

MAY 21, 2023

THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT
AMONG US, AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY
AND HIS SALVATION

The Prelude

Prelude in Classic Style

arr. G. Young

The Call to Worship

Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

The Hymn of Praise No. 295

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own; awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified; no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise; his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time; Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime; all hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges, 1851, George Elvey, 1868

The Invocation

Rev. Cangelosi

The Confession of Faith (11:00)

From I Corinthians 1:18, 23-24, 26-31

The word of the cross of Christ is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. Christ crucified is a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. Not many of us were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even the things that are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of Him we are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Hymn No. 253

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Omit Stanza 4

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains: lost all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away: washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away; and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die: and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r, till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more: be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more; till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

William Cowper, 1771, Lowell Mason, 1830 CCLI 600485

The Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)

Josiah Paul Clark

The Scripture Reading (11:00)

Isaiah 40:1-11

The Offertory

Whiter than Snow

arr. Bennett and Berry

Children in the 2-3-year-old classes are dismissed to Church Time in the Nursery.

The Hymn No. 128

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform; he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill he treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace; behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour; the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain; God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

Words by William Cowper, 1774, music from *Scottish Psalter*, 1615

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dean Williams

The Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-6

The Sermon

Rev. Cangelosi

The Foolishness of God

The Hymn of Response No. 195

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Based on Psalm 95 Isaac Watts, 1719, G.F. Handel, 1742

The Benediction

Rev. Cangelosi

The Postlude

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

arr. D. Wagner

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Leila Creel and Raymond Bottom given by Bill and Cheri Creel.*

“Unquestionably adults, upon a credible profession of their faith in Christ, having never been previously baptized, are proper subjects of this ordinance. Thus far we agree precisely with those who hold to what is usually denominated “believers’ baptism.” But we further believe, that the infants of such as are members of the visible church are also to be baptized. Our argument is this: Infant membership formed a part of the original constitution of the visible Church of God. Infant membership has never been abolished, and therefore infants have a right to membership still. Baptism has taken the place of the ancient initiatory or recognizing ordinance, and therefore infants are to be baptized. This is the ground which we take.” – Daniel Baker, *A Plain and Scriptural View of Baptism* (1853)

“So long as it remains true that Paul represents the Church of the Living God to be one, founded on one covenant (which the law could not set aside) from Abraham to today, so long it remains true that the promise is to us and our children and that the members of the visible Church consist of believers and their children - all of whom have a right to all the ordinances of the visible Church, each in its appointed season. The argument in a nutshell is simply this: God established his Church in the days of Abraham and put children into it. They must remain there until He puts them out. He has nowhere put them out. They are still then members of His church and as such entitled to its ordinances. Among these ordinances is baptism, which standing in similar place in the New Dispensation to circumcision in the Old, is like it to be given to children.” – B. B. Warfield, “The Polemics of Infant Baptism” (1899)

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P. M.

We will worship our glorious God tonight as we sing, pray, and receive the word preached by Rev. Dean Williams. We are reading through the book of Acts and working through the Westminster Larger Catechism on Sunday evenings. Tonight we are on Acts 11 and WLC #55-56.

Advancing By and Through Obedience

Joshua 11-12

WELCOME VISITORS!

Grace to you and peace from God our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray the Word of God and the people of God will be an encouragement to you today.

- Scan the QR code to fill out our online information form.
- Visit our website to learn more about us: pearorchard.org.
- Make use of our Nursery for your children under 2. Our cry room, located in the Parlor south of the Sanctuary, is also available.
- Attend one of our Sunday School classes, 10:00-10:45 a.m. every Sunday morning. See the monitors for locations.
- Join us for Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. tonight.
- We have a thriving disability ministry (Sonbeams) that is here to serve all individuals and families touched by disability.



NEWS IN BRIEF

- **We Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism:** This morning we witness the sign and seal of God's covenant promises placed upon the child of believing parents: Josiah Paul Clark, son of Austin and Hannah Clark.
- **Sonbeams:** Help us collect individually packaged snacks for JAF family retreats this summer! Donation box on first floor of education building through May 28.
- **Church-wide Fellowship:** Please join us for a church-wide ice cream social after evening worship on May 28 at the Jack Laws Pavilion!
- **Women's Summer Bible Study:** Join us in the Parlor every Thursday in June from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Nursery will be provided. Email Tammie Haynes at thaynes@pearorchard.org to sign up.

