

# A Service of Worship and Covenant Renewal

## Lord's Day Morning – January 31, 2021

### WELCOME

*We are pleased to have you worship with us this morning! Parents, we welcome your children during the worship service, believing they should participate as well as witness your worship. (Should they become restless or noisy to the point of disturbing worship, please take advantage of our second-floor "crying room", where you can continue to worship with us.) Please note your first visit, prayer requests, or other messages on a blue card, and give them to an Elder.*

*Please silence all electronic devices before worship begins.  
(The Prelude Is A Call To Silent Preparation For Worship.)*

### PREPARATION

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11:36

Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

### Our God Calls Us

Colossians 3:1-4

We Worship in Song and Prayer

*When Morning Gilds the Skies* TH #167

### Our God Cleanses Us

John 14:1-3

We Confess our Sins (worshippers are encouraged to kneel)

Heavenly Father,

Many of us come before you today with troubled hearts and minds. We are fearful about our relationships, our health, our finances, our families, our futures, our nation and many other things. We have a hard time believing in you in a way that would bring comfort to our hearts. We are not comforted by your many promises, including that you have prepared a place for us in heaven.

Jesus, thank you for your fearless faith. That for the joy that was set before you, you persevered through far greater pain and suffering than we have and will suffer. Thank you that you will come back and take us to be with you, wiping away our tears and healing our broken hearts.

Holy Spirit, help us to trust Christ. Help us to believe that in his death we died, and that in his resurrection we are raised to new life. Give us the joy and peace that should flow from that reality, as we continue in a broken world and still have to face the last enemy, death itself. Help us to live in light of our full forgiveness, and both live and die with great confidence in the sufficiency of your grace to us in Jesus. In his name we pray.

God Assures us of Forgiveness

John 11:25-26

We Celebrate God's Grace

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* TH #277

### Our God Cares For Us

Psalms 119:14-16

He Instructs Us from His Word

Sermon Text: *Philippians 1:18-26*

Sermon Title: *"Centered on Christ"*

Interim Pastor Rick Holmes

Sermons are available through [sermonaudio.com](http://sermonaudio.com)

He Hears Our Petitions, Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

### Our God Covenants With Us

We Confess Our Common Faith – WSC 37, 38 TH p. 872

We Feast Together at the Lord's Table\*

Communion Hymn

*Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness* TH #421

We Consecrate Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

*Please offer your tithes via the on-line option or use the box at the back of the sanctuary.*

### Our God Commissions And Blesses Us

We Sing a Concluding Song of Trust and Consecration

*All People that on Earth Do Dwell* TH # 1

Dismissal and Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

We Bless God in Response with the Doxology TH# 733

#### About the Cover ... Nika

In the Greek language of the early Christian era, abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ," NIKA means "He conquers." The symbol then reads "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ Victor."

## Sermon Notes

### Introduction

I. We can be joyful even when life is uncertain.

II. We can be joyful even in the certainty of our death.

**Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church Officers:**

**Interim Pastor: Rick Holmes**

*Ruling Elders: Tom Clement, Cliff Hull, David Lawrence, Mark Opeka*

*Deacons: Brian Leigh, Rick Petersen      Treasurer: Marty O'Dea*

CHRIST   
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



*January 31, 2021*

*1102 Montgomery Street  
Laurel, Maryland 20707  
crclaurel.org*

A congregation of the  
Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)