



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

August 1, 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.

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 (0-Walking) or the Toddler Room (Walking-2) where a team of trained child-care professionals and volunteers await them. Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for Children's Chapel after we recite the Apostles' Creed. They exit the sanctuary through the back doors 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.

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

August 8 (10.30a)	Communion Service
August 9 (6.30p)	Session Meeting
August 14 (9a-1p)	Seamark Saturday
August 15 (9.30a)	Adult Congregational Community
August 15 (9.30a)	Children & Youth School of Discipleship
August 15 (10.30a)	Worship Service
August 15 (Noon)	Fall Kick-Off & Food Trucks

ADULT CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNITY

Join us on Sunday morning, August 15th, at 9.30 am for our first adult Congregational Community! For three weeks, all adults will meet together in the sanctuary where Chuck will teach on “Christianity in Modern America.” Major social trends will be explained and examined from a Christian point-of-view. Please consult the schedule below for topics.

- 8/15 The Modern Approach to the Self
- 8/22 The Modern Approach to Church
- 8/29 The Modern Approach to Politics

CHILDREN & YOUTH SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

School of Discipleship classes will also resume on August 15th at 9.30 am. We are looking forward to engaging kids with age-appropriate instruction to study God’s Word and learn the truths of the Christian faith. Classes for the kids and youth will include: Preschool, Grades K-2, Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6, Middle School, and High School. Stay tuned for details regarding curriculum focus and teacher introductions.

FALL KICK-OFF & FOOD TRUCKS

Join us on the lawn right after worship on August 15th as we celebrate the start of the semester and the release of the next Yellowhammer Hymns album. There will be food trucks and water slides, so pack your lawn chairs, bathing suits, and towels to enjoy a fun afternoon together!

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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 145

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever!

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever!

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts! On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate! My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD;

let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King
Music: Giardini

Come, thou Almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless,
And give thy Word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To thee great One in Three
Eternal praises be,
Hence evermore.
His sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

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 failed to love you above all else, serving two masters in our hearts. Pardon our guilt, for it is great. 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.

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.

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.

For his favor, praise for ever
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.

HYMN

Shout for Joy, All Ye People!

Words: Colson | Music: Zipf

Blessed is the man who walks in your way,
Who contemplates your works throughout the day
Like a tree, planted by a stream,
Bearing fruit in season down to old age.

Chorus

O rejoice! Sing his praise!
Shout for joy, all ye people!
O rejoice! Sing his praise!
Come hallow his holy name!

Blessed is the man whose sin is washed away
Whose trespass is covered, who freely says,
“Hide your face, Lord. From my sin;
And renew a right spirit within me.”

Blessed is the man who fears your holy name
Who delights in your promise and walks without blame.
In the dark, light will dawn for him,
Guiding him safely to your holy hill.

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 96

- ¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- ¹² let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

¹³ before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

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!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2.42-47

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Church: A Worshiping Community

Chuck Colson

RESPOND to GOD

⊕ 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!

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

O God Beyond All Praising

Words: Perry | Music: Holst

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

⊕ 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DEPART *in* PEACE

HYMN

O Worship the King!
Words: Grant | Music: Haydn

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing his pow'r and his love:
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath, the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to worship above,
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and friend!

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing his pow'r and his love:
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

BENEDICTION

MINISTRIES *of the* WEEK

LOCAL

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

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: Jan Brittingham (*Covid*); JR Brittingham (*Covid*); Barb Day (*cancer*); Louis Fassnacht; Sue Forsyth (*back*); Elizabeth Garnett (*surgery*); Gar Gurganious (*cancer*); Hector (*dementia*) & V'Elna Harima; Wayne Noble; Sandy Reynolds; Jewell Smith (*surgery*); Ken Van Til (*Covid*)

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