



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

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.

GUIDELINES *for* WORSHIP

With the spread of disease around our country, it is important for us, as a church, to be responsive to the circumstances. While we have aggressively implemented social distancing protocols and cleaning regimens, we cannot guarantee a non-compromised environment. All common areas of the church building must be used at one's own risk. Please follow these guidelines:

- In keeping with our mayor's order, face masks are required of all attendees over six years of age. If you do not have a mask, or perhaps forget to bring one, we have face coverings available in the Narthex.
- Please allow for six feet of distance between you and others not in your immediate family unit. Additionally, please refrain from physical greetings and congregating in the aisles and Narthex.
- We will not pass offering plates to collect our tithes and offerings. Rather, after the service, gifts can be deposited in the box labeled *Tithes & Offerings* located just outside the sanctuary doors in the Narthex. Also, financial gifts can always be submitted online through the website.

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

April 4	NO Youth Group
April 11 (10.30a)	Worship Service
April 11 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
April 12 (6.30p)	Session Meeting
April 18 (10.30a)	Worship Service
April 18 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
April 23-24	New Members Class

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Our next membership class will be offered April 23-24 (Friday 6-8p; Saturday 9a-Noon). If you are new to Christ Church and would like to become a member, or simply desire to know more about who we are and what we do, we welcome you to join us. Please RSVP to Charlotte Reeves.

SAVE THE DATE VBS 2021

We are excited to be able to offer VBS on a smaller scale this summer! Mark your calendar for the week of June 21. Stay tuned for details and signup information. Space will be limited, so registration will be opened to Christ Church families first, and any remaining spots will be made available to those outside of our community.

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

Along with Communion, we will have a special Deacons' Fund offering. If you would like to participate, please designate a check for the Deacons' Fund and place it in the offering box in the Narthex. Please place cash donations to the Deacons' Fund in the labeled envelopes found on the side of the offering box.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH 2021	YEAR-TO-DATE 2021
Budget: \$67,000	Budget: \$201,000
Offering: \$79,087	Offering: \$191,732
Difference: +18.0%	Difference: -4.6%

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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

John Lawler

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone!

This is the LORD's doing;

It is marvelous in our eyes!

This is the day that the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Alleluia! The LORD is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Words & Music: Wesley

Christ the Lord is risen today; Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise; Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once he all doth save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led; Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies; Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Alec Cotton

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 we 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

Praise the Savior Now and Ever

Words: Fortunatus

Praise the Savior now and ever; praise him, all beneath the skies;
Prostrate lying, suff'ring, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.
Vict'ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory he doth rise.
Praise the Savior now and ever; praise him, all beneath the skies!

Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth; he is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.
Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth; he is all our righteousness!

Sin's bonds severed, we're delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent's head;
Death no longer is the stronger; Hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death's prison; o'er the tomb he light has shed.
Sin's bonds severed, we're delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent's head!

For his favor, praise forever, unto God the Father sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit, he doth us salvation bring.
Praise the Savior now and ever; praise him all, our Lord and King!

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 3-5, are dismissed for Children's Chapel. Children exit the sanctuary through the main rear doors. They will return for the offering.

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 20

- ¹ May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
 May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- ² May he send you help from the sanctuary
 and give you support from Zion!
- ³ May he remember all your offerings
 and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices!
- ⁴ May he grant you your heart's desire
 and fulfill all your plans!
- ⁵ May we shout for joy over your salvation,
 and in the name of our God set up our banners!
 May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!
- ⁶ Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
 he will answer him from his holy heaven
 with the saving might of his right hand.
- ⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
 but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
- ⁸ They collapse and fall,
 but we rise and stand upright.
- ⁹ O LORD, save the king!
 May he answer us when we call.

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!

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 6.1-11

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Newness of Life
Chuck Colson

⊕ HYMN

Wake Up, O Sleeper
Words: Colson | Music: Zipf

Wake up, O sleeper
The day of days has come!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
His victory has been won!
Our Savior has made death to flee,
And trampled down our sin!
Wake up, O sleeper;
He is risen!

Wake up, O sleeper
The long night is done!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
In the light of the Son!
As in Adam, all have died,
So in Christ we live!
Wake up, O sleeper;
Our King is risen!

