

Sermon Outline

Vindication

1 Timothy 3:16c-d

- I. Vindication: The Mystery of the Hypostatic Union is Vindicated in the Open Display of Christ's Incarnation. *v16c*

- II. Vindication: The Mystery of the Hypostatic Union is Vindicated in the Open Justification of Christ by the Spirit. *v16d*

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

December 6, 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.

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful, as we await the coming of your Son our Lord, that when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin, but active in his service and joyful in his praise, for the glory of your holy name. Amen. *Early advent prayer, Gelasian Sacramentary, late 4th C*

Second Sunday in Advent

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 3:1-10

Prayer: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1977

* Apostolic Salutation

** Congregation Standing*

Minister:

The Lord be with your spirit.

People:

And grace be with you.

* Call to Worship

Psalms 8, #786

* Hymn

O Word of God Incarnate, #140

* The Law of God

Exodus 34:1-9

Prayer of Confession

Kneel (as able)

Lord Jesus Christ, who did stretch out your hands upon the cross, redeeming us by your blood, forgive us sinners! For none of our words, thoughts, and deeds are hidden from you! For pardon we ask, for pardon we hope, for pardon we trust to obtain, only by the Savior's blood. You who show pity and mercy to the undeserving, spare and forgive us! Amen.

Adapted from A Prayer of St. Ambrose of Milan, 339-397

* Assurance of Pardon

He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. *Isaiah 53:5*

Minister:

Herein is the pardon of the Savior.

People:

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, #193

* Hymn

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor,
#230

* The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 36:22-32

New Testament Lesson

John 1:14-18

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

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank you, for you have vouchsafed to feed us in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and has assured us, duly receiving the same, of your favor and goodness towards us. And that we are very members incorporate in your mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people and heirs through hope of your everlasting kingdom by the merits of the most precious death and passion of your dear Son. We therefore most humbly ask you, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with your grace that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen. *The First English Prayer Book, 1549*

Giving of the Body and Blood of Christ

Minister:

He is risen!

People:

He is risen, indeed!

* Hymn

Psalm 8A

Prayer for Alms and Offerings

* We Give Thee But Thine Own

#432

* Our Mutual Confession of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter VIII,
Of Christ the Mediator, Section 3 #853

* Doxology

#731

* Benediction

* Threefold Amen

#740