

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS

- ✓ Evensong service is scheduled for the first Sunday of each month, Logos Auditorium, 6:00 pm.
- ✓ Heads of Households parish meetings: Usually held the second Tuesday of each month, 8:00 pm, locations to be announced on email.
- ✓ Family Psalm Sing is usually held the third Sunday evening of each month, 6:00-7:00 pm, Logos Auditorium.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ✓ No Sunday School classes are being held at this time.

NURSERY

- ✓ A nursing room is available for mothers only to use in the literature room (Room 2) out the west doors, down the stairs to the main building, first door on the left. If a father needs to take a crying baby or toddler out of the service, he may use the room down the hall next to the storage room. Dads, please don't go into the nursing room. Both rooms are sound wired, so the church service can be heard. Also, the sixth grade classroom is available for parents to use for disciplining their children.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ✓ Prayer requests: If you have a prayer request for the Sunday morning service or for the email prayer chain, please call the church office (882-2034) by Friday morning or contact Wes Struble (882-6163) or Ed Iverson (882-4848).
- ✓ Visitor cards are available on the back table. If you're visiting this morning, please fill one out and drop it in the offering box.
- ✓ The elders visit different homes on Tuesday nights, except for the Heads of Households meeting nights. If you'd like to receive a visit from an elder, please contact the office.
- ✓ The deacons fund is for needy families in our church. If you would like to donate toward this cause, please make your check to Christ Church, designating the Deacons Fund. Remember the Christian Education Fund, and the fact that some families are in need. Funds are available, and questions can be referred to the deacons.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 17

- ✓ Family Psalm Sing: 5:30-6:30 pm, UI Admin. Auditorium.

Monday, January 18

- ✓ Open House Baby Shower for Katie Nuttbrock and Anastasia Marie: 7-8:30 pm, Susan Appelgren's home, 915 N. Grant.
- ✓ Moscow Reception for Anna and Tim van den Broek: 7-8:30 pm, Roy & Bev Atwood's home, 1123 Highland Drive.

Thursday, January 21

- ✓ Elders meeting: Anselm House, 6:00 am.
- ✓ Precept-Romans Study: 9:00-11:00 am at the Crossing
- ✓ Young Couples Book Study: "My Life For Yours", 7:30 pm, 1311 Lande Lane. Contact Matt Gray or Gabe Rench.

Friday, January 22

- ✓ Men's prayer for reformation and revival: Anselm House, 6:30 am.
- ✓ Ladies' prayer for outreach ministries: 8:15-8:45 am, Greyfriars' Hall.
- ✓ Winter Feast: 5:30-8:30 pm, SEL.

Saturday, January 23

- ✓ Open House Baby Shower for Nancy Jacobs and Caspian Paul: 9:30-11:00 am, Mary Crapuchettes' home, 707 Hathaway.

NEW NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ On January 24, Christ Church will resume two services: 8:30 and 10:30 am.
- ✓ Open House Baby Shower for Jennifer Bunch and Virgil: Saturday, January 30, 9:30-11:00 am, Carla Courtney's home, 1830 Victoria Dr.
- ✓ Open House Baby Shower for Casey Griffith and Charles: Saturday, January 30, 10-11:30 am, Nancy Wilson's home.

COLLEGE MINISTRIES NEWS & EVENTS

Contact Matt Gray- 883-7903 (o), 596-9787 (c), crfmatt@christkirk.com

- ✓ Weekly meeting: Monday, January 25, 7:30 pm, Commons Whitewater Room. Toby Sumpter will be speaking on "Young & Old."
- ✓ College Girls Inductive Bible Studies: Ephesians: Thursdays, Lisa Jackson's home, 730 E. 8th St, Apt 1, 8:00 pm. Philippians: Brooke Newman's home, 223 E. 7th #3, Tuesdays, 7:00 pm.
- ✓ NSA/UI/WSU Men's Bible Studies: Tuesdays, 12:00 pm, Beza Classroom, (CJ Bowen). Tuesdays, 8:30 pm, 110 Lilly Apt. 201, (Hans Leidenfrost). Wednesdays, 7 am, 916 E. 7th St. (Sean Johnson). Wednesdays, 8 pm, 406 "D" St., (Danny Ryan). Wednesdays, 5:30 pm, 226 Circle Dr., (Brian Kohl).
- ✓ UI Guys' Study: Saturdays, 7:30 am, Bucer's Smoke Room. Contact: Tucker Douglas, (817) 694-1955.

