

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

Worship Time Survey

Some members asked the elders to consider moving the Saturday evening service to 3:30pm. After much discussion, that was deemed too early; however, the elders would consider a slightly earlier time if there is considerable interest. Survey period: February 25 -March 12, 2017. You can hand the survey in to an usher, bring to the church office or put it in the offering plate.

Please vote only ONCE during the survey period.

Please provide your name and the service you attend regularly.

What service do you most regularly attend?

____ 5:30 p.m. ____ 8:00 a.m. ____ 10:30 a.m.

Please Select your preferred starting time for Saturday Evening Worship:

____ 5:30 p.m.

____ 5:00 p.m.

____ 4:30 p.m.

Name: _____

Comments:

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES

You hear it all the time: "We all worship the same god," "All paths lead to god," "All these people can't be wrong," "It's just a matter of interpretation," etc.

We, however, believe in "one God, the Father Almighty... and in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God... God of God, Light of Light, very God and very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made...And [we] believe in the Holy Spirit, 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..."

Egads! Do we really need to say all those words?

Well... as it turns out: Yes.

The Nicene Creed affirms that God has come into human history in Jesus Christ, that He is fully and eternally God, the final Word, the "Alpha and Omega"; therefore, there cannot be someone else more like God that might appear. He--Christ--is the way, truth, and life.

Indeed, the Creed is not an obscure assortment of words. During Lent 2017 we will show how those words--the confession they make--stand as a necessary, stark contrast to nihilistic secularism, many-god pantheisms, the indifference of the modern coexist movement, the progressive revelation monism of Islam, ancient and modern pharisaic Christianity, potpourristic Momonism, and big box consumer Christianity.

We will attempt to draw these distinctions in ways that children and adults can understand and use in their witness of Christ.

1. Wed, Mar 8, 2017. Behold, a Mystery! What is a creed and why do we say this? (i.e., "What you say can matter eternally.")
2. Wed, Mar 15, 2017. Glory to God in the Highest: Jesus is God (i.e., "Yes, Arius, this is actually pretty important.")
3. Wed, Mar 22, 2017. Glory be the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit: One God in Three Persons. (i.e., "No, Charles, you can't re-write the text to make it fit your presupposition.")
4. Wed, Mar 29, 2017. Watch Out for the Watchtower: The Trinity and the Resurrection of the Body (i.e., "Charles, Arius was wrong 1700 years ago, and he's still wrong.")
5. Wed, Apr 5, 2017. Who Cares about The Cross? The Perils of the Prosperity Gospel (i.e., "Dude, you've got a nice smile, but you're cheating people to make money.")

Divine Services at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m., with 15 minute Lenten hymn-sing beforehand.

Sanctuary of The Champion

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The First Sunday in Lent + 100th Anniversary of St. Paul's Sanctuary
5 March, A.D. 2017
Gen 3:1-21; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

Introduction

CCT: The Lord Jesus Christ is our _____
against Satan.

I. The Lord Jesus is Our Champion

Matt 4.1-11

Who are those described in Romans 5:19?

¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Who does the crushing in Genesis 3:15?

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

The whole being and life of Jesus Christ is a divine rescue _____.

_____ have not earned this. It is a _____,
by faith, which is itself a _____.

Who is Jesus talking about when He quotes Deuteronomy 6:13?

II. The Sanctuary of Our Champion

A. What is Lent?

Lent is the time for practice and training in virtues and self-denial that are to be permanent and habitual in the renewed life after Easter (Lindemann: 43).

B. Worship and the Sanctuary

What is St. Paul's sanctuary?

The principles of Enlightenment Liberalism:
the beliefs that man is responsible to no authority, that man owes nothing to God, and that the mind and will of man is supreme (Rose: 147).

1789: French Revolution

1917: Communist Revolution

2017: Secular Revolution

They are all the _____.

What is St. Paul's sanctuary in relation to the above?

What are the three marks of classical Christian architecture:

1. Verticality:

2. Permanence:

3. Iconography:

Architectural beauty should reflect God's creation, particularly man, who is created in the image and likeness of God. It should beget an environment that lifts man's soul from secular things and brings it into harmony with the heavenly (Rose:27).

Architecture has the capacity to carry meaning. A church building is a "vessel of meaning" with the greatest of symbolic responsibilities: it must bear the significance of eternal truths that are transmitted through its material form, its adorning architectural elements, and its sacred works of art. These elements--indeed the whole of the church edifice--must create an other-worldly feel that inspires man to worship God, to humble himself before his Creator, to partake in the sacred mysteries, and to focus himself on the eternal (Rose:29)

What is all you really need for Christian worship?

Where could you have that?

What, however, did our forefathers build? Why?

C. Our Past and Future

March 5, 1917. St. Paul's sanctuary dedicated
March 1917. Communist Revolution in Russia.
April 6, 1917. U.S. enters WWI

March 4/5, 2017.

This Lententide we all need to ask ourselves:
Am I orienting my life around what is eternal?

Re-Confirmation Questions:

1. Do you and your family and friends prioritize the reception of God's gifts in worship?
2. Do you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayer and the gifts that God has given you?

Conclusion

CCT: The Lord Jesus Christ [and no one else] is our champion against Satan.

Operating Statement Summary

as of February 2017

Detailed financials are available at the office

<u>Church</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$644,289	\$638,267
Expense	\$461,733	\$458,430
Net Income	\$182,555	\$179,837

<u>School</u>		
Income	\$573,875	\$573,266
Expense	\$730,874	\$748,082
Net Income	(\$156,999)	(\$174,816)

<u>Total</u>		
Income	\$1,218,164	\$1,211,533
Expense	\$1,192,608	\$1,206,512
Net Income	\$25,556	\$5,021

STEPHEN MINISTRY PRESENTATION

Do **YOU** know the difference between Alzheimer's and Dementia?

- † Are they the same?
- † How would I know if I had either one?
- † What can I do to help a loved one who has Alzheimer's?

Come and hear our speaker, Joni Barrie-Hoffman, speak on Alzheimer's disease. She is a certified Dementia Practitioner.

Date: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29th**

Time: **RIGHT AFTER THE 12:15 PM MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE**

Place: **ST. PAUL'S FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by St. Paul's Stephen Ministry.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**