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 childcare 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

January 6 (9.30a) Congregational Communities Resume

January 6 (10.30a) Worship Service January 6 (5-7p) High Life Resumes

January 8 (9.30a) Women's Tuesday Bible Study Resumes
January 9 (7-8.30p) High School Fellowship Resumes
January 12 (7a) Galatians 6.2 Service Day

CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 6

All Congregational Communities and School of Discipleship classes will resume next Sunday, January 6 at 9.30a. Infant and toddler nurseries are available for all children ages 0-2 during this hour.

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 (607 Ponte Vedra Blvd) and our speaker will be Mary Wilson. We will have more information and sign-up details soon.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

We will continue to collect 2019 Annual Stewardship pledges and 2019-2020 Capital Campaign pledges through the end of the year. Please feel free to drop them by the church office or place them in the offering plate. Pledge cards are available just inside the Sanctuary.

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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

ORDER of WORSHIP

First Sunday after Christmas, 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 66

Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Come and see what God has done!

He is awe some in his deeds toward the children of man!

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul! Blessed be God!

For he has not rejected my prayer, or removed his steadfast love from me!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Montgomery

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Almighty God, you know our folly; the wrongs we have done are not hidden from you. Like lost sheep, we've strayed from your commandments, following the devices and desires of our own hearts. We've done those things we ought not to have done and not done those things we ought to have done. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, deliver us from our sins and teach us to walk in your ways to the glory of you name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMNS

Joy to the World

Handel Work

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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.

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 66

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 1.35-51

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Come and See

John Lawler

RESPOND to GOD

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

Barnes

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

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DEPART in PEACE

HYMN Good Christian Men, Rejoice Neale

BENEDICTION



Seamark Ranch is a nurturing Christian home and family system that gives children from families in crisis the tools they need for a brighter future. Through a family home model, a specialized residential school, and the lessons of life on a working farm community, Seamark Ranch provides the ideal setting for love, stabilization, healing, education, and empowerment.

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