



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

August 30, 2020

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.

GUIDELINES *for* WORSHIP

With the spread of disease around our country, it is important for us, as a church, to be responsive to the circumstances. While we have aggressively implemented social distancing protocols and cleaning regimens, we cannot guarantee a non-compromised environment. All common areas of the church building must be used at one's own risk. Please follow these guidelines:

- In keeping with our mayor's order, face masks are required of all attendees over six years of age. If you do not have a mask, or perhaps forget to bring one, we have face coverings available in the Narthex.
- Please allow for six feet of distance between you and others not in your immediate family unit. Additionally, please refrain from physical greetings and congregating in the aisles and Narthex.
- We will not pass offering plates to collect our tithes and offerings. Rather, after the service, gifts can be deposited in the box labeled *Tithes & Offerings* located just outside the sanctuary doors in the Narthex. Also, financial gifts can always be submitted online through the website.

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

September 6 (10.30a)	Worship Service
September 7	Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
September 13 (9a)	Worship Service
September 13 (10.30a)	Worship Service
September 13	Newcomer Info Session (After 10.30a Service)

NEWCOMER INFORMATION SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 13

If you are new to Christ Church and would like to know more about who we are and what we do, we welcome you to join us for a meeting immediately following the 10.30 am worship service on Sunday, September 13th. Childcare will not be provided, but families are welcome and the meeting will be brief.

CHRIST CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

It's time to update our church directory and we would like to get photos of all our regular attenders and members who have joined us since our last update. Please plan to stick around immediately following either service on September 13th for just a few minutes to get your photo taken out on the front lawn. If you would like to have your existing photo updated, you are welcome to do so as well.

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

Due to concerns over the spread of the virus, we do not believe it is wise for small groups to gather in home environments. Given this, several morning and evening Bible studies, primarily through our men's and women's ministries, will be hosted at the church building. Groups will meet in our multi-purpose room and under the pavilion with social distancing parameters. Sign-ups for groups of approximately 8-12 individuals will be available in the coming weeks.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

With the restrictions social distancing places on childcare, we do not believe that we can safely operate our School of Discipleship on Sunday mornings this fall. That said, we do intend to provide high quality educational resources for our church through a virtual School of Discipleship. Video lectures will be released for the adults each week beginning on September 13, 2020. Our children's ministry will also release a video and provide families with an at home curriculum that will walk the children of Christ Church through the Ten Commandments this fall.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Lawler

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

O Worship the King
Words: Grant | Music: Haydn

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing his wonderful love:
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, and canopy space.
His chariots of wrath, the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
While angels delight to worship above:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing his wonderful love:
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Heavenly Father, our great King, the wrongs we have done cannot be hidden from your sight. In thought, word, and deed, we've failed to walk in your ways, doing those things we ought not to have done and not doing those things we ought to have done. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us and enlarge our hearts that we may run in the way of your commandments to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners

Words: Hart

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Chorus:

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him.

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.*

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 99

¹ The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!

² The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!

⁴ The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who
called upon his name.
They called to the LORD, and he
answered them.

⁷ In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;
they kept his testimonies
and the statute that he gave them.

⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹ Exalt the LORD our God,

and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

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!

¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

A Kingdom that Cannot Be Shaken

John Lawler

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

Words: Stone | Music: Wesley

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Steve Beaver

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

Tithes & Offerings may be deposited after the service in the offering box outside the sanctuary doors.

OFFERTORY

⊕ 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

At the Mountain of God
Words: Colson & Zipf | Music: Zipf

When the Lord comes down with the city of Zion,
Our hearts will find comfort at last.
We who've sown tears in grief will know laughter once again.
All his people will shout Amen!

Chorus:

“Great things he has done!”, the redeemed will say.
“Great things! Great things he has done!”
We will come to the feast at the mountain of God, Hallelujah!
He has done great things!

The rolling hills will dance, and the rivers will clap.
The sea will roar when he bids death to pass.
We will drink from the fountain of the everlasting God,
And our thirst will be quenched! Amen!

There will be no need of the sun and moon to shine,
For the glory of the Lord will give the light.
The lame will stand and walk, the mute will raise their voice,
And the blind will see his glorious sight!

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

In 1997, Carol Arnold and her husband, Jack, began Equipping Pastors International (EPI). Carol has traveled to all six continents, speaking at conferences and seminars to both pastors and their wives, as well as to lay women of all denominations. Since Jack's death in January 2005, she has continued as a full-time missionary with EPI.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

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