

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: Norma Hughes; Beverly Quine; Branson Bishop; Corky Rogers; Hector Harima, Karen Ferguson

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

December 2 (5-7p)	Emmaus Christmas Party
December 2 (5-7p)	High Life
December 3 (6.30p)	Officers' Meeting
December 4 (9.30a)	Tuesday Women's Bible Study & Luncheon
December 5 (7p)	High School Fellowship
December 5 (7p)	Advent Choir Rehearsal
December 8 (7a)	Galatians 6.2 Service Day
December 9	NO Congregational Communities
December 9 (10.30a)	Communion Service
December 9 (5-7p)	High Life

SEAMARK RANCH WHITE CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Be a part of the 2018 Seamark Ranch White Christmas! This is an annual collection drive to help stock the Seamark Ranch pantry for the year ahead. There will be a collection box in the Narthex throughout the Advent season. You can help by picking up any of following items from their White Christmas Wishlist: Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, strong paper plates, kitchen trash bags, outdoor trash bags, ziplock style storage bags, laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent.

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

We will be collecting 2019 annual stewardship pledges today during the offering. Please prayerfully consider your giving for the year ahead and fill out a stewardship pledge card to indicate your intentions. Pledge cards are available on the welcome desk in the Narthex.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES

We will also be collecting 2019-2020 Capital Campaign pledges today during the offering. Please prayerfully consider your giving toward this for 2019 and 2020 and complete a Capital Campaign pledge card to indicate your intentions. These are also available on the welcome desk in the Narthex.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

First Sunday in Advent, 10.30am

ENTER *the* PRESENCE *of* GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Colson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Aldo & Abby Mondin

Please take a moment to prepare your heart for worship, and silence all mobile devices.

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price!

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near!

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food!

Let us return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on us!

INVOCATION

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Coffin

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 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

⊕ HYMNS

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Wesley

Be Thou My Vision

Byrne

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

⊕ Indicates that the congregation stands.

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. 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 16

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 1.1-5

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

In the Beginning

Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Bernard of Clairvaux

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 *Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor*

Houghton

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

BENEDICTION

NOTES

MISSIONARY *of the* WEEK

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (GCTS) exists to advance Christ's Kingdom in every sphere of life by equipping Church leaders to think theologically, engage globally, and live biblically. GCTS, Jacksonville started with a desire to bring a commitment to educational innovation, academic rigor, and faithfulness to the Gospel to students already engaged in full-time ministry or the marketplace.