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Elders:

Bill Church
Dale Courtney
John Grauke
Matt Gray
John Howell

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Jim Nance

Ralph Plaza
John Sawyer
Wes Struble
Matt Whitling
Douglas Wilson

Gordon Wilson
Fred Kohl

Deacons:

Eric Burnett
John Carnahan
Andrew
Crapuchettes
Tom Garfield

Joe Myers
Rusty Olps
Marc Rust
Marc Wintz

CHRIST CHURCH

Lord's Day Service - 2nd Sunday of Epiphany - January 17, 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION & PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP - *God Summons His People*

✓ SCRIPTURE READING OF PRAISE

Minister: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who are in awe of Him.

Congregation: He will hear their cry and save them. Amen.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength (Isaiah 40:28-29).

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

✓ PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

- ✓ *Gloria in excelsis*.....**396-397** (291)

CONFESSION - *God Cleanses His People*

EXHORTATION

SCRIPTURE READING OF CONFESSION

Congregation is invited to kneel if able

Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the king, The LORD of hosts (Isaiah 6:5).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the LORD (Proverbs 8:35).

Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

✓ CONFESSION OF FAITH

CHRISTIAN, WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hades. On the third day He rose again from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✓ HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his shed blood?..... Q. 76 (77)

It is not only to embrace with a trusting heart the whole passion and death of Christ, and by it to receive the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. In addition, it is to be so united more and more to his blessed body by the Holy Spirit dwelling both in Christ and in us that, although he is in heaven and we are on earth, we are nevertheless flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone, always living and being governed by one Spirit, as the members of our bodies are governed by one soul.

- ✓ *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*.....**310** (369)

CONSECRATION - *God Equips & Prepares His People*

✓ READING THE UNIVERSAL WORD

This week: Jeremiah 31:15-25 & Matthew 2:13-18

Next week: Genesis 4:1-12 & 1 John 3:7-15

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS - Rod and Jenny Story and family

HOUSEHOLD BAPTISMS - Ellie, Rilla, Joe, and Peter Story, Caspian Paul Jacobs

Congregational Charge: "Little child, for you Jesus Christ came to this earth, struggled and suffered; for your sake He crossed Gethsemane and went through the darkness of Calvary; for your sake He cried: 'It is finished'; for your sake He died and for your sake He overcame death; indeed for your sake, little child, and you—still—know nothing of it. And thus the word of the apostle is confirmed: 'We love God, for He loved us first'". (Taken from an old French Reformed Baptism Rite)

Bless Now the Man Who Does Not Walk.....2 (120)

OPENING PRAYER

Your Maker is your husband, The LORD of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth (Isaiah 54:5).

THANKSGIVING

The LORD will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places; He will make her wilderness like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in it, Thanksgiving and the voice of melody (Isaiah 51:3).

PETITIONS

Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:9-10).

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

✓ *Blessed the Man That Feels Jehovah.....166* (CS 2-3)

PREACHING OF THE PARTICULAR WORD

Text:Romans 11:17-22

Message:Warning to Rome

Concluding prayer, ending with the Lord's Prayer **411**

MEDITATION

Offertory.....Corinthians (Ps. 15, CS 1)

✓ *Psalms 131.....CS 10* (CS 11)

COMMUNION - God Nourishes His People

THE BREAD & WINE

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken.....304 (327)

How Bright These Glorious Spirits Shine!.....306 (280-81)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— **AMEN**

COMMISSIONING - God Blesses & Sends His People
The congregation may raise hands

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

✓ *Doxology.....437* (437)

CHARGE & BEDICTION

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work" (2Thess. 2:16-17) *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION

THANKSGIVING — FOR...

- ✓ Our children.
- ✓ The ministry of Trinity Reformed Church of Moscow, ID and for Peter Leithart.
- ✓ The birth of Paul Griffith to Jonathan and Hannah.
- ✓ The birth of Evelyn Jane Creason to Sam and Christine.

