

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today—Worship service in DE at 4:00 pm with a meal to follow. Please let Pastor Gregg know if you plan to attend.
- Tues. Jan. 28—Women’s evening Bible study at Michelle Petticoffer’s home (6:30 pm).
- Sun. Feb. 2—Head of Household Meeting after worship.
- Sun. Feb. 9—Youth Study and Fellowship after worship (12 pm–1:30 pm).
- Fri. Feb. 14—Psalm sing and pizza. Details to come.
- Sun. Feb. 23—Fellowship meal after worship. Details TBD.
- Feb. 28–Mar. 2—Women’s retreat. Please let Ivette Shover know if you plan to attend.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

9. Q. Does not God, then, wrong man by requiring of him in his law that which he cannot perform?

A. Not at all; for God made man capable of performing it; but man, through the instigation of the devil, by his own willful disobedience, deprived himself and all his posterity of these gifts.

10. Q. Will God suffer such disobedience and apostasy to go unpunished?

A. By no means; but he is terribly displeased with our original as well as actual sins; and will punish them by a just judgment temporally and eternally, as he has declared, *Cursed is every one who continueth not in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them.*

11. Q. Is, then, God not also merciful?

A. God is indeed merciful, but he is also just; therefore his justice requires that sin which is committed against the most high majesty of God, be also punished with extreme, that is, with everlasting punishment of body and soul.

Visit www.allsaints-church.com or contact Gregg Strawbridge, Pastor (717-682-7052 - wgs@wordmp3.com). All Saints—a Covenantal and Reformational congregation—was founded in 1999. Our vision is to grow in our love for Christ and to mature in that love by imitating our Triune God as a loving community which reaches out in love. We are committed to the Lordship of Christ over every area of life and a creation-affirming enjoyment of ordinary life. Our liturgy reflects a Reformational application of the Anglican Book of Common Prayer.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The Lord’s Day Liturgy | Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2014 | 10:30 am

†CALL TO WORSHIP AND PROCESSION

(†Arise)

Minister: Psalm 27:1, 4-9 . . . Arise now and ascend to the Heavenly City in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

†HYMN (p. 50) Psalm 27: My Savior God Is All My Light

Minister: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

People: And Also with you!

Minister: I will also make You a light of the nations!

Congregation: So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

CONFESSION OF SIN

(Congregation invited to kneel)

Unison: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: . . . in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God. Our sins are forgiven in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Minister: . . . In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. Therefore, stand in His presence, knowing your acceptance in the Savior. “His glory will appear upon you.”

†**People: “And nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. Amen.”**

†HYMN (p. 340, vv. 1-6) Ah, Jesus Lord, Thy Love to Me

†COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Unison: Holy Father, You gather the whole universe into Your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see Your glory and know Your Christ, Him who ever lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

... the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27 (tone C, vv. 1-6) - **People: Amen.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom | shall I fear?

The Lord is the defense of my life; Whom | shall I dread?

2 When evildoers came upon me to | devour my flesh,

My adversaries and my enemies, they | stumbled and fell.

3 Though a host encamp against me, My heart | will not fear;
 Though war arise against me, In spite of this I shall be | confident.
 4 One thing I have asked from the Lord, that | I shall seek:
 That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days | of my life,
 To behold the [c]beauty of the Lord And to meditate | in His temple.
 5 For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His | tabernacle;
 In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up | on a rock.
 6 And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies | around me,
 And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;
 I will sing, yes, I will sing praises | to the Lord.

THE EPISTLE

... the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27 (*tone C, vv. 7-14*) - **People: Amen.**

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry | with my voice,
 And be gracious to me and | answer me.
 8 When You said, “Seek My face,” my heart | said to You,
 “Your face, O Lord, | I shall seek.”
 9 Do not hide Your face from me, Do not turn Your servant | away in anger;
 You have been my help; Do not abandon me nor forsake me, O God of | my salvation!
 10 For my father and my mother have for|saken me,
 But the Lord will | take me up.
 11 Teach me Your way, O Lord, And lead me in a level path because | of my foes.
 12 Do not deliver me over to the desire | of my adversaries,
 For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out | violence.
 13 I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the | land of
 the living.
 14 Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your | heart take courage;
 Yes, wait | for the Lord.

I Corinthians 1:10-18

THE GOSPEL

... the Gospel of Christ.

Congregation: Praise be to You, O Christ!

Matthew 4:12-23

†THE CREED

(*Nicene Creed*)

Congregation: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin, Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church;

acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

†GLORIA PATRI

(*p. 436, Lifting up holy hands, Ps. 63:4*)

SERMON

Dr. Gregg Strawbridge, Pastor

The Word Manifest in St. John's Gospel (03) - Come and See (John 1:35-51)

John's Disciples Receive Jesus (1:35-39). The calling of the disciples begins with a very understated incident. Two of John's disciples believe John's word about Jesus and begin to follow Him (literally walking behind him). Jesus then “turned and saw them following” (v38). Jesus asks an open ended question, “What do you seek”? The response is coded, “Where are you staying”? They certainly wanted to ask more, just imagine . . . But the question is classic Johanine code. “Stay” is *meno* or “abide” (E.g. 15:7). Where does Jesus *abide*? Now that's a good question. Jesus bids them to see for themselves, “Come and see.”

Peter Receives Jesus (1:40-42). John's Gospel shows Peter's call, linking through Andrew and back to the Baptizer. The Gospel never mentions it, but John himself and Andrew, are the first to receive the Baptizer's testimony and to “see” where Jesus “abides.” Now Andrew testifies to Simon (Peter). “We have found the Messiah.” Actually, *Jesus finds them*. So now the disciples are now leading others to “see” Jesus. As a result, Simon (Peter) comes to Jesus, just as did John and Andrew. Jesus “looks” (*emblepo*) “into him” (Lk. 22:61) and then names him, “Peter” (rock).

Nathanael Receives Jesus (1:43-51). This passage ends with Nathanael's (Bartholomew) receiving Jesus. In any case Nathanael expresses doubt at first, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” A key here is that “under the fig tree” is likely referring to a place of rabbinic study. Nathanael was studying about Jacob (in whom there was guile) prior to this encounter. Jesus references Jacob in his words about Nathanael, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael knows that Jesus truly “sees” him. Jesus could look and speak into Peter and “see” into Nathanael's life and heart. This *least* of miracles drew faith Nathanael, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” *Has the least of evidence drawn faith from you?*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Minister: Let us now pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers. . . .

People: O Lord, Hear our prayers.

†THE LORD'S PRAYER

(*p. 411, Lifting up holy hands, 1 Tim. 2:8*)

OFFERTORY

(*Offering ourselves through giving*)

EUCCHARIST

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

Minister: . . . evermore praising thee, and saying,

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

†THE SIGN OF PEACE

(*The peace of Christ to you!*)

EUCCHARIST PSALMS & HYMNS – *How Glorious Zion's Courts Appear* (p. 8, PH); *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* (p. 27, PH); *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (p. 37, PH); *In Christ Alone* (p. 11, PH)

CELEBRATION HYMN – *Psalms 148: From Heav'n O Praise the Lord* (p. 192)

†BENEDICTION

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

†HYMN (340, vv. 7-8) *Ah, Jesus Lord, Thy Love to Me*