



CHRIST CHURCH  
— PCA —  
MANDARIN

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

*January 26, 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

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 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.

## 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 transtion!

# CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

January 29 (7-8.30p) High Life at the Ringhavers'  
February 2 (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 register and pay online if you haven't done so already. Contact Alec Cotton with any questions.

## VBS - JUNE 8-12

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.

## SAVE THE DATE: RIDGE HAVEN CAMP (JULY 27-AUGUST 1)

All middle & high school students will be invited to join us on this great trip to Brevard, NC. Online registration will be available soon. There will be a fundraiser to offset costs. Stay tuned for additional details!

## EASTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Easter Children's Choir will begin rehearsing this Sunday immediately following the worship service. Please send your kids across the hall to the Children's Chapel classroom and pick them up afterwards. Rehearsal will only take five minutes and will occur each week leading up to Easter.

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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 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!

**Know that the LORD, he is God!**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks  
to him; bless his name!

**For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his  
faithfulness to all generations!**

## INVOCATION

## HYMN

## *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him, you behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Praise with us the God of grace.

*Words: Lyte*

*Music: Goss*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we confess to you, that in many times and ways, by thought, word, and deed, we have sinned against you; and are not worthy to be called your children. We humbly ask you, according to your mercy in Christ Jesus, that you forgive our offenses and grant us true repentance for the honor and glory of your name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

*Jesus, I Come*

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.  
Into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of my sickness into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm, out of life's storms and into thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
Ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

*Words & Music: Thompson*

## HYMN

*By Thy Mercy*

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,  
Bend from Heaven thy gracious ear,  
While our waiting souls adore thee,  
Friend of helpless sinners hear:

### *Chorus*

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord  
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord

From the depth of nature's blindness,  
From the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness,  
From the pride that lurks within:

When the world around is smiling,  
In the time of wealth and ease,  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,  
In the day of health and peace:

In the solemn hour of dying,  
In the awful judgment day,  
May our souls on thee relying,  
Find thee still our Rock and Stay.

*Words & Music: 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.*

*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 12

- <sup>1</sup> Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone;  
for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man.
- <sup>2</sup> Everyone utters lies to his neighbor;  
with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.
- <sup>3</sup> May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,  
the tongue that makes great boasts,  
<sup>4</sup> those who say, “With our tongue we will prevail,  
our lips are with us; who is master over us?”
- <sup>5</sup> “Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan,  
I will now arise,” says the LORD;  
“I will place him in the safety for which he longs.”
- <sup>6</sup> The words of the LORD are pure words,  
like silver refined in a furnace on the ground,  
purified seven times.
- <sup>7</sup> You, O LORD, will keep them;  
you will guard us from this generation forever.
- <sup>8</sup> On every side the wicked prowl,  
as vileness is exalted among the children of man.

*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!**

<sup>1</sup> Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, <sup>2</sup> a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. <sup>3</sup> For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. <sup>4</sup> Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. <sup>5</sup> They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” <sup>6</sup> But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. <sup>7</sup> For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

<sup>8</sup> For he finds fault with them when he says:

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,  
when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah

<sup>9</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers  
on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of  
Egypt.

For they did not continue in my covenant,  
and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

<sup>10</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel  
after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws into their minds,  
and write them on their hearts,  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

<sup>11</sup> And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor  
and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’

for they shall all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest.

<sup>12</sup> For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,  
and I will remember their sins no more.”

<sup>13</sup> In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

*After the lesson, we respond:*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Jesus: A Better Promise*  
Chuck Colson

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## RESPOND *to* GOD

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⊕ HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

*Words: Funk*

*Music: Rippon*

## 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

*Steadfast*

*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

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## DEPART *in* PEACE

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### HYMN

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy pow'rful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

*Words: Hughes*

*Music: Williams*

### BENEDICTION



## MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

### INTERNATIONAL

Gethsemane Garden Christian Centre is a Christian boarding school for HIV/AIDS orphans in Kenya, founded by Naphtaly and Nerea Mattah. Their desire is to rescue orphans and vulnerable children, provide them with hope, and to equip them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to empower them to impact Kenya and the world for His Kingdom. The school currently serves over 725 students.

### LOCAL

Tommy Park, with interns Aldo Mondin and Julia Willcoxon, serve students on the campus of the University of North Florida with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), which is the denominational college ministry of the PCA. Their desire is that RUF at UNF would be a place for skeptics and weary Christians to come face-to-face with the real Jesus.

## ITEMS *for* PRAYER

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





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