



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Epiphany Sunday

January 9, 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 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 20 (1p)	<i>Wrapped in Prayer</i> Meeting
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.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

We will continue to collect 2022 stewardship pledge cards through the month of January. Pledge cards are available on the counter in the Narthex and can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

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

Chuck Colson

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

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared!

A great king over all the earth!

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet! Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Words: Bridges | Music: Elvey

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wondering eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n, one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died;
Be thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

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

His Mercy Is More
Words & Music: Boswell & Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more

HYMN

Good and Upright
Words: Colson & Zipf | Music: Zipf

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
Make me to know your ways,
And teach me your paths.

For the sake of your name, Lord,
Pardon my guilt for it is great.
Consider my affliction
And forgive all my sin.

Chorus

O Lord, remember your mercy
And your steadfast love,
For they are from of old.
Good and upright are you, Lord!
Good and upright are you, Lord!

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
For you are the God
Of my salvation;
For you I wait all the day long.

Lord, turn to me and be gracious,
You know the troubles of my heart.
Oh, guard my soul, Lord,
And deliver us!

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 80

- ¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
 you who lead Joseph like a flock.
 You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- ² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
 stir up your might
 and come to save us!
- ³ Restore us, O God;
 let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- ⁴ O LORD God of hosts,
 how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears
 and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- ⁶ You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
 and our enemies laugh among themselves.
- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
 let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- ⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt;
 you drove out the nations and planted it.
- ⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
 it took deep root and filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade,
 the mighty cedars with its branches.
- ¹¹ It sent out its branches to the sea
 and its shoots to the River.
- ¹² Why then have you broken down its walls,
 so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
- ¹³ The boar from the forest ravages it,
 and all that move in the field feed on it.

- ¹⁴ Turn again, O God of hosts!
Look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,
¹⁵ the stock that your right hand planted,
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.
¹⁶ They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your face!
¹⁷ But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
¹⁸ Then we shall not turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call upon your name!
¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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 15.1-5

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

I AM the Vine
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me
Words & Music: Robinson, Farren, & Johnson

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer!
There is no more for heaven now to give;
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom;
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus!
For my life is wholly bound to his;
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine—
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior he will stay;
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing;
For in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me;
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome—
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
The future sure, the price it has been paid;
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated!
Jesus now and ever is my plea;
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free—
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home;
And day by day, I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to him;
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat—
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Dickenson

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 Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us

Words: Head | Music: Hammond

*O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
Revive your church with life and pow'r.*

*O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
And fit your church to meet this hour.*

*O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
Till humbly we confess our need;
Then in your tenderness remake us,
Revive, restore, for this we plead.*

*O Heart of Christ, once broken for us,
'Tis there we find our strength and rest;
Our broken, contrite hearts now solace,
And let your waiting church be blest.*

*Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
While harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
Equip your church to spread the light.*

⊕ 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

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Words: Stead | Music: Kirkpatrick

'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.

BENEDICTION

MINISTRIES *of the* WEEK

LOCAL

Brian Thomas serves students on the campus of the University of Florida with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), which is the denominational college ministry of the PCA. His desire is for God's saving power to be known on the college campus and to raise up mature disciples of Jesus Christ.

INTERNATIONAL

Ross & Angela Floyd served three years in Bogata, Columbia and are now missionaries in Panama City, Panama, working with Mission to the World. They serve alongside the local church to reach the lost with the gospel, build community both within the church and the surrounding community, and walk with believers as they grow in their faith through discipleship.

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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