

# The Lord's Day

July 20, 2008

## ◆Call to Worship

*Isaiah 45:22-23*

*Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!*

*For I am God, and there is no other.*

*By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in  
righteousness a word that shall not return:*

*“To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear  
allegiance.”*

## Prayer for God's Blessing

### ◆Hymn of Adoration: “O God, We Praise Thee”

*Trinity Hymnal #105*

### Call to Confession:

*Proverbs 15:3*

*The eyes of the LORD are in every place,  
keeping watch on the evil and the good.*

### Prayer of Confession:

O God of all grace, we confess our sins to you now, knowing that your eyes are in every place, Indeed, you are a God who ponders all our ways and who knows the motives of our hearts. We confess what you already know; we have sinned against you. We have neither inclined our hearts towards you nor have we heeded your holy commandments. Instead of trusting you, we have leaned upon our own understanding. Instead of acknowledging you in all our ways, we have been wise in our own eyes. We confess these sins and the ones that we now name to you in our hearts... **[time of silence]**

O merciful God, according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us all our sins and allow us to hear again songs of deliverance. By your Spirit, enable us to offer our lives to you as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable. This we ask in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN

### Assurance of Pardon:

*Proverbs 28:13*

*Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.*

### ◆Hymn of Praise: “There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

*Trinity Hymnal #253*

**Reception of New Member:** Fred Williams

## ◆Our Profession of Faith

— Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer

### Worship with Tithes and Offerings

**Old Testament:** Joel 3:1-21

**New Testament:** Revelation 14:14-20

**Sermon:** “Valley of Decision”

### ◆Hymn of Preparation: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

*Trinity Hymnal #193*

### The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

### ◆Hymn of Response: “Jesus, with Thy Church Abide”

*Trinity Hymnal #348*

### ◆Benediction

### ◆Doxology: “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

*Trinity Hymnal #731*

**Greeter this week:** *David Frank*  
**Greeter next week:** *Lori VandenBerg*  
**Pianist:** *Gillian Frank*

## Sermon Notes

**We welcome Fred Williams** into our church membership this morning. He has met with the Session and express his desire to formally unite himself in membership to our church. Please receive him joyfully into our fellowship!

**PLEASE RESPOND... The Annual Men & Boys Camp Out...** is tentatively set for August 1-2 at the Fink's home in Milford. Let Jeff or Beth know **ASAP** if this date does or does not work for you! We have **LIMITED** options this year. You can e-mail them at: [finkjb@aol.com](mailto:finkjb@aol.com).



### **David Fink's mailing address until July 29...**

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**Summer Leadership Training...** meets Sunday mornings after the morning worship, for the men of COPC. The purpose of the course will be to provide men with the opportunity to explore whether God is calling them to pursue either the office of elder or deacon in the church. We will cover the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Book of Church Order, and address topics that pertain to the two offices.



### **Directory Updates:**

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### **OOPS: Address Correction**

(the keeper of the directory goofed):

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### **Upcoming Events**

June 30-August 14 – David Fink's Mission Trip to Cambodia  
Fri-Sat, August 1-2 – Men & Boys Campout at Fink's  
Mon-Fri, August 11-15 – OPC Family Camp