



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

February 27, 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

February 27 (5.30p)	Youth Small Groups
March 2 (12p)	Lenten Lunches Begin
March 4-6	Membership Class
March 6 (9.30a)	Joint Adult SoD/RUF Sunday
March 6 (10.30a)	Worship Service
March 6 (5.30p)	Youth Small Groups
March 7 (6.30p)	Session Meeting
March 9 (12p)	Lenten Lunch
March 12 (9a)	Men's Fellowship & Workday
March 13 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship
March 13 (10.30a)	Worship Service
March 13	NO Youth Small Groups (<i>Spring Break</i>)

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Our next membership class will be offered March 4-6 (Friday 6-8p; Saturday 9-11.30a; Sunday 9.30a). If you are new to Christ Church and would like to become a member, or simply desire to know more about who we are and what we do, we welcome you to join us. Please RSVP to Charlotte Cox. The next kids & youth membership class will be held May 13-14.

LENTEN LUNCHES

We invite you to join us in the weeks leading up to Easter for a light lunch and teaching aimed to prepare our community for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. We will meet on Wednesdays at noon beginning March 2 and continuing through Holy Week (April 13). Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of lunch. Childcare will be available for ages 4 and under.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & WORKDAY

Join us Saturday, March 12th, 9a-12p, for a men's workday and time of fellowship at the church. We'll be addressing a number of items around the property. Donuts, coffee, and water will be provided that morning!

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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 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

for you have exalted above all things your name and your word!

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

for great is the glory of the LORD!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Let's Go Up to the House of God

Words: Colson | Music: Zipf

Let's go up to the house of God,
The rock of our salvation.
Let's bow down and worship him
In adoration!

Chorus

Let's go up! Let's go up!
Let's go up to the house of God!

Let's go up to the house of God;
Ascend his holy hill.
Come, seek his light and his truth;
And listen to his will.

Let's go up to the mount of God,
A house of prayer for all;
To pour out our hearts to him
Who listens when we call!

Let's go up to the house of God
To plead he bring the day
When our Savior comes again
And calls us from our graves!

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

Before the Throne of God Above

Words: Bancroft | Music: Cook

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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!

— CELEBRATE *the* COVENANT *of* BAPTISM —

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

VOWS OF THE COVENANT

⊕ 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.*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BAPTISM OF THEODORE LAMONT FASSNACHT
& LOUIS GERARD FASSNACHT

HYMN

Savior, In Your Promise
Words: Colson | Music: Bradbury

Savior in your promise, you take,
This lil' lamb into your care;
Keep and guard him for your name's sake,
All his troubles may you bear.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Listen to our humble prayer!
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Listen to our humble prayer!

Dear child, trust in him forever;
Follow him all of your days;
Hold to him who faileth never,
He is true and strong to save.

Trust in Jesus! Trust in Jesus!
Follow him all of your days.
Trust in Jesus! Trust in Jesus!
Follow him all of your days.

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HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

² Our feet have been standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem!

³ Jerusalem—built as a city

that is bound firmly together,

⁴ to which the tribes go up,

the tribes of the LORD,

as was decreed for Israel,

to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

⁵ There thrones for judgment were set,

the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

“May they be secure who love you!

⁷ Peace be within your walls

and security within your towers!”

⁸ For my brothers and companions’ sake

I will say, “Peace be within you!”

⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

I will seek your good.

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!

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, ²³ and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart; ²⁴ you have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. ²⁵ Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ ²⁶ Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father.

²⁷ “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! ²⁸ Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, ²⁹ that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. ³⁰ And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

⁵⁴ Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven. ⁵⁵ And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, ⁵⁶ “Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant. ⁵⁷ The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us, ⁵⁸ that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers. ⁵⁹ Let these words of

mine, with which I have pleaded before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires,⁶⁰ that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other.⁶¹ Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the LORD our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day.”

⁶² Then the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD.⁶³ Solomon offered as peace offerings to the LORD 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. So the king and all the people of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.⁶⁴ The same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD, for there he offered the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat pieces of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before the LORD was too small to receive the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat pieces of the peace offerings.

⁶⁵ So Solomon held the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from Lebo-hamath to the Brook of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days.⁶⁶ On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they blessed the king and went to their homes joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had shown to David his servant and to Israel his people.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

God's Dwelling Place

Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

There Is a Redeemer
Words & Music: Green

There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One

Chorus

Thank you, O my Father
For giving us your Son
And leaving your Spirit
'Til the work on Earth is done

Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
O, for sinners slain

When I stand in Glory
I will see his face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy Place

INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Cannon Simpson

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

He Bows the Heavens

Words: Colson & Zipf | Music: Zipf

*He is my rock and my fortress, my salvation and shield.
Lord, from my distress, I make my appeal.*

*From his temple he heard me, he bowed the heavens and came down.
He took me from the deep water; set my feet upon the ground.*

*I will call upon the Lord;
He is worthy to be praised!
Blessed be the Lord my rock, my strength,
I will call upon the Lord.*

*The Lord, he saves a humble people, but the haughty he lays low.
He lights my lamp in the dark and takes me safely home.*

*There is no one like our God! He supports me with his hand;
Gave me a firm place to step and a wide place to stand.*

⊕ 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

How Firm a Foundation
Words: Funk | Music: Rippon

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.

BENEDICTION

MINISTRIES *of the* WEEK

LOCAL

City Rescue Mission (CRM) exists to transform the lives of the homeless and needy in Jacksonville, serving them through the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. CRM accomplishes this mission by providing multiple programs including addiction recovery, emergency services, meals, job training, and resourcing.

INTERNATIONAL

Third Millennium Ministries seeks to equip church leaders in their own lands by creating a multimedia seminary curriculum in five major languages. Their goal is to provide Christian education to hundreds of thousands of pastors around the world who lack sufficient training for ministry by publishing and globally distributing a free multilingual, multimedia, digital seminary curriculum in English, Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Russian, and Spanish.

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

EXPECTANT MOTHERS: Katie Lakey

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