

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 our pastor, Chuck Colson.

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-communicating children. An optional nursery is provided for younger children (0-3) during the communion portion of the service.

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; Norma Hughes; Hector Harima; Karen Ferguson; Kathy Kwasnik

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

December 9 (5-7p)

December 12 (7p)

December 12 (7p)

December 16 (9.30a)

December 16 (10.30a)

December 16 (5-7p)

High Life

High School Fellowship

Advent Choir Rehearsal

Brunch

Nine Lessons & Carols Service

High Life Christmas Party

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

Thank you for your participation in offering pledges last week. We will continue to collect 2019 Annual Stewardship pledges and 2019-2020 Capital Campaign pledges through the end of the year. You can place these in the offering plate or church office.

LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE & BRUNCH

By listening to the Scripture story read and sung, we are reminded that all of Scripture points to our Lord, Jesus. Join us on December 16 at 10.30am, to participate in our annual Nine Lessons & Carols service, and celebrate the first advent of Jesus Christ. Please join us for brunch before the service at 9.30am. Food assignments for each Congregational Community are as follows: Cornerstone: breakfast breads & pastries; Sojourners: fruit and cheese; Emmaus: breakfast casseroles.

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 for the following items: Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, strong paper plates, kitchen trash bags, outdoor trash bags, ziplock style storage bags, laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT WESTMINSTER WOODS

Join us after worship on Sunday, December 23rd for a time of singing Christmas carols at Westminster Woods (25 State Road 13). We will eat a quick lunch at a local restaurant, then head to Westminster Woods to sing carols from 1.30-2p. Families are welcome. We hope you will join us for this festive gathering!

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CHRIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Advent, 10.30am

ENTER *the* PRESENCE *of* GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Colson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Josh & Jeannie Rogers

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

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 2

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths!

For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem!

O house of Jacob come!

Let us walk in the light of the LORD!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Dawning Light of Our Salvation

Kimbrough

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Heavenly Father, nothing is hidden from your sight; we cannot cover our sins or conceal our faults from you. We've confess that we've walked in darkness rather than light, failing to obey your law in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Pardon our guilt, for it is great. 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

⊕ HYMN

Jesus, I Come

Thompson

NICENE CREED

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

Children, age 3-1st grade, are dismissed for Children's Chapel. They will return to the sanctuary to join their family for the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

HEAR *the* WORD *of* GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 27

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!

⊕ *Indicates that the congregation stands.*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1.6-13

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The True Light

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.

VOWS OF MEMBERSHIP

New Members: Nic & Paige Bolen; Sue Forsyth; Kevin & Chanel Jack (William & Ellie); Adia Jack; Quentin Jack; Josh Jacobson; Kevin & Amy Petty; Jon & Elise Sumulong (Caleb); Chris White; Justin & Gena Young; Maddux Yuro

⊕ 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 offertory, 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.**

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.

HYMNS

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Moultrie

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Praetorius

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

Watts

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

Francis

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DEPART *in* PEACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

NOTES

MISSIONARY *of the* WEEK

Joe Naramore is a ruling elder at one of our daughter churches, Christ Church East. Joe serves as East Coast Regional Director for Campus Outreach (CO). Alan Marsh and his family are also members at Christ Church East. Alan works as Area and Campus Director at Jacksonville University. CO seeks to glorify God by building laborers for the lost world.