



CHRIST CHURCH  
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

*Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

*September 5, 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 6	Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
September 11 (9a-1p)	Seamark Saturday
September 12 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship Begins
September 12 (10.30a)	Worship Service
September 13 (6.30p)	Joint Officers' Meeting
September 19 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship
September 19 (10.30a)	Communion Service

## CLERGY RENEWAL GRANT

This week we learned that our congregation was awarded the clergy renewal grant from the Lilly Endowment! The award provides a \$50,000 gift that allows our congregation to implement the renewal plan drafted by our Sabbatical Committee last Spring. Stay tuned for more details about Chuck's sabbatical (May-July 2022) and our congregational plan during his absence.

## SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

Join us at 9.30am on Sunday, September 12, for the relaunch of our School of Discipleship hour. Our kids will meet in age based classes upstairs, and all adults will gather in the sanctuary for a series entitled, Christianity and Culture, taught by our pastor, Chuck Colson.

## FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

All the women at Christ Church are invited to join one of three women's bible studies this semester on Tuesday morning(9.30-11.30a), Tuesday night(7.30-9.00p), Thursday morning (9.30-11.30a), beginning September 14 & 16.

## FALL MEN'S MINISTRY

This semester we are rolling out a new men's ministry endeavor. Quads are groups of 4-5 men who commit to meeting weekly for prayer and accountability. There will also be two bible studies; one at Christ Church on Wednesdays, beginning Sept 15, at 7.00a, taught by John Lawler and Steve Beaver, studying through 1 Peter. The other meets at Metro Diner in Orange Park at 6.30a on Wednesdays, led by Jon Groh. For more information, please contact John Lawler.

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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 149

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**Let Israel be glad in his Maker!**

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people! He adorns the humble with salvation!

**Let the godly exult in glory!**

## INVOCATION

## HYMN

### *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*Words: Lyte | Music: Goss*

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him, you behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Praise with us the God of grace.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, we have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Hide your face from our sins and blot out our iniquity. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and restore to us the joy of your salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

*Words: Wesley | Music: Campbell*

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me who caused his pain? For me who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?

*Chorus*

Amazing love! How can it be,  
That thou, my God, should die for me!

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace!  
Emptied himself of all but love and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine;  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

## HYMN

*In Christ Alone*

*Words & Music: Getty & Townend*

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
‘Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.



## 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 131

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;  
my eyes are not raised too high;  
I do not occupy myself with things  
too great and too marvelous for me.
- <sup>2</sup> But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother;  
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
- <sup>3</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore.

*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 12.3-8

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

*After the lesson, we respond:*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*With Sober Judgment*  
John Lawler

## RESPOND *to* GOD

### ⊕ HYMN

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*  
*Words: Havergal | Music: Malan*

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice, and let me sing,  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose,  
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne,  
It shall be thy royal throne.

## 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

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

*Words: Hawks | Music: Lowry*

*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like thine can peace afford*

*I need thee, O I need thee  
Every hour I need thee  
O bless me now my Savior  
I come to thee*

*I need thee every hour, stay thou near by  
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh*

*I need thee every hour in joy or pain  
Come quickly and abide or life is vain*

*I need thee every hour, most Holy One  
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son*

⊕ 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

*Thy Mercy, My God*

*Words: Watts | Music: McCracken*

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

### BENEDICTION



# MINISTRIES *of the* WEEK

## LOCAL

First Coast Women's Services (FCWS) provides free-of-charge medical services and accurate evidence-based education on all options regarding unplanned pregnancy. They desire to help women and men understand all their options in a safe and respectful environment by providing lab grade pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, options counseling, and community referrals from a professional, and caring staff.

## INTERNATIONAL

Josh, Anna, and their sons, Daniel, Jacob, and Benjamin live in Bundibugyo, Uganda, working with Serge with a focus on using clean water projects as a vehicle for sharing the Gospel. God's heart for the poor has inspired Josh and Anna to live and minister to the Babwisi, Bakongo, and Bwamba tribes in Bundibugyo. They envision a life of walking alongside these diverse friends and serving God there through preaching, healing, and equipping.

## 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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