



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Ascension Sunday

May 29, 2022

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

This Sunday we celebrate Holy Communion. Children, age 3-5, are dismissed before the Scripture readings and return during the offering 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.

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 School of Discipleship. Please join us at 9.30 am on Sundays to participate!

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

May 29 (12p)	Food Truck Fellowship
June 2 (12.30p)	<i>Wrapped in Prayer</i> Meeting
June 5 (10.30a)	Worship Service
June 6-10	Vacation Bible School
June 11 (9a-1p)	Seamark Saturday
June 12 (10.30a)	Worship Service
June 12 (4.30p)	Summer Classic
June 13 (6.30p)	Joint Officers' Meeting
June 19 (10.30a)	Communion Service
June 21-24	PCA General Assembly
June 21 (9.30a)	Women's Prayer & Psalm Study

FOOD TRUCK FELLOWSHIP TODAY

Join us on the front lawn immediately following the worship service today for food trucks and fun. Families, the slip 'n slide and kiddie pools will be set up for kids of all ages.

FCWS BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Join us as we partner with First Coast Women's Services to help meet the needs of young women facing unplanned pregnancies. Pick up an empty baby bottle in the Narthex, fill it with coins, cash, or checks, and return it by June 19.

WOMEN'S PRAYER & PSALM STUDY

Our annual Women's Summer Prayer & Psalm study will begin on Tuesday, June 21 (9:30-11:15a). Don't miss out on this special time to memorize a Psalm and to pray for our ministries, missionaries, and other needs. Childcare is available. Please contact Anne Groh or Allison Ristau to register your child.

SENIOR PASTOR SABBATICAL

From April 25th through July 31st our Senior Pastor, Chuck Colson, will be on sabbatical. Please join us in praying for the Colson family to have a restful and renewing time away. We are glad to afford our pastor this opportunity and thankful to the Lilly Foundation for their generous gift making this possible. If you would like to follow along with Chuck's activities, visit poormanscry.com.

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————— 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 47

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the most high, is to be feared!

A great king over all the earth!

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet! Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Words: Bridges | Music: Elvey

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wondering eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n, one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died;
Be thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, we have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Hide your face from our sins and blot out our iniquity. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and restore to us the joy of your salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

Before the Throne of God Above

Words: Bancroft | Music: Cook

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God.

— CELEBRATE *the* COVENANT *of* BAPTISM —

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

VOWS OF THE COVENANT

⊕ 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.*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BAPTISM OF JULIANA CLARE WADDELL

HYMN

Savior, In Your Promise
Words: Colson | Music: Bradbury

Savior in your promise, you take,
This lil' lamb into your care;
Keep and guard her for your name's sake,
All her troubles may you bear.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Listen to our humble prayer!
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Listen to our humble prayer!

Dear child, trust in him forever;
Follow him all of your days;
Hold to him who faileth never,
He is true and strong to save.

Trust in Jesus! Trust in Jesus!
Follow him all of your days.
Trust in Jesus! Trust in Jesus!
Follow him all of your days.

Children, ages 3-1st grade, 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 48

- ¹ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!
His holy mountain, ² beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.
- ³ Within her citadels God
has made himself known as a fortress.
- ⁴ For behold, the kings assembled;
they came on together.
- ⁵ As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;
they were in panic; they took to flight.
- ⁶ Trembling took hold of them there,
anguish as of a woman in labor.
- ⁷ By the east wind you shattered
the ships of Tarshish.
- ⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city of our God,
which God will establish forever.
- ⁹ We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.
- ¹⁰ As your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.
- ¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad!
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments!

¹² Walk about Zion, go around her,
number her towers,
¹³ consider well her ramparts,
go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
¹⁴ that this is God,
our God forever and ever.
He will guide us forever.

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

Ephesians 3.1-13

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. ¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

That You Not Lose Heart
Alec Cotton

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 in the offering plate as it passes. Alternately, gifts can be made online at www.christchurchpresjax.org or mailed to the church office.

OFFERTORY

⊕ 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. You may take your place at the communion rails as space is available. Please consume at the rails and dispose of cups in the trays on the backside of the rails. 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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Words: Wesley | Music: Thompson

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none; I, helpless hang on thee;
Leave, O, leave me not alone; support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed; all help from thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

HYMN

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

Words: Watts

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear your voice and enter while there's room
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast, that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

Words: Stone | Music: Wesley

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
'Til with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

⊕ HYMN

Christ Our King
Words: Colson | Music: Zipf

In might, the Father of glory
Raised Jesus out of the dead;
And seating our Lord in splendor
Crowned him th' exalted head.

Chorus

Every tribe, come bow in tribute;
Every tongue proclaim his praise!
Jesus, name above all names
Christ our King over all reigns!

Can a mortal name be spoken
Passing that on him bestowed?
Christ, whose shame made his glory,
His cross the way to the throne.

He reigns, to break earth's bondage,
Ending all futility.
He will crush death's dominion,
And at long last set us free.

———— DEPART *in* PEACE ————

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

MINISTRIES *of the* WEEK

LOCAL

Brian Thomas serves students on the campus of the University of Florida with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), which is the denominational college ministry of the PCA. His desire is for God's saving power to be known on the college campus and to raise up mature disciples of Jesus Christ.

INTERNATIONAL

Ross & Angela Floyd served three years in Bogata, Columbia and are now missionaries in Panama City, Panama, working with Mission to the World. They serve alongside the local church to reach the lost with the gospel, build community both within the church and the surrounding community, and walk with believers as they grow in their faith through discipleship.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Sara Ashauer (*eye*); Steve Beaver (*surgery*); Jan Brittingham (*cancer*); JR Brittingham (*cancer*); Barb Day (*cancer*); Louis Fassnacht; Sue Forsyth (*knee*); Elizabeth Garnett (*cancer*); Gar Gurganious (*cancer*); Hector (*dementia*) & V'Elna Harima; Wayne Noble; Sandy Reynolds

CONNECT

I'm interested in:

- Meeting with a pastor
- Church Membership
- Connecting at Christ Church
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry

PRAYER

I would like prayer for:

- Please keep my request private

WELCOME

Name(s) _____

Children

_____ Age _____

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_____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I would like to receive Christ Church weekly newsletters

Please tear off & drop in the offering plate, on the welcome desk, or leave with one of our staff



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