



CHRIST CHURCH
— PCA —
MANDARIN

ORDER *of* WORSHIP
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2020

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

This Sunday we celebrate Holy Communion. Children, age 3-1st grade, are dismissed before the Scripture readings and return during the congregational greeting to join us for our celebration of the Lord's Supper. While many of our kids are not prepared to share in the Lord's Table, we believe there is great value to including them in this celebratory feast. This tangible expression of God's grace in Jesus Christ often provokes great discussions for families with even the youngest of children. Additionally, the elders serving the meal pray for all non-communing children. An optional nursery is provided for younger children (0-3) during the communion portion of the service.

LIFE *in* EXILE

While renovating and expanding our church facility, our congregation's normal patterns of worship and ministry will be different than normal. Our relocation to the Ramada Inn impacts our ability to hold Sunday School while also affecting our weekly slate of Bible studies and fellowship opportunities. The staff is working on alternate plans for the Fall of 2019. In the meantime, we encourage everyone to organize and enjoy informal means of fellowship on Sundays after church and throughout the week. We appreciate your patience during this transition!

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

January 22 (7-8.30p)

High Life at the Ringhavers'

January 26 (10.30a)

Worship Service

YOUTH *BE STILL* WINTER RETREAT - FEBRUARY 15-17, 2020

We're heading to Camp Keystone in Keystone Heights, FL in February for our annual weekend of worship and fun! All Middle & High School students are invited to take a break from the busyness of school to reorient to God and his Word. The cost is \$75. Please sign-up and pay online. Contact Alec Cotton with any questions.

VBS - JUNE 8-12, 2020

We are making plans for VBS 2020! Mark your calendars for June 8-12. All rising VPK students through rising 5th graders are welcome. Stay tuned for details and registration information.

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

Along with Communion, we will have a special Deacons' Fund offering. If you would like to participate, please designate a check for the Deacons' Fund and place it in the offering plate; or there will be a special offering plate after the service in the back of the sanctuary.

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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 98

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! With trumpets and the sound of the horn,

Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

Before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth!

INVOCATION

HYMN

O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing his wonderful love:
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, and canopy space.
His chariots of wrath, the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
While angels delight to worship above:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing his wonderful love:
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Words: Grant

Music: Haydn

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

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Words: Bancroft

Music: Cook

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The "holy catholic and apostolic Church" refers to the entire community of God's redeemed people throughout the world and across the centuries.*

Children, ages 3-1st grade, are dismissed for Children's Chapel. They will return to the sanctuary to join their family for the collection of the offering.

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 98

- ¹ O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
- ² The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
- ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!
- ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together
- ⁹ before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

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

Hebrews 7.1-28

¹ For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. ³ He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

⁴ See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! ⁵ And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. ⁶ But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷ It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. ⁸ In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. ⁹ One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, ¹⁰ for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

¹¹ Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? ¹² For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. ¹³ For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. ¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

¹⁵ This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, ¹⁶ who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. ¹⁷ For it is witnessed of him,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

¹⁸ For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness ¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

²⁰ And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him:

“The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
‘You are a priest forever.’”

²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Jesus: Separated from Sinners

Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

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.

⊕ GREETING GOD'S PEOPLE

The peace of the LORD be always with you!

And also with you!

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

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;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

CELEBRATE *the* LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THANKSGIVING & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Then, the pastor continues in prayer by giving thanks to God for our salvation in Jesus Christ and sets apart the bread and wine for the meal.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the outer aisles. All baptized Christians, who are seeking to walk in repentance and faith, are welcome to join us at the table. Children, who are not communing members of the church, are invited to come forward with their families for prayer.

HYMN

Sweet Comfort

Whatever my God ordains is right
His holy will abides
I will be still whatever he does
And follow where he guides

Chorus

Sweet comfort, sweet comfort
Yet shall fill my heart
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort
Sorrow shall depart

Whatever my God ordains is right
He makes my feet to stand
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine
He holds me in his hand

This bitter cup, I take it
My fainting heart restored
So here I stand, unshaken
I trust upon the Lord

He is my God though dark my road
He holds me, I shall not fall
Whatever my God ordains as right
To him I leave it all

Words: Phillips

Music: McCracken

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
O which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an off'ring far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my fire, my all.

Words: Watts

Music: Mason

HYMN

There is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath the flood, lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath the flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Words: Cowper

Music: Mason

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

DEPART *in* PEACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

INTERNATIONAL

Josh and Anna Dickenson, 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

First Coast Women's Services provides free-of-charge medical services and 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, limited ultrasounds, options counseling, and community referrals from a professional and caring staff.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Steve Beaver; Branson Bishop; Tad Duke; Sue Forsyth; Gar Gurganious; Hector Harima; Jay Kirk; George Mitchell

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