

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 3-6, are dismissed for Children's Chapel after we recite the Apostles' Creed. They break into two groups 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.

CONNECT *at* CHRIST CHURCH

Through Jesus, God saves us by grace through faith alone. That said, God does not save us to be alone! Rather, he welcomes us into his family, bringing us into relationship with one another. Within this family, Jesus challenges and transforms us as we love one another, share life together, and serve the world around us. At Christ Church, we desire to develop these types of relationships in our Congregational Communities (CC's). While our CC's are not strictly defined by age, they generally reflect the stages of our intergenerational community. Please join us at 9.30 am on Sundays to participate!

EMMAUS: Young Adults and Young Families

Location: Big Room Upstairs

SOJOURNERS: High School Families and Empty Nesters

Location: Room 1

CORNERSTONE: Empty Nesters and Retirees

Location: Room 2.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

ON DEPLOYMENT: Bobby O'Bryan (Amy)

HEALTH CONCERNS: Norma Hughes; Beverly Quine; Branson Bishop; Corky Rogers

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

January 14 (12.00p)

January 14 (4.30p)

January 14 (5.30p)

January 16 (9.30a)

January 17 (4.30p)

January 17 (7.00p)

January 18 (6.30a)

January 20 (9.30a)

January 21 (9.30a)

January 21 (10.30a)

Congregational Meeting

Youth Discipleship Groupd

HighLife

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Afternoon Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study

RightWise

Women's Prayer Brunch

Congregational Communities

Communion Worship

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

The women's ministry at Christ Church has a full and robust 2018 planned. Bible studies begin January 16. Tuesday Morning (Jan 16), Wednesday Afternoon (Jan 17), and Wednesday Evening (Jan 17) bible studies are offered for ladies.

RIGHTWISE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we begin another semester of our men's bible study, RightWise, on Thursday, mornings at 6.30a. This time has proven to be great fellowship and study as we take a deeper look at the Bible and its implications into our lives.

WOMEN'S PRAYER BRUNCH

All women are invited to join us on Saturday, January 20, at 9.30a, for a time of fellowship and prayer at Chris Hiday's home. Breakfast Casserole will be provided. Last names beginning with A-M please bring muffins/bread, and N-Z please bring fruit.

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

The 2018 *Be Still* retreat for Middle and High School students is February 17-19. We are heading to the Point Pleasant retreat center just outside of Savannah, GA for a weekend of worship, fellowship, and fun. Sign up by February 7th online for only \$50!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR DEACON ELECTION

All members are invited to stay after the service today for a short congregational meeting to elect deacon nominees by a ballot vote. These nominees include: Sean Magee, Asher Smith, Ken Ringhaver, Spence Romine, Bill Waldrop, Lee J Webb, and Robbie Williams.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

ORDER of WORSHIP

First Sunday after Epiphany, 10.30am

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 96

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name!

Tell of his salvation from day to day!

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

He is to be feared above all gods!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaims

LYONS

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

⊕ HYMNS

Great God from Thee

Newton

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Mejas

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.*

⊕ Indicates that the congregation stands.

Children, ages 3-6, are dismissed for Children's Chapel. Pre-K children exit the sanctuary through the rear side door while K-1st graders exit through back main doors. They will return for the offering.

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 147

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

2 Chronicles 14.1-15.15

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Help Us!

Chuck Colson

RESPOND to GOD

⊕ HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

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

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

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DEPART *in* PEACE

HYMN

O Love That Will Not Let Me God

Matheson

BENEDICTION

MISSIONARY *of the* WEEK

Jim Fitzgerald serves as a missionary to North Africa and the Middle East. He is adjunct professor of Humanities, and has also taught courses in World Religions, Bible, Philosophy of Religion, and History. His vision is to equip pastors in North Africa and the Middle East where Islam is firmly entrenched. This region was once the intellectual and theological capital of the Christian world, and Jim desires to see its true Christian heritage recovered.