Wake up, O Sleeper
The day is now at hand!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Darkness met its end!
We are the children of the light,
The children of the day!
Wake up, O Sleeper!
Rise up from your grave!

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Tithes & Offerings may be deposited after the service in the offering box outside the sanctuary doors. Alternately, gifts can be made online at www.christchurchpresjax.org or mailed to the church office.

OFFERTORY

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Words: Medley

I know that my Redeemer lives—glory, hallelujah!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives—glory, hallelujah!

Chorus

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground—glory, hallelujah!

The dead's alive and the lost is found—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, my everlasting Head—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, to bless me with his love—glory, hallelujah!

He lives to plead for me above—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, all glory to his name—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, my Jesus, still the same—glory, hallelujah!

⊕ DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son;
And praise the Spirit three in one!
O Praise him, O Praise him;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! 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. Please take your place as a family unit on the designated floor markers. When the minister invites you, step up to the table to receive the bread and cup. Please consume at the table and dispose of cups in the trash receptable provided. You will then return to your seat down the center aisle.

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.

HYMN

Christ Is Risen
Words & Music: Maher

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely you've bled for us

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave!
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with him again
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave!

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold you down
In strength you reign
Forever let your church proclaim

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O Church, come stand in the light!
The glory of God has defeated the night!
O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light
Our God is not dead! He's alive, he's alive!

HYMN

The Lamb has Overcome

Words & Music: Morton

The lamb has overcome, the Lamb has overcome
The battle's been done and the victory is won
For the lamb has overcome

No grave could hold him down, no grave could hold him down
Up from the ground, "He is risen!" was the sound
No grave could hold him down

Chorus

Worthy is the lamb who was slain
Glory be unto to his name
Worthy is the lamb who was slain
Glory be unto to his name

At God's right hand is he, at God's right hand is he
Our perfect plea as he lives to intercede
At God's right hand is he

The table now is spread, the table now is spread
This wine and bread, broken body and blood shed
The table now is spread

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near
He shall appear and will wipe away each tear
The day is drawing near

HYMN

Hallelujah! The Lord, Our God Reigns!

Words: Colson & Zipf | Music: Zipf

Day and night, the seraphs sing 'round the heavenly throne;
They call to him who was and is and who is yet to come!
The elders fall before the Lamb, offering their praise:
“Glory, honor and blessing to the Ancient of Days!”

Chorus

Hallelujah! The Lord, our God, reigns!
Hallelujah! He has conquered the grave!
Hallelujah! His ways are just and true!
Hallelujah! He will make all things new!

Every creature on the earth and those under the sea
Lift their voice in one accord to the King of kings!
The dragon came to devour the nations with the beast,
But the Lamb who was slain set the people free!

At the supper of the Lamb our God prepares the bride,
Clothing her in righteousness—Linen, pure and bright!
The former things have passed away the victory is the Lord's!
Oh, the battle is won; we shall weep no more!

⊕ HYMN

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

Words: Hayford | Music: Smart

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.

Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:

”Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares.”

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer,

But the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.

He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;

Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.

Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

DEPART *in* PEACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

MINISTRIES *of the* WEEK

LOCAL

Christ Church Beaches, planted by Kevin Bigelow, is a mission church of the North Florida Presbytery. As a mission, they are focused on being a community in which one can know and be known by Jesus, one another, and the community. These values express themselves as a focus on the person and work of Jesus in the preaching and liturgy of gathered worship and a gospel- centrality in the life of the church.

INTERNATIONAL

Juan José Cotto is planting Iglesia Comunión (PCA) in Caguas, Puerto Rico, in partnership with Trinity Church PCA and Iglesia La Travesía (PCA). Juan José has vast experience proclaiming God's word and ministering to the spiritual needs of people in Puerto Rico. He has also been trained under the leadership of Pastor Ronnie García, the first PCA pastor and church planter on the island. Their vision is to see a new generation of Latino men and women raised up and equipped with the gospel of grace in Jesus Christ.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Barb Day (*Cancer*); Louis Fassnacht; Gar Gurganious (*Cancer*); Hector (*Dementia*) & V'Elna Harima; Wayne Noble; Asher Park; Sandy Reynolds (*Eye*); Jewell Smith; Jim Tyson

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