

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

November 3 (10.30a)	Cancelled: Music at Westminster Woods
November 6 (8.30a)	Elder Prayer Meeting
November 6 (7-8.30p)	High Life at the Ringhavers'
November 7 (5-7.30p)	RUF Fundraising Event
November 10 (10.30a)	Communion Service
November 16 (10a)	GGCC Brunch at the Ringhavers'
November 21 (6.30p)	Women's Ministry Event

RUF FUNDRAISING EVENT

Please join our ministry partner, RUF at the University of North Florida, at Maple Street Biscuit Company in Julington Creek (1627 Racetrack Road, 32259) this Thursday, November 7, 5-7.30p, to celebrate the work and ministry of RUF at UNF. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to their ministry. Invite your friends and neighbors and come out to enjoy breakfast for dinner!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

All Christ Church women are invited to attend a fellowship gathering on Thursday, November 21 at the home of Jeannie Rogers (8138 Green Glade Rd, 32256) from 6.30-8.30p. Please bring your favorite salad to share. We will hear a testimony of God's faithfulness from one of our women, share our fall bible study experiences, and discuss our plans for the new year. Don't miss it!

SAVE THE DATE - VBS 2020

We are making plans for VBS 2020! Mark your calendars for June 8-12. All rising VPK students through rising 5th graders are welcome. Stay tuned for more details and registration information.

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity • November 3, 2019

———— 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 96

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD,
bless his name!

Tell of his salvation from day to day!

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the
peoples!

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

Words: Croft

Music: Wesley

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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 delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus:

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for this atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Words & Music: Lowry

HYMN

All Must Be Well

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.

Words: Peters

Music: Smith

GREETING GOD'S PEOPLE

The peace of the LORD be always with you!

And also with you!

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.*

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

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!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Nehemiah 8.1-18

¹ And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ⁴ And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand.

⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶ And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁷ Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. ⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the

LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our LORD. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”¹¹ So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.”¹² And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

¹³ On the second day the heads of fathers’ houses of all the people, with the priests and the Levites, came together to Ezra the scribe in order to study the words of the Law.¹⁴ And they found it written in the Law that the LORD had commanded by Moses that the people of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month,¹⁵ and that they should proclaim it and publish it in all their towns and in Jerusalem, “Go out to the hills and bring branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to make booths, as it is written.”

¹⁶ So the people went out and brought them and made booths for themselves, each on his roof, and in their courts and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at the Water Gate and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim.¹⁷ And all the assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in the booths, for from the days of Jeshua the son of Nun to that day the people of Israel had not done so. And there was very great rejoicing.¹⁸ And day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. They kept the feast seven days, and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the rule.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Hear the Word, Keep the Feast
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Words: Funk

Music: Rippon

INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jon Groh

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

Steadfast

Then, after the offering, we thank God for his gifts by singing the 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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn' shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Words: Peace

Music: Matheson

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

INTERNATIONAL

Jim Fitzgerald serves as a missionary with Equipping Pastors International in North Africa and the Middle East. He is adjunct professor of Humanities and has also taught courses in World Religions, Bible, Philosophy of Religion, and History. His vision is to equip pastors in North Africa and the Middle East where Islam is firmly entrenched. This region was once the intellectual and theological capital of the Christian world, and Jim desires to see its true Christian heritage recovered.

LOCAL

Joe Naramore is a ruling elder at one of our daughter churches, Christ Church East. Joe serves as East Coast Regional Director for Campus Outreach. Alan Marsh and his family are also members at Christ Church East. Alan works as Area and Campus Director at Jacksonville University. Campus Outreach seeks to glorify God by building laborers for the lost world.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Steve Beaver; Holly Bosma; Branson Bishop; Tad Duke; Gar Gurganious; Hector Harima; Jay Kirk; George Mitchell; Denise Seise

ON DEPLOYMENT: Chris Manchigiah (Mollie)

