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 ground 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 3-6 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-communing 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

 ${\bf SOJOURNERS: High\ School\ Families\ and\ Empty\ Nesters}$

Location: Room 1

CORNERSTONE: Empty Nesters and Retirees

Location: Room 2

ITEMS for PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Beverly Quine; Branson Bishop; Corky Rogers; Norma Hughes; Ellie Jensen

ON DEPLOYMENT: Matthew Heathman

CALENDAR of EVENTS

March 4 (4.30p) Youth Discipleship Groups & High Life

March 6-7 No Women's Bible Studies

March 7 (12p) Lenten Luncheon March 8 (6.30a) RightWise

March 10 (9a-3p) Women's Retreat
March 11 (9a) Easter Choir Rehearsal

March 11 (9.30a) Congregational Communities

March 11 (10.30a) Worship

March 12 (6.30p) Officers' Meeting

AWAKENING WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women are invited to join us this Saturday, March 10, from 9a-3p, at the Ponte Vedra Lodge for the Christ Church women's retreat. This year's speaker is Vanessa Hawkins, Women's Ministry Director at First Presbyterian Church, Augusta. Sign up online!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES CANCELED

This week all women's bible studies are canceled in preparation for our Women's Retreat this weekend.

LENTEN LUNCHES

In the weeks leading up to Easter, we invite you to join us for a light lunch and teaching aimed to prepare our community for Easter Sunday. We will meet on Wednesdays at Noon in the narthex beginning this Wednesday and continuing through Holy Week (March 28). Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of lunch. Childcare is provided.

EASTER CHOIR

Choir rehearsals have begun! Join our Easter choir this Lenten season. We will perform on Easter Sunday and rehearse each Sunday morning in March from 9:00-10:15a. All willing voices are welcome! Please contact Meredith Williams with any questions.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

ORDER of WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent, 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 107

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble!

He sent out his word and healed us, and delivered us from destruction. Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children on man!

And let us offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

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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

HYMN

Great God from Thee

Newton

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, ages 3-6, are dismissed for Children's Chapel. Pre-K children exit the sanctuary through the rear side door while K-1st graders exit through back main doors. They will return to worship for the collection of the offering.

HEAR the WORD of GOD -

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119.73-88

After the Psalm, we respond:

All men are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

Indicates that the congregation stands.

The grass withers and the flowers fall,

but the word of our God stands forever!

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9.9-13

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Getting Authenticity Right

Michael Allen

RESPOND to GOD

HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

HENDON

INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Cannon Simpson

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.

GREETING GOD'S PEOPLE

Chuck Colson

The peace of the LORD be always with you!

And also with you!

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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, ve 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, to proclaim the glory of your name, saying:

Holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power!

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

HYMNS

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross NEAR THE CROSS Nothing but the Blood WHAT CAN WASH AWAY In Christ Alone We Will Feast in the House of Zion McCracken

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DEPART in PEACE —

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING BENEDICTION

NOTES

MISSIONARY of the WEEK

Toby Ragland works with College Golf Fellowship, seeking to share the gospel with and make disciples of college golfers on the campuses of UNF, UF, and UCF. His desire is to see college golfers give themselves to the service of Jesus inside and outside of the golfing world.