NEW REQUESTS, PRAY FOR:

- ✓ Christians who are persecuted in other countries, especially in Bangladesh.
- ✓ The President of the United States, that his office would be established in righteousness.
- ✓ Healing for Andy Fountain, Craig and Enid's son.
- ✓ Bruce Menadier and family at the death of his father Howard.
- ✓ Carol Williams and family at the death of her mother.

REQUESTS FROM JANUARY 10, 2009

- ✓ Christians who are persecuted in other countries, especially in Bangladesh.
- ✓ The United States Congress.
- ✓ Nancy Rust, that her cancer markers would decline.
- ✓ Walt and Carol Williams and family as Carol's mother just passed away.

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

- ✓ Pray for the Greyfriars' Hall students.
- ✓ Complete healing for Billy Amos, Evangeline Anderson, Betty Appel, Fran Atwood, Paige Atwood, Arie DeWinkle, Julie Garfield, Emmaline Handel, Lizzie Klier, Fred Kohl, Chris LaMoreaux, Lisa Leidenfrost, Brady, Erin, and Sherry McIntosh, Brian Nuttbrock, Beza Qualls, Kalkidan Qualls, Lisa Qualls, Don Quist, Cecily Rathbun, Michelle Roise, Daniel Rosendahl, Nancy Rust, Morgan Schlect, Nesradine Schumaker, Layla Shaw, Andrew Stafford, Tovia Sumpter, Bessie Wilson.
- ✓ Colleen McGarry, who is working with Servant Group, Int'l. in northern Iraq.
- ✓ The Christ Church and Trinity Reformed Church expectant mothers:

January- Ruth Hill; February-Amber Myers, Jenny Story, Ashley Antkowiak; March-Lindsey Tollefson, Katie Grauke, Alberta Arrick, Beth Peterson; April-Rachel Jankovic, Mary Dowers; May-Kristen Telling, Emily Bartlett, Alexis Stevenson, Brooke Newman; June-Melissa Breese, Bess Blakey; July-Annie Rench, Laura Whear, Heidi Jones.

- ✓ Other expectant mothers who don't attend either church or have moved but are connected to the churches in some way through family members, etc.: May-Natali Rose (Greenfield); June-Elizabeth Nieuwsma.
- ✓ Ian Bloomsburg, as he serves in the U.S. Army in New York; Mike Fenimore as he serves in Germany; Kelly VanNuland, Sam Kimmell in the U.S. Navy in Spain; Daniel Klier in the Marines; Nate Atwood; Chilton Williams in the Navy on the USS Enterprise.
- ✓ The unmarried men and women in the church.
- ✓ CRF, *Credenda*, Canon Press, and the church mission plants.
- ✓ Education: NSA, Logos School, Montrose Academy, ACCS, Pullman Christian School, UI, WSU, LCSC.
- ✓ Eddie Gray, Jr., James Denham, Heather Casebolt Teston, Neil (Ray) Crawford, Emily Peterson, Jerry Langreder.
- ✓ Repentance of sin and salvation for Jon LaMoreaux and Daniel Miller.
- ✓ Pray for Douglas Wilson and the Christ Church elders as they seek to serve God in leading the church.
- ✓ Parents as they educate their children.
- ✓ Upcoming marriages of Brad Belschner to Sara Field (1/23/10), CJ Bowen to Lisa Jackson (3/13/10), Isaiah Eyre to Leia Thomas (5/22/10), Drew Hicks to Samantha Ricketts (6/5/10), Paden Blythe to Jasmine Ewert (6/5/10), Eric Mabry to Hannah Benton.

STANDING PRAYER REQUESTS — PRAY FOR...

- ✓ Cultural stability, that we might live quiet and peaceable lives.
- ✓ State and local authorities as well as UI/WSU/NSA Presidents.
- ✓ The Bakwe' in the Ivory Coast and for stability and peace in the country.
- ✓ Reformation and revival in the church.

“MAY I COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE?”

The Lord's Supper is observed every Lord's Day at Christ Church. We warmly invite to the Lord's table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the elders of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being active in a congregation which is covenantally bound to the triune God through Word and sacrament. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to the elders before or after the service.

