

# CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

October 23 (8.30a)	Elder Prayer Meeting
October 23 (7-8.30p)	High Life at the Ringhavers'
October 27 (10.30a)	Communion Service
November 21 (6.30p)	Women's Ministry Event

## ELDER NOMINATIONS

For the next month, the Session will receive nominations for the office of elder. For qualifications, please review 1 Timothy 3.1-7 and Titus 1.6-9. We invite all members of Christ Church to prayerfully consider making a nomination. Please fill out a nomination card at the Information Table in the back corner of the sanctuary. The Session desires to grow their membership by 2-3 elders this year in order to create a sustainable rotation and also even out age demographics.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

All Christ Church women are invited to attend a fellowship gathering on Thursday, November 21 at the home of Jeannie Rogers (8138 Green Glade Rd, 32256) from 6.30-8.30p. Please bring your favorite salad to share. We will hear a testimony of God's faithfulness from one of our women, share our fall bible study experiences, and discuss our plans for the new year. Don't miss it!

# ORDER *of* WORSHIP

*Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity • October 20, 2019*

————— 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

We were glad when they said to us, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”  
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

**His holy mountain is the joy of all the earth!**

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.  
As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your  
right hand is filled with righteousness!

**Let Mount Zion be glad!**

## INVOCATION

## HYMN

## *Let's Go Up to the House of God*

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!

*Words: Colson*

*Music: Zipf*

## 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

*Come Ye Sinners*

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.

*Words: Hart*

*Music: Rousseau*

## HYMN

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none; I, helpless hang on thee;  
Leave, oh, leave me not alone; support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed; all help from thee I bring.  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

*Words: Wesley*

*Music: Thompson*

## GREETING GOD'S PEOPLE

The peace of the LORD be always with you!

**And also with you!**

## 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

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Nehemiah 6.1-7.3

6<sup>1</sup> Now when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates),<sup>2</sup> Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, “Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono.” But they intended to do me harm.<sup>3</sup> And I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?”<sup>4</sup> And they sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner.<sup>5</sup> In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand.<sup>6</sup> In it was written, “It is reported among the nations, and Geshem also says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall. And according to these reports you wish to become their king.<sup>7</sup> And you have also set up prophets to proclaim concerning you in Jerusalem, ‘There is a king in Judah.’ And now the king will hear of these reports. So now come and let us take counsel together.”<sup>8</sup> Then I sent to him, saying, “No such things as you say have been done, for you are inventing them out of your own mind.”<sup>9</sup> For they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done.” But now, O God, strengthen my hands.

<sup>10</sup> Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his home, he said, “Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple. Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. They are coming to kill you by night.”<sup>11</sup> But I said, “Should such a man as I run away? And what man such as I could go into the temple and live? I will not go in.”<sup>12</sup> And I understood and saw that God had not sent him, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.<sup>13</sup> For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act



in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt me.<sup>14</sup> Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid.

<sup>15</sup> So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days.<sup>16</sup> And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.<sup>17</sup> Moreover, in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them.<sup>18</sup> For many in Judah were bound by oath to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah: and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah as his wife.<sup>19</sup> Also they spoke of his good deeds in my presence and reported my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to make me afraid.

<sup>7</sup><sup>1</sup> Now when the wall had been built and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers, the singers, and the Levites had been appointed,<sup>2</sup> I gave my brother Hanani and Hananiah the governor of the castle charge over Jerusalem, for he was a more faithful and God-fearing man than many.<sup>3</sup> And I said to them, "Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot. And while they are still standing guard, let them shut and bar the doors. Appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, some at their guard posts and some in front of their own homes.

*After the lesson, we respond:*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Strengthen Our Hands!*  
Chuck Colson

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## RESPOND *to* GOD

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### ⊕ HYMN

*In Christ Alone*

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.

*Words & Music: Getty*

## INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Roger Bosma

*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

*Your Labor Is Not in Vain*

*Then, after the offering, we thank God for his gifts by singing the 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

*At the Mountain of God*

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!

*Words: Colson & Zipf*

*Music: Zipf*

## BENEDICTION

# MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

## 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.

## LOCAL

Christ Church Beaches, being planted by Kevin Bigelow, is a Presbyterian church plant in Jacksonville Beach, seeking the renewal of all things in Jesus Christ. As a church, they are focusing on being a place where people can know and be known by others in the Jacksonville Beach community.

# ITEMS *for* PRAYER

**HEALTH CONCERNS:** Steve Beaver; Branson Bishop; Tad Duke; Gar Gurganious; Hector Harima; Jay Kirk; George Mitchell; Jackie Simpson

**ON DEPLOYMENT:** Chris Manchigiah (Mollie)



