



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 2, 2022

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

January 8 (9a-1p)	Seamark Saturday
January 9 (10.30a)	Worship Service
January 11 (6.30p)	Joint Officers' Meeting
January 14-16	Spiritual Life Conference
January 16 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship
January 16 (10.30a)	Worship Service
January 23 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship
January 23 (10.30a)	Worship Service
January 23 (5-7p)	Youth Small Groups Kick-Off

SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE: JANUARY 14-16, 2022

Join us for our Spiritual Life Conference on the weekend of January 14-16, 2022. We will begin with a Sandra McCracken concert on Friday evening and continue on Saturday and Sunday mornings with teaching from Sandy Willson. To purchase concert tickets and RSVP for the conference, visit christchurchpresjax.org.sl.c.

SEAMARK SATURDAY

Join us at Seamark Ranch Saturday, January 8 (9a-1p), to participate in their monthly volunteer workday. Anyone interested in visiting and serving Seamark Ranch is welcome! If you are interested or have questions, please contact Chris White (whiteread@aol.com) or Jan Brittingham (jan@shipatlantic.com).

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT (7TH-12TH GRADERS)

All 7th-12th graders are invited to join us for our annual *Be Still* Winter Retreat, February 4-6, 2022. We are heading to Epworth by the Sea, a Retreat Center on St. Simons Island, for a spiritually nourishing and fun-filled weekend away together. The cost is \$80. Please sign up online and contact Alec Cotton with any questions.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: SAVE-THE-DATE

Ladies, please mark your calendars for our 2022 Women's Retreat which will be held at Christ Church on February 26 from 9a-3p. Stay tuned for more details and registration instructions.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alec Cotton

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

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Tommy Park

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him!

The LORD has made known his salvation!

He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations! He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel!

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Words: Montgomery | Music: Smart

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

Chorus

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One

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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Words: Wesley & Hunt | Music: Pritchard

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

HYMN

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Words: Reed | Music: Polish Melody

Infant holy infant, lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
Noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.
Christ the babe was born for you.

Infant holy infant, lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
Noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

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 30

- ¹ I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- ² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
- ³ O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- ⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
- ⁵ For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
- ⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”
- ⁷ By your favor, O LORD,
you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.
- ⁸ To you, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
- ⁹ “What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?”
- ¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper!”

¹¹ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
¹² that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

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!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 11.17-27

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

I AM the Resurrection and the Life
Alec Cotton

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

Good Christian Men, Rejoice!

Words & Music: Neale

Good Christian men, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
Earth and heav'n before him bow,
And he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
And man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

Words: Houghton | Music: Campbell

*Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger did surrender,
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor
All for love's sake becamest poor.*

*Thou who art God Beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising,
Heav'nward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man.*

*Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.*

⊕ 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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Words: Wesley | Music: Mendelssohn

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Chorus

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

BENEDICTION

MINISTRIES *of the* WEEK

LOCAL

Tommy Park serves students on the campus of the University of North Florida with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), which is the denominational college ministry of the PCA. His desire is that RUF at UNF would be a place for skeptics and weary Christians to come face-to-face with the real Jesus.

INTERNATIONAL

Daniel and Abby Eguiluz work with Serge in Lima, Peru. They work to promote spiritual renewal for all Lima through free, gospel-centered theological training for under-resourced pastors, church planters, Sunday school teachers and other church leaders from all backgrounds. Themselves coming from different traditions, Daniel and Abby want to serve the whole body of Christ and have a passion for the unity of the church.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

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

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