

“We are Prophets, Priests and Kings as well”
Various Texts December 18, 2011
Series “Advent: Offices of Christ”

1. As the body of Christ we continue the offices of Christ.

I Corinthians 12:27 - Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

2. We individually and corporately fulfill the offices of Christ.

a. Prophet

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

b. Priest

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

c. King

Luke 12:48b For everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

3. We allow Jesus to be our model.

Phil 2:5 “Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.”

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As we consider the offices and roles of those in the Old Testament and how Christ fulfilled those roles while He was on earth, we are reminded that we who put our faith and trust in Jesus are called the body of Christ. We continue Christ’s earthly ministry in a way that is similar, but different, to those of the Old Testament and different than that of Christ. So while we prepare in this Advent season for the coming of Jesus and the roles He plays in our lives we also need to prepare ourselves to continue the ministry and roles that Jesus has entrusted to us.

1. It is good to give ourselves a refresher on the different offices that were present in the Old Testament and what their responsibilities were, as well as how Christ fulfilled those roles in His life. So in your own words describe the Old Testament roles of “Prophet, Priest and King”. Also describe how Jesus fulfills those roles in His life and ministry.
2. It can seem arrogant to say that we fulfill the ministry of Christ in our lives. Yet I Corinthians 12:27 says that we are the “body of Christ”. In general, without getting into the specific offices, how do you see us continuing the ministry of Christ? What false thoughts about continuing the ministry of Christ would we want to avoid?
3. The Essential Tenets of the Presbyterian Fellowship have a great statement about how we continue to fulfill the offices of Christ. Read the statement below.

Quote from *Essential Tenets* of the Presbyterian Fellowship – Every Christian is called to the prophetic life, proclaiming the good news to the world and enacting that good news. Every Christian is called to extend the lordship of Christ to every corner of the world. And every Christian is called to participate in Christ’s priestly, mediatorial work, sharing in the suffering of the world in ways that extend God’s blessing. We are equipped to share in these offices by the Holy Spirit, who conforms us to the pattern of Christ’s life.

- a. In your own words how do we fulfill the role of the prophet? What scriptures can you think of that guide our prophetic role? Where specifically do you see Christ calling you to be a prophet?
 - b. In your own words how do we fulfill the role of the priest? What scriptures can you think of that guide our priest role? Where specifically do you see Christ calling you to be a priest?
 - c. In your own words how do we fulfill the role of the king? What scriptures can you think of that guide our king role? Where specifically do you see Christ calling you to be a king?
4. Usually people will find that they have a particular role that is more natural than the others. Which role do you think might come more naturally for you and why?
 5. Sometimes people who fulfill offices can be overcome by the desire for power and glory. Read Philippians 2:5-11; how can Jesus be your model for the way you might fulfill these roles in the world.
 6. What are one or two things you can do as a result of this message and study?