



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

October 3, 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

October 3 (Noon)	Congregational Meeting
October 3 (4.30p)	Fall Classic
October 9 (9a-1p)	Seamark Saturday
October 10 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship
October 10 (10.30a)	Communion Service
October 10 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
October 11 (6.30p)	Joint Officers' Meeting
October 16 (8a)	Men's Workday
October 17 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship
October 17 (10.30a)	Worship Service
October 17 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups

BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

We will hold a brief congregational meeting immediately following the worship service today for a momentous occasion in our congregation's life! After faithfully and productively serving as an Assistant Pastor at Christ Church for four years, our Session is delighted to extend John Lawler the opportunity to serve as an Associate Pastor. This, however, requires for the congregation to elect John to this position.

2021 FALL CLASSIC TODAY AT 4.30

Join us this afternoon for our annual Fall Classic. We will have music, water slides, kiddie pools, the Kona Ice truck, and a cookout on the church property. The fun will begin at 4.30 and dinner at 5.30. Bring your appetite and a swimsuit if you dare!

MEN'S WORKDAY

Join us Saturday, October 16th, 8-10am, for a men's workday at the church. We'll be addressing a number of items around the property including trimming trees, mulching around flower beds, and general property cleanup . Bring any tools you have at home that will benefit the projects. Donuts, coffee, and water will be provided that morning!

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Colson

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

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 36

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings! They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights!

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light! Continue your steadfast love to those who know you,

and your righteousness to the upright of heart!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Words: Nettleton | Music: Robinson

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Merciful Father, you alone know how often we have sinned against you: forgetting your steadfast love and failing to give thanks to you for your goodness. We confess our iniquity; we are sorry for our sin. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ forgive us and strengthen us that we may be filled with the fruits of righteousness to the glory and praise of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words: Wesley | Music: Thompson

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none; I, helpless hang on thee;
Leave, O, leave me not alone; support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed; all help from thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

.HYMN

All Must Be Well
Words: Peters | Music: Smith

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well;
Free and changeless is his favor, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us;
Perfect is the grace that sealed us;
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well;
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding;
Fruitful if in Christ abiding;
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding;
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.
On our Father's love relying;
Jesus every need supplying;
Yes, in living or in dying;
All must be well.

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 133

- ¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life 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 13.8-10

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Owe No One Anything
Chuck Colson

RESPOND to GOD

⊕ HYMN

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

Words: Gadsby | Music: McCracken

The love of Christ is rich and free; fixed on his own eternally;
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove; long as he lives, his own he'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be their everlasting Surety;
'Twas love that took their cause in hand, and love maintains it to the end.

Chorus

Love cannot from its post withdraw;
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away;
He'll love his own to endless day.

Love has redeemed his sheep with blood; and love will bring them safe to God;
Love calls them all from death to life; and love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene, nor aught from him can Zion wean;
Not all the wanderings of her heart can make his love for her depart.

At death, beyond the grave, he'll love; in endless bliss, his own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love which never could from them remove.

INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hugh Morris

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

O Love of God, How Strong and True

Words: Bonar | Music: Parry

*O love of God, how strong and true! Eternal and yet ever new,
Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!
O love of God, how deep and great, far deeper than man's deepest hate;
Self-fed, self-kindled like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite.*

*O heav'nly love, how precious still, in days of weariness and ill,
In nights of pain and helplessness, to heal, to comfort, and to bless!
O wide-embracing, wondrous love! We read you in the sky above,
We read you in the earth below, in seas that swell, and streams that flow.*

*We read you best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame;
Sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.
We read your pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of your might.*

*O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in you we rest, forever safe, forever blest.
We will exalt you, God and King, and we will ever praise your name;
We will extol you ev'ry day, and evermore your praise proclaim.*

⊕ 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

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Words: Prentiss | Music: Doane

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!

Hear thou the prayer I make

On bended knee;

This is my earnest plea,

More love, O Christ, to thee,

More love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;

Now thee alone I seek;

Give what is best:

This all my prayer shall be,

More love, O Christ, to thee,

More love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;

This be the parting cry

My heart shall raise,

This still its prayer shall be,

More love, O Christ, to thee,

More love to thee, more love to thee!

BENEDICTION

MINISTRIES *of the* WEEK

LOCAL

Christ Church Beaches, planted by Kevin Bigelow, is a mission church of the North Florida Presbytery. As a mission, they are focused on being a community in which one can know and be known by Jesus, one another, and the community. These values express themselves as a focus on the person and work of Jesus in the preaching and liturgy of gathered worship and a gospelcentrality in the life of the church.

INTERNATIONAL

Juan José Cotto is planting Iglesia Comunción (PCA) in Caguas, Puerto Rico, in partnership with Trinity Church PCA and Iglesia La Travesía (PCA). Juan José has vast experience proclaiming God's word and ministering to the spiritual needs of people in Puerto Rico. He has also been trained under the leadership of Pastor Ronnie García, the first PCA pastor and church planter on the island. Their vision is to see a new generation of Latino men and women raised up and equipped with the gospel of grace in Jesus Christ.

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*); Ken Van Til (*pneumonia*)

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