

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 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

HEALTH CONCERNS: Beverly Quine; Branson Bishop; Corky Rogers; Hector Harima, Karen Ferguson; Bill Waldrop; Jon Groh Jr.

BIRTHS: Emma Katherine Lawler (John & Cassie)

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

January 20 (5p)

January 21

January 22 (9.30a)

January 23 (7p)

January 27 (9.30a)

January 27 (10.30a)

January 27 (5p)

January 29 (9.30a)

January 30 (7p)

High Life

MLK Holiday (Church Offices Closed)

Women's Bible Study

High School Fellowship

Congregational Communities

Communion Service

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2019 WOMEN'S RETREAT

We have a date for our 2019 Women's Retreat! Ladies, mark your calendars for Saturday, March 2 (9a-3p). The retreat will be held at the Ponte Vedra Lodge & Club and our speaker will be Mary Wilson. More information and sign-ups coming soon.

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

All students are invited to join us for our annual Youth Winter Retreat, February 16-18. Please sign-up online before February 3. If you have any questions, please contact Alec Cotton.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

If you have moved recently or think we may have incorrect contact information for you on file, please email Charlotte Reeves. We will be mailing out 2018 Annual Giving Statements in January and want to be sure our records are up to date.

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CHRIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

ORDER of WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Epiphany, 10.30am

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 145

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you!

And praise your name forever and ever!

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable!

We will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and we will meditate on your wondrous works!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible

Roberts

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Merciful God, we confess that we've walked in darkness rather than light, failing to love you and our neighbor as we ought. In thought, word, and deed, we've failed to practice the truth, delighting in the shadow of sin. Through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive our sins and strengthen us to walk as children of light to the glory and praise of your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMNS

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Wesley

All Must Be Well

Smith

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 3-1st 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 111

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!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3.1-15

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Beginning of Wisdom

Mike Allen

RESPOND to GOD

⊕ HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Byrne

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

Christ Be All Around Me

All Sons & Daughters

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

The Solid Rock

Mote

BENEDICTION

NOTES

MISSIONARY *of the* WEEK

First Coast Women's Services (FCWS) provides free-of-charge medical services and evidence-based education on all options regarding unplanned pregnancy. FCWS helps women and men understand all their options in a safe and respectful environment by providing pregnancy testing, limited ultrasounds, options counseling, and community referrals..