



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

October 17, 2021

WELCOME *to* CHRIST CHURCH

Thanks for joining us for worship this morning! We gather each week because we believe Jesus Christ is the one true hope for our tired and broken world. So, wherever your walk is with God, we are glad you are here to be part of our celebration of God's generosity to us in Jesus.

Christ Church is an inter-generational congregation rooted in our common faith in Christ and commitment to serving His kingdom. These commitments propel us into the future as we continue our congregation's thirty-year tradition of joyful and reverent worship, dedication to spiritual growth, and passion for advancing the Gospel in Jacksonville and around the world.

If you have any questions about Christ Church, please don't hesitate to ask an usher, a friendly face with a name tag in the lobby, or seek out one of our pastors.

KIDS *during* WORSHIP

During our service, we encourage parents of young children to keep their kids in worship as long as they like. We also provide age-appropriate care and instruction for kids. Parents with children 2-years old or younger may drop-off their children in the Nursery (0-Walking) or the Toddler Room (Walking-2) where a team of trained child-care professionals and volunteers await them. Children ages 3-1st grade are dismissed for Children's Chapel after we recite the Apostles' Creed. They exit the sanctuary through the back doors to study God's Word. All children above nursery age return to the sanctuary for the offering so that we close our worship with the family of God together.

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

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| October 17 (Noon-3p) | Middle School Girls Lunch & Skating |
| October 17 (5.30-7p) | Youth Small Groups (High school only) |
| October 21 (1p) | <i>Wrapped in Prayer</i> Meeting |
| October 24 (9.30a) | School of Discipleship |
| October 24 (10.30a) | Worship Service |
| October 24 (5.30-7p) | Youth Small Groups |
| October 31 (9.30a) | School of Discipleship |
| October 31 (10.30a) | Communion Service |

ADULT SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

A new adult school of discipleship class began last week. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9.30 in the sanctuary where Chuck will be speaking about the core commitments of a Christian marriage.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER MEETING

The next *Wrapped in Prayer* meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21 at 1p in the multipurpose room. Crochet and knitting learners are always welcome. Please contact Claire Van Til (904-434-1478) with any questions or if you would be interested in making a donation of yarn or money toward the purchase of yarn for the ministry.

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

All Christ Church women are invited to join one of three women's bible studies offered this semester: Tuesday morning at 9.30a, Tuesday evening at 7p, or Thursday morning at 9.30a. Childcare is available at the church during the Tuesday and Thursday morning studies. For details, visit the church website.

FALL MEN'S MINISTRY

This semester we are rolling out a new men's ministry endeavor. Quads are groups of 4-5 men who commit to meeting weekly for prayer and accountability. There will also be two Wednesday morning bible studies: one at Christ Church at 7a, led by Steve Beaver, studying through 1 Peter and the other at Metro Diner in Orange Park at 7a, led by Jon Groh. For more information, please contact John Lawler.

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————— ENTER *the* PRESENCE *of* GOD —————

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Colson

Please take a moment to prepare your heart for worship, and silence all mobile devices.

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations! Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth! He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with equity!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul
Music: Mason

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning prisoner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eye to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger he befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King;
Unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Prior to the corporate prayer, we take a moment to confess our sins in silence.

Heavenly Father, nothing is hidden from your sight; we cannot cover our sins or conceal our faults from you. We confess that we've failed to love our neighbor as we ought, putting our own interests ahead of theirs. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ have mercy on us and forgive us that we may walk in a manner worthy of your calling through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Words: Hart | Music: Rousseau

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Chorus

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him.

HYMN

By Thy Mercy

Words: Cummins | Music: Thompson

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from Heaven thy gracious ear,
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners hear:

Chorus

By thy mercy, O deliver us,
Good Lord, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us,
Good Lord, good Lord

From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within:

When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace:

In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls on thee relying,
Find thee still our Rock and Stay.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our LORD, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The "holy catholic Church" refers to the entire company of God's redeemed people throughout the world and across the centuries.*

Children, ages 3-1st grade, are dismissed for Children's Chapel. Children exit the sanctuary through the main rear doors. They will return for the Offering.

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 131

- ¹ O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
- ² But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
- ³ O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.

After the Psalm, we respond:

All men are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,

but the word of our God stands forever!

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 14.1-12

¹ As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Judge Not
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Words: Kirkpatrick | Music: Stead

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise;
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O, for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Steve Beaver

After our congregational supplications, we say the prayer our Savior has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Send Out Your Light (Psalm 43)

Words & Music: McCracken

*Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
Against the deceitful man, O deliver us
For you are the God in whom I take refuge
Why have you rejected me? I walk around confused.*

Chorus

*Send out your light and truth
Let them lead me
Bring me to your holy hill
To your dwelling
Then I will go to the alter of God
To God, my exceeding joy
Then I will praise him with my guitar
Oh my joy, my joy*

*Why are you cast down low, O my soul?
Why are you cast down low, and in turmoil?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him
Hope in God, for he is my salvation.*

⊕ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son;

And praise the Spirit three in one!

O Praise him, O Praise him;

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DEPART *in* PEACE

HYMN

At the Mountain of God
Words: Colson & Zipf | Music: Zipf

When the Lord comes down with the city of Zion,
Our hearts will find comfort at last.
We who've sown tears in grief will know laughter once again.
All his people will shout Amen!

Chorus

“Great things he has done!”, the redeemed will say.
“Great things! Great things he has done!”
We will come to the feast at the mountain of God, Hallelujah!
He has done great things!

The rolling hills will dance, and the rivers will clap.
The sea will roar when he bids death to pass.
We will drink from the fountain of the everlasting God,
And our thirst will be quenched! Amen!

There will be no need of the sun and moon to shine,
For the glory of the Lord will give the light.
The lame will stand and walk, the mute will raise their voice,
And the blind will see his glorious sight!

BENEDICTION

MINISTRIES *of the* WEEK

LOCAL

Seamark Ranch is a nurturing Christian home and family system that gives children from families in crisis the tools they need for a brighter future. Through a family home model, a specialized residential school and the lessons of life on a working farm community, Seamark Ranch provides the ideal setting for love, stabilization, healing, education and empowerment.

INTERNATIONAL

In 1997, Carol Arnold and her husband, Jack, began Equipping Pastors International (EPI). Carol has traveled to all six continents, speaking at conferences and seminars to both pastors and their wives, as well as to lay women of all denominations. Since Jack's death in January 2005, she has continued as a full-time missionary with EPI.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Barb Day (*cancer*); Louis Fassnacht; Sue Forsyth (*back*); Elizabeth Garnett (*cancer*); Gar Gurganious (*cancer*); Hector (*dementia*) & V'Elna Harima; Wayne Noble; Sandy Reynolds; Jewell Smith (*back*)

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