to change lives through sharing Christ.
We carry out this mission in three ways:

GATHER — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP—10:45AM

WHEATON COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT—March 7, 7:00PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE—March 28, 7:00pm

DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES—9:30AM. Spring Sunday School Quarter begins March 10.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP—Wednesdays at 9:15-11:30AM and 6:30–8:00PM

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Thursdays from 8:00–9:00AM in Room B202 and online. “Sojourners and Exiles” by Sinclair Ferguson

SEND — we are all Christ’s ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally

MISSIONARIES—Jim & Karen—MTW: Africa (see our Missionary Highlight in this week’s online EPiC Newsletter)

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT-March 17, 5:45-7:45pm at Christiana Skating Center

EASTER EGG HUNT—March 23, 10:00-11:30am

Attendance and Financial Information for February 24, 2024

SS: 91 - AM: 256

General Fund

Weekly Gifts Received	\$ 15,016.85
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$ 22,240.00
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$144,341.63
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$177,920.64
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$145,921.94



**Evangelical
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of NEWARK DELAWARE

**OUR MISSION IS TO CHANGE LIVES THROUGH SHARING CHRIST
BY GATHERING, DISCIPLING AND SENDING**

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French Speaking Haiti/Africa - Thomas and Lucy Wright • Japan - Andrew and Megan Nairn • New Zealand - Steve and Rita Williams
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Agencies of the PCA

Committee on Administration • Committee on Discipleship Ministries • Covenant College • Covenant Seminary
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Other Christian Organizations

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