



January 10, 2020

Crown & Joy Presbyterian Church

A PCA Congregation

We're glad you're with us today. If something you encounter during the divine service moves you to want to know more, please seek one of our members at the end of the service to talk to you, pray with you, and help you in any way he or she can. Please also be sure to visit our website for more information about our congregation.

Our Vision

Exalt Christ, Love His Church, Serve Our Community. With Emphasis on Evangelism, Hospitality, Liturgy/Praise, Multi-Cultural/Ethnic and Cross-Generational Congregation.

Who We Are

Crown and Joy Presbyterian Church is a Christ-centered congregation in South Richmond, Virginia, that is devoted to glorifying the Lord Jesus by proclaiming the word of God, administering the sacraments, loving fellowship, fervent prayer, serving one another and our community in word and deed, and seeking to be a church for people from various ethnic, cultural, generational, and socio-economic backgrounds, including persons with special needs.

Divine Service

*Please stand if you are able

**Please kneel if you are able

God Calls Us

*Call to Worship** Psalm 47:2

Minister: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Minister: God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

People: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

*Salutation**

*Song of Approach and Prayer of Invocation**

God Cleanses Us

*Corporate Confession of Sin***

Merciful Father, you have said in your Word that we are to have no other gods before you. That you are God and there is no other. You have, in your great mercy made us in your image and then after we sinned, turned around and redeemed us for yourself. But like ancient Israel, we have turned to other gods. Like the people in Jeremiah's day, we think we are getting what we need and want through the power of other gods. One of those gods is political power. It has seduced us, the American church, into thinking we can get all we really need through its ideas, structures, procedures, and persons. We think we can get justice, equality, dignity, freedom, prosperity, protection and whatever else we need through it, if we can just get our hands on the levers of power. We get so caught up in this life we forget we are citizens of a kingdom that is ultimately beyond this world. Forgive us for our sin of idolatry. Forgive us for looking to and putting our trust in political power. Cleanse our hearts from confusing God and politics. Forgive us for giving tacit approval for political wickedness, if it works for our cause. Renew a right spirit within us. Set our minds and hearts on things above and not on things of the earth. Help us to engage the political rights we have trusting you to work through them what is best according to your sovereign will. And may we give thanks to you for the blessings of America without making America our god. **Amen.**

Minister: Lord have mercy

People: Christ have mercy

Minister: Lord have mercy

*Silent Reflection**

Minister: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts
no iniquity,

People: *and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

Assurance of Pardon - Mark 2:9-12

*Songs of Praise**

God Consecrates Us

Old Testament Scripture Reading – Malachi 3:1-4

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Song of Preparation

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading – Luke 7:24-35

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Preaching of God's Word

Legacy of John the Baptist – Pastor Stan Morton

*Nicene Creed*¹

Congregational Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Benediction

¹ The word "Catholic" in the Nicene Creed means "Universal"

Announcements

Financial Contributions

You can give in 1 of 2 ways. You can mail your financial contribution to P.O. Box 8851, Richmond, VA 23225, or you can give online by visiting crownandjoy.com and clicking on “Give.”

Small Groups

Small groups have begun again! Both groups meet via Zoom. Look for links to meetings in the weekly newsletter and in emails.

Women: Wednesdays 6:45-8pm

Men: Thursdays 6:45-8pm

Prayer Meetings

We encourage you to continue to pray together during this time, through such resources as: Zoom, Google Hangouts, Facebook, Skype, YouVersion Bible app, Apple FaceTime (for iPhones) or Google Duo (for Android).

Online Resources

Please check our Youtube channel during the week for an archive of our sermons. Visit <https://youtube.com/crownandjoy>

www.crownandjoy.com

Meeting Address

1000 Westover Hills Blvd.
Richmond, VA 23225

Divine Service

10:30 AM

Fellowship Meal

12:00 PM

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