- **Summer Adult Sunday School:** Summer Adult Sunday School classes begin June 4! Four great electives to choose from! Scan the QR code to register.



- **Ruth Circle:** We will meet on Tuesday, June 13, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the home of Liz Taylor. Please email Amy Hatchett at amy@hatchettfamily.net if you have any questions.
- **Christ Covenant School invites POPC families** to participate in summer camps this June and July. We are excited to offer 21 different camps this summer! Register today: summercamps.ccs.ms.
- **Become a POPC Neighborhood Outreach Team Member:** We would love to have you join us, and/or assist us in planning and conducting our annual July 4th event. If interested, please contact Pastor Dean at 769-231-8176 or dean@pearorchard.org.

STAY CONNECTED

- Visit our website: pearorchard.org
- Make regular use of our church mobile app: **Ministry One**
 - Info on its many uses: pearorchard.org/church-directory
- Follow us on social media.
 - [Facebook.com/pearorchardPCA](https://www.facebook.com/pearorchardPCA)
 - [Instagram.com/pearorchard](https://www.instagram.com/pearorchard)
 - [Twitter.com/pearorchard](https://www.twitter.com/pearorchard)
- Every Friday you can read our weekly email update, delivered straight to your inbox.
 - Email Liz at ltaylor@pearorchard.org if you do not receive it.
- Ask for prayer: pray@pearorchard.org
- Learn more about Christ Covenant School, POPC's Pre-School through High School, at ccs.ms.

MISSIONARY PARTNER OF THE WEEK

Centre for Christian Missions (CCM)
Kitwe, Zambia

The Centre for Christian Missions exists to glorify God by fulfilling the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ worldwide through evangelism, discipleship, and social action ministries. They provide biblical training through their Trust School, Bible College, and Theological Seminary. CCM would like us to pray that God will raise up disciples of Jesus Christ throughout Africa and Asia. Pray for God's abundant blessings on their mission outreaches to Congo DR, India, and Tanzania.

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

- 5.28 Ice Cream Social – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Jack Laws Pavilion
5.29 Church Offices Closed for Memorial Day
6.6 Lydia Circle – 10:00-11:30 a.m. – Parlor
6.13 Ruth Circle – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Home of Liz Taylor
6.16 Family Board Game Night – 7:00-9:30 p.m. – Gym
6.20 Lunch Bunch – 11:00 a.m. –The Gathering at Livingston
6.22 Dinner Groups – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
7.4 Church Offices Closed for July 4th
7.7 Sonbeams Night Out – 5:00-9:00 p.m. – Gym
7.17 Vacation Bible School Begins – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
7.18 Lunch Bunch – 11:00 a.m. – Strawberry Cafe
7.21 Family Board Game Night – 7:00-9:30 p.m. – Gym
7.22 Dinner Groups – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Ministers: The People of God

Rev. Caleb Cangelosi – Senior Pastor
Rev. Carl Kalberkamp, Jr. – Associate Pastor
Rev. Dean Williams – Associate Pastor

Earl Adams – Congregational Care Assistant
Megan Adcock – Children’s Ministry Coordinator
Ashley Benton – Youth Ministry Coordinator
Daphne Clark – Sonbeams Director
Susie Cook – Organist
Becca Davis – Music Ministry Intern
Heatherly Edgar – Financial Administrator
Tony Edwards – Maintenance Technician
Rick Goodwin – Business Administrator
Howard Graylin – Sound Team Leader
Margaret Harvey – Church Hostess
Tammie Haynes – Women’s Ministry Director

Cathy Haynie – CCS Head of School
Jan Johnson – Nursery Coordinator
John Kwasny – Executive Ministry Director
Edwin Lewis – Facilities Maintenance Director
Chris Payne – Maintenance Technician
Marcus Smith – Youth Ministry Intern
Seija Smith – Youth Ministry Intern
Margaret Sprow – Music Director
Liz Taylor – Media Communication Manager
Madison Taylor – Worship Team Leader
Sam Thoman – Interim Youth Director
Anna Vinson – Administrative Assistant



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to pursue transformation by truth and grace together
for the glory of Christ.*