



CHRIST CHURCH  
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

*February 6, 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 6 (5.30p)	NO Youth Small Groups
February 7 (6.30p)	Session Meeting
February 13 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship
February 13 (10.30a)	Worship Service
February 13 (6-8p)	Youth Super Bowl Party
February 19 (9a-1p)	Seamark Ranch Workday
February 19-25	Puerto Rico Mission Trip
February 20 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship
February 20 (10.30a)	Communion Service
February 20 (5.30p)	Youth Small Groups

## WOMEN'S RETREAT - REGISTER ONLINE

Please mark your calendar for our 2022 Women's Retreat on Saturday, February 26 which will be held at Christ Church from 9am-3pm. We are delighted to host Courtney Doctor who will be speaking to us on the topic of *Unexpected Turns*. Register online today at [www.christchurchpresjax.org/womensretreat](http://www.christchurchpresjax.org/womensretreat).

## SEAMARK RANCH WORKDAY

Join us at Seamark Ranch Saturday, February 19 for their monthly volunteer workday. Anyone interested in serving Seamark Ranch is welcome! If you are interested or have questions, please contact Chris White ([whiteread@aol.com](mailto:whiteread@aol.com)).

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Bible studies have resumed for the semester. For details and to sign-up, visit our website at [www.christchurchpresjax.org/women](http://www.christchurchpresjax.org/women). If you are new to Christ Church and want to receive future communication regarding our women's ministry, please contact Charlotte Cox.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's groups have also resumed. If you're interested in joining a group or learning more about the men's ministry at Christ Church, contact John Lawler.

## STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

We will continue to collect 2022 stewardship pledge cards for the next few weeks. Pledge cards are available on the counter in the Narthex and can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

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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 145

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever!

Every day I will bless you

**and praise your name forever and ever!**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable! My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD!

**Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever!**

## INVOCATION

## HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*Words: Smith*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

## 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

*By Thy Mercy*

*Words: Cummins | Music: Thompson*

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,  
Bend from Heaven thy gracious ear,  
While our waiting souls adore thee,  
Friend of helpless sinners hear:

### *Chorus*

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord  
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord

From the depth of nature's blindness,  
From the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness,  
From the pride that lurks within:

When the world around is smiling,  
In the time of wealth and ease,  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,  
In the day of health and peace:

In the solemn hour of dying,  
In the awful judgment day,  
May our souls on thee relying,  
Find thee still our Rock and Stay.



## 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 111

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup> Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

<sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.

<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;

<sup>8</sup> they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures 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!**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 3.1-15

<sup>1</sup> Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt. He took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David until he had finished building his own house and the house of the Lord and the wall around Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> The people were sacrificing at the high places, however, because no house had yet been built for the name of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father, only he sacrificed and made offerings at the high places. <sup>4</sup> And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup> And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup> And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

<sup>15</sup> And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

*After the lesson, we respond:*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*A Hearing Heart*  
Chuck Colson

## RESPOND *to* GOD

### ⊕ HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Words: Byrne | Music: Hull

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## 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

*Flourishing (Psalm 119)*

*Words & Music: McCracken*

*Teach me, oh God to follow your decrees  
Give me understanding, your word, I wanna keep  
Direct me in the path, of your commands  
For there I find delight, my will is in your hands*

#### *Chorus*

*Turn my heart away from worthless things  
Preserve my life, according to your ways  
Take away disgrace  
You hold me in my place—flourishing*

*Fulfill your promise to the ones you love  
Within your ways we walk, for your laws are good  
Temptation loses pow'r, my soul's revived  
In righteousness, oh God, preserve my life*

⊕ 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

*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

*Words: Edmunds | Music: Gretry*

My faith has found a resting place,  
From guilt my soul is freed;  
I trust the everliving One,  
His wounds for me shall plead.

### *Chorus*

I need no other argument,  
I need no other plea.  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,  
This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to him,  
He'll never cast me out.

My heart is leaning on the Word,  
The written Word of God:  
Salvation by my Savior's name,  
Salvation through his blood.

## BENEDICTION

# MINISTRIES *of the* WEEK

## LOCAL

Seamark Ranch is a nurturing Christian home and family system that gives children from families in crisis the tools they need for a brighter future. Through a family home model, a specialized residential school and the lessons of life on a working farm community, Seamark Ranch provides the ideal setting for love, stabilization, healing, education and empowerment.

## INTERNATIONAL

Kurt Nelson is President and CEO of East-West Ministries International. He provides leadership and oversight to all worldwide ministry endeavors in the 50+ countries in which East-West currently operates. Kurt also personally leads East-West short-term trips to India, Russia, Kazakhstan, East Asia, and Cuba.

## 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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