



CHRIST CHURCH  
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

*Second Sunday in Advent*

*December 5, 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

December 5 (5.30p)	Youth Small Groups
December 12	NO School of Discipleship
December 12 (10.30a)	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols Service
December 12 (5.30p)	Youth Christmas Party
December 19 (10.30a)	Communion Service

## FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

Join us on December 12th at 10.30a to participate in our annual Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, where, by listening to the Scripture story read and sung, we are reminded that all of Scripture points to our Lord, Jesus. Nursery will be provided for ages 0-2.

## 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 BBQ dinner and \*Sandra McCracken concert on Friday evening and continue on Saturday and Sunday mornings with teaching from Sandy Willson. To learn more, RSVP for the conference, and purchase concert tickets, visit [christchurchpresjax.org.slc](http://christchurchpresjax.org.slc).

*\*Purchase your concert tickets if you haven't yet! They will be made available to the public soon.*

## 2021 STAFF & MISSIONARY OFFERING

The Session will be collecting a special offering that will be designated and distributed to our mission partners and staff members as an end-of-year gift. Labeled envelopes will be inserted in your bulletins and can be placed in the offering plates.

## TREASURER'S NOTE

During 2021, we have collected funds to offset our mortgage and pay down the principal on the loan for the building renovation. We've had a great year, collecting \$143,940 towards our pledged goal of \$204,000. With 2021 drawing to a close, we wanted to provide a gentle reminder to those who pledged and a general invitation to our entire congregation to participate in this important endeavor.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Colson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Bill & Sandy Waldrop

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

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the righteous rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in him!

**Let all the upright in heart exult!**

Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart! Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,

**And give thanks to his holy name!**

INVOCATION

## HYMN

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

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.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we've walked in darkness rather than light, failing to love you and our neighbor as we ought. In thought, word, and deed, we've failed to practice the truth, delighting in the shadow of sin. Through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive our sins and strengthen us to walk as children of light to the glory and praise of your Name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ 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.

## HYMN

*Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul*

*Words: Steele | Music: Twit*

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee, when sorrows rise  
On thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.  
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone can'st heal.  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel.

But O! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust.  
And still my soul would cleave to thee though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace, be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer.  
O may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat,  
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.  
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## 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.*

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HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

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 10.11-18

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

<sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the

sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just

as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also,

and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For

this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have au-

thority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

*After the lesson, we respond:*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*I AM the Good Shepherd*  
Chuck Colson

## RESPOND *to* GOD

### ⊕ 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.

# INSTALLATION *to* OFFICE

DIVINE INSTITUTION OF OFFICE

Chuck Colson

## VOWS OF OFFICE

Are you now willing to take charge of this congregation as their pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?

**I am.**

Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?

**I do.**

Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

**I do.**

## VOWS OF CONGREGATION

Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive John Lawler, whom you have called to be your associate pastor?

**We do.**

Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?

**We do.**

Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

**We do.**

Do you engage to continue to him while he is your associate pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

**We do.**

CHARGE TO MINISTER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dave Lowe

*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

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

*Words: Baker | Music: Dykes*

*The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.*

*And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house forever.*



⊕ 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

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## DEPART *in* PEACE

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### 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

Raymond Clotaire is the pastor of Elohim Evangelical Church, a Haitian Presbyterian church of the North Florida Presbytery. Ray is seeking to establish a reformed and gospel-centered church within the Haitian community on the west side of Jacksonville.

## 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.

# 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*)

**EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Katie Lakey; Abigail Waddell

**DEPLOYMENTS:** Jonathan Waddell (Abigail)

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