WARNING TO ROME

Romans 44

INTRODUCTION:

When we fall into the trap of thinking of the Bible as a book to aid us in our personal devotions, we often miss the larger context. We need to remember that this is a letter to a particular church in a particular city, and Paul gave the warning because he saw certain kinds of arrogance developing.

THE TEXT:

“And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee: Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well: because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off” (Rom. 11:17–22).

SUMMARY OF THE TEXT:

Those Jews who had not believed in their Messiah had been broken off from the olive tree—the tree of covenant continuity (v. 17). But Gentiles, wild olive branches, were grafted in (v. 17). The newcomers are exhorted by Paul not to boast about it—they don’t support the root (v. 18). There is an answer to this—weren’t they cut out to make room for us (v. 19)? Paul says that may well be, but they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Paul says that highmindedness is out, and fear should be there instead (v. 20). If God did not spare natural branches, why on earth would He spare grafted in, wild olive branches (v. 21)? There are two attributes of God that must be kept in mind—severity for apostates and goodness for those who stand by faith (v. 22).

OLIVE TREE IMAGERY:

The image of Israel as an olive tree is a common one in the Old Testament (e.g. Hos. 14:5–7). The root is obviously the grace of God found in Christ (John 15: 1–7), but the ancient manifestation of this root grace was found in Abraham (Gal. 3:29). The Jews had been cultivated for so long that they were considered the natural branches on this tree, and the Gentiles were the wild branches. Normally, the grafting practice was to graft a cultivated branch onto a wild root, but Paul reverses this. Here the blessing comes on the Gentile branches who were privileged to be joined to the ancient covenant promises.

Notice in this image that we find a biblical illustration that ties everything together in one unified covenant throughout the Scriptures. The apostle does not call the Jews an olive tree, and then say that

with the Gentiles we have a newly planted peach tree. No, it is all one tree, with one glorious story. This illustration, by itself, overthrows many common ways of understanding the relationship of the Church to Israel. But in this analogy, the Church *is* the renewed Israel.

WORDS OF WARNING:

This is not a letter written to generic Gentiles. These words are given to the saints in Rome. “*To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints*” (Rom. 1:7). When he cautions them against hubris, why would he do this? He did it because he saw the first stirrings of it. Remember that Paul characteristically argues “one of you will say then,” and he does this because he knows how the Q&A sessions usually go. And what happens here? “God cut out the Jews to make way for us Romans” (v. 19). Remember that this was the capital city of the most powerful empire in the world. Anyone who thinks that Christians don’t get caught up by this kind of reflected glory need to ask more pointed questions of their sinful hearts. The Lord spurned the devil’s offer of all the kingdoms of men in their glory—His followers have not always been so successful.

THE PROBLEM:

Classical Protestants, following Paul’s teaching in Romans 8 have long held that nothing can separate the elect from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8: 33). We hold to the final and complete perseverance of the elect because God will not fail to complete what He has begun (Rom. 8: 38-39). In contrast, the Church at Rome has ignored and set aside the letter than Paul wrote to them, not only on the question of faith alone, but also on the question of whether their church can fall away. The Roman church teaches that the salvation of no one is secure in this life—three popes in a row, and ten cardinals in succession, if they commit mortal sin, could all die and be condemned eternally. But they also teach that their church is incapable of falling away, that it is “unfailingly holy,” to use the words of their catechism. Paul reverses this, and so must we. Any church can fall away (Rev. 2:5), and the elect of God cannot fall away (John 10:29).

TAKE HEED:

We must face up to our constant temptation to draw contrasts between our position as Christians and the Jews’ position in the Old Testament. The New Testament consistently draws *parallels*, and we (for the sake of our traditions) want to draw these contrasts. But the way Israel fell into sin is set before us regularly (1 Cor. 10: 1-11; Heb. 3: 7ff; 4: 11; Rom. 11:17ff), and we are consistently warned against doing the very same thing. This means that the fact that Rome received this letter two thousand years ago does not make the warning less relevant, but rather far *more* relevant. How long before Paul wrote these words had the Jews been called through Abraham? Two thousand years—that is what created the temptation for them. And we should take care as well. Eventually the Westminster Confession will be two thousand years old.