



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP
Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity
October 24, 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 3-1st 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

October 24 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
October 31 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship
October 31 (10.30a)	Communion Service
October 31	NO Youth Small Groups
November 7 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship
November 7 (10.30a)	Worship Service
November 7 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
November 11	Veterans' Day (<i>Church office closed</i>)
November 13 (9a-1p)	Seamark Saturday

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

With a few false starts, we are finally working to update the church directory ahead of Advent! We will be taking photos on October 31 and November 7 & 14. For the purpose of uniformity, we are asking all members to take new directory photos. Please see Andy Zipf on the front lawn after the service on those dates. We appreciate your help as we seek to update our directory!

ADULT SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9.30 in the sanctuary where Chuck will be speaking about the core commitments of a Christian marriage.

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

All Christ Church women are invited to join one of three women's bible studies offered this semester: Tuesday morning at 9.30a, Tuesday evening at 7p, or Thursday morning at 9.30a. Childcare is available at the church during the Tuesday and Thursday morning studies. For details, visit the church website.

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 Wednesday morning bible studies: one at Christ Church at 7a, led by Steve Beaver, studying through 1 Peter and the other at Metro Diner in Orange Park at 7a, led by Jon Groh. For more information, please contact John Lawler.

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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 95

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods!

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also! The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land! Come, let us worship and bow down!

Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Words: Neander & Winkworth

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Heavenly Father, nothing is hidden from your sight; we cannot cover our sins or conceal our faults from you. We confess that we've failed to love our neighbor as we ought, putting our own interests ahead of theirs. 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 walk in a manner worthy of your calling through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

Good and Upright
Words: Colson & Zippf | Music: Zippf

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
Make me to know your ways,
And teach me your paths.

For the sake of your name, Lord,
Pardon my guilt for it is great.
Consider my affliction
And forgive all my sin.

Chorus

O Lord, remember your mercy
And your steadfast love,
For they are from of old.
Good and upright are you, Lord!
Good and upright are you, Lord!

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
For you are the God
Of my salvation;
For you I wait all the day long.

Lord, turn to me and be gracious,
You know the troubles of my heart.
Oh, guard my soul, Lord,
And deliver us!

HYMN

Blessed Assurance
Words: Crosby | Music: Knapp

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Chorus

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

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 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 14.13-23

¹³ Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. ¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵ For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

²⁰ Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. ²¹ It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. ²² The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. ²³ But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Righteousness, Peace, and Joy
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

Shout for Joy, All Ye People!

Words: Coslon | 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.

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

See How Good It Is (Psalm 133)

Words & Music: McCracken & Kimbrough

*See how good it is
Gathering with friends
Welcoming the stranger in
See how good it is*

*Sad divisions cease
We're ordained as priests
Spreading out God's joyful feast
See how good it is*

*Chorus
When God's children live as one
By the Spirit we become
The open arms of God
To a world in need of love*

*See the earth renewed
By the morning dew
All creation sings the truth
"See how good it is!"*

⊕ 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

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Words: Showalter | Music: Hoffman

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

BENEDICTION

MINISTRIES *of the* WEEK

LOCAL

City Rescue Mission (CRM) exists to transform the lives of the homeless and needy in Jacksonville, serving them through the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. CRM accomplishes this mission by providing multiple programs including addiction recovery, emergency services, meals, job training, and resourcing.

INTERNATIONAL

Third Millennium Ministries seeks to equip church leaders in their own lands by creating a multimedia seminary curriculum in five major languages. Their goal is to provide Christian education to hundreds of thousands of pastors around the world who lack sufficient training for ministry by publishing and globally distributing a free multilingual, multimedia, digital seminary curriculum in English, Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Russian, and Spanish.

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 (*back*)

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