



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 12, 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 3-5 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

September 12 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Group Kick-Off
September 13 (6.30p)	Joint Officers' Meeting
September 19 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship
September 19 (10.30a)	Communion Service
September 19 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
September 26 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship
September 26 (10.30a)	Worship Service
September 26 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups

SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

All adults will meet together in the sanctuary where Chuck will teach a three week series entitled, Christianity and Culture. Major social trends will be explained and examined from a Christian point-of-view.

- 9/12 Modern Approaches to Self
- 9/19 Modern Approaches to Church
- 9/26 Modern Approaches to Politics

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

All Christ Church women are invited to join one of three women's bible studies this semester: Tuesday morning, 9.30am (beginning Sept 14), Tuesday evening, 7pm (beginning Sept 21), or Thursday morning, 9.30am (beginning Sept 16). An email was sent out with a link to sign up, or you can visit our website for details.

FALL MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Quads are groups of 4-5 men who commit to meeting weekly for prayer and accountability throughout the year. There are also two bible studies available this semester; one at 7am on Wednesdays at Christ Church, beginning Sept 15, studying through 1 Peter; another at 7am on Wednesdays at Metro Diner in Orange Park. Please contact John Lawler for more info.

TREASURER'S REPORT

AUGUST 2021	YEAR-TO-DATE 2021
Budget: \$67,000	Budget: \$536,000
Offering: \$99,597	Offering: \$549,152
Difference: +48.6%	Difference: +2.4%

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Colson

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

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

whom he has redeemed from trouble!

We cried to the LORD in our trouble, and he delivered us from our distress! Let us thank the LORD for his steadfast love! Let us offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,

and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Words: Wesley | Music: Beecher

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbor in our thoughts, words, and deeds. In many times and ways, we've failed to show genuine love; forgive us for failing to love as we ought. We are truly sorry and 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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

Words: Francis | Music: Williams

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee.

HYMN

Shout for Joy, All Ye People!

Words: Colson | Music: Zipf

Blessed is the man who walks in your way,
Who contemplates your works throughout the day
Like a tree, planted by a stream,
Bearing fruit in season down to old age.

Chorus

O rejoice! Sing His praise!
Shout for joy, all ye people!
O rejoice! Sing His praise!
Come hallow His holy name!

Blessed is the man whose sin is washed away
Whose trespass is covered, who freely says,
“Hide your face, Lord. From my sin;
And renew a right spirit within me.”

Blessed is the man who fears your holy name
Who delights in your promise and walks without blame.
In the dark, light will dawn for him,
Guiding him safely to your holy hill.

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 3-5, 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 112

¹ Praise the LORD!

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

² His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵ It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

⁶ For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

⁷ He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

⁹ He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.

¹⁰ The wicked man sees it and is angry;
he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire of the wicked will perish!

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!

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 12.9-13

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Holding Fast to Good
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

Let It Be Said of Us
Words & Music: Fry

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore every cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course
Knowing within us the power of the risen Lord.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us we were marked with forgiveness,
We were known by our love and delighted in meekness;
We were ruled by his peace, heeding unity's call
Joined as one body that Christ might be seen by all.

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INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rob Hiday

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

Trinity Song

Words & Music: McCracken

*Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, three-in-one
Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, three-in-one*

*Come with your peace, with your invitation
Bind us together in Holy Love
Come with your peace, with your invitation
Bind us together in Holy Love*

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⊕ 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

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Words: Peace | Music: Matheson

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn' shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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

The Cobbs have been missionaries with MTW since 1996. Since 2004, Don has been teaching New Testament and church planting at the seminary in Aix, today one of the few evangelical seminaries in Western Europe. He is also involved in church-planting facilitation through the Conseil national des Evangéiques de France (CNEF). His burden is to instill in his students a vision for church planting and a desire to see God's kingdom moving forward in French-speaking Europe.

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 (*surgery*)

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