

Sermon Outline

Directive

Micah 6:8

I. Directive: A Direct Corollary to the Great Commandment is for the Magistrate to Do Justice.
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II. Directive: A Direct Corollary to the Great Commandment is for the Magistrate to Love Mercy.
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III. Directive: The Substance of the Great Commandment is for the Magistrate to Walk in Humility with God.
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The vision for the New Geneva Orthodox Presbyterian Church is to preach, teach, and practice the Reformed faith in Southeast Idaho through a God-centered worship service, a variety of teaching ministries, and practical service to the community.

We are covenantal
Holding to the Old and New Covenants or Testaments

We are confessional
Holding to the historic Westminster Confessional Standards

We are community oriented
Caring for our brothers and Sisters

We are cross-cultural
Believing that the Church is to be Called from every nation and race

We are Presbyterian
Believing that our church is only a small part of the Universal Church and that church government should fall upon the Presbytery or elders

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**This is what the LORD says
Stand at the crossroads and look
ask for the ancient paths
ask where the good way is and walk in it
and you will find rest for your souls**
Jeremiah 6:16

New Geneva

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Covenant Renewal Worship

November 1, 2020

Prayer for Silent Meditation

We encourage you to use the moments preceding the commencement of holy worship in quiet meditation and preparation. Toward that end we offer the prayer below as food for thought.

Lord Jesus, we ask you to guide the people of this nation as they exercise their dearly bought privilege of franchise. May it neither be ignored unthinkingly nor undertaken lightly. As citizens all over this land go to the ballot boxes, give them a sense of the high privilege and joyous responsibility. Help those who are about to be elected to public office to come to understand the real source of their mandate – a mandate given by no party machine, received at no polling booth, but given by God; a mandate to govern wisely and well; a mandate to represent God and truth at the heart of the nation; a mandate to do good in the name of him under whom this Republic was established. We ask this in the name of him who created us all equal in his sight – and therefore all brothers. Amen.

Rev. Peter Marshall, chaplain of the Senate, 1947-49

* Apostolic Salutation * Congregation Standing

Minister: *The Lord be with your spirit.*

People: *And grace be with you.*

* Call to Worship Psalm 138, #835

* Hymn Stand Up and Bless the Lord, #15

* The Law of God Deuteronomy 16:18-22

Prayer of Confession Kneel (as able)

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good", but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that,

We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it Pluralism;

We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism;

We have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyle;

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery;

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare;

We have killed our unborn and called it choice;

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable;

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building

self-esteem;

We have abused power and called it politics;

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition;

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression;

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent; to direct us to the center of Your will and to openly ask these things in the name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Offered by the Rev. Joe Wright at the new session of the Kansas Senate, January, 1996)

* Assurance of Pardon

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses. *Colossians 2:13*

Minister: *Herein is the pardon of the Savior.*

People: *Thanks be to You, O Lord.*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn Thy Loving Kindness, Lord, Is Good and Free, #607

* Hymn O for a Closer Walk With God, #534

* The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson *2 Samuel 9:1-8*

New Testament Lesson *Matthew 22:34-40*

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to You, O God.*

* Gloria Patri #735

Prayer for the Sermon

O God, whose name is holy of itself, we pray that it may be hallowed also by us. To this end help us, O blessed Father in heaven, that your word may be taught in truth and purity, and that we, as your children, may lead holy lives in accordance with it. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen. *Martin Luther, 1483-1546*

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Response to the Word of God

The Lord's Supper

Instruction on the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our God and Father, we lift up our hearts to you. Give us your Holy Spirit. Grant us the grace to approach this table with humble repentance and ardent desire in Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us to receive this holy sacrament with firm faith in your word, that in receiving these visible signs from your hand we may receive by faith the body and blood of Jesus Christ, who died for us as the nourishment of eternal life. May we take from it the peace and spiritual joy proper to your children with ardent love for you, our God, and a firm resolve henceforth to consecrate our lives to your service, until we see your face and our souls are received by Jesus Christ our Savior, who has redeemed them by his death. Amen.

Pierre du Moulin, 1568-1658

Giving of the Body and Blood of Christ

Minister: *He is risen!*

People: *He is risen, indeed!*

* Hymn Psalm 138A

Prayer for Alms and Offerings

* We Give Thee But Thine Own #432

* Our Mutual Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism,
Questions 41-42 #872

* Doxology #731

* Benediction

* Threefold Amen #740