

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 3-6, are dismissed for Children's Chapel after we recite the Apostles' Creed. They break into two groups 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.

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

ON DEPLOYMENT: Brandon Colvin (Desiree); Matthew Heathman (Leah)

HEALTH CONCERNS: Norma Hughes; Beverly Quine; Branson Bishop; Corky Rogers; Elizabeth Garnett; Hector & V'Elna Harima; Joe Lamarco

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

August 26 (5p)

August 29 (7p)

September 2 (9.30a)

September 2 (10.30a)

September 3

September 8 (9a)

High Life

High School Bible Study

Congregational Communities

Worship Service

Labor Day—Church Office Closed

Parenting Seminar

PARENTING SEMINAR

Join Chuck and Melissa Colson on September 8 at 9.00a for a workshop on Christian parenting. Our focus will be on parents with young children as we address issues of nurture, discipline, character, and family health. There will be generous time given to answer questions and troubleshoot common problem areas. Childcare will be provided. Please email Allison Ristau if you will need childcare so that we can plan accordingly.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All Christ Church women are invited to join us as we begin a new Bible study this fall. We will meet on Tuesday mornings from 9.30-11.30a beginning on September 12. We will be studying *Even Better Than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie. Childcare will be provided. Please email Barb Moore to let her know the number and ages of your children so that we can plan accordingly.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

For the next two Sundays there will be an opportunity to sign up to serve in various ministries at Christ Church. These volunteer opportunities allow the church to continue to serve and encourage God's people. There will be information and sign up forms in the Narthex before and after the service

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, 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

John Lawler

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple!

When I was brought low, he saved me!

Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you!

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD!

INVOCATION

HYMN

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

Francis

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 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

⊕ HYMNS

Nothing But the Blood

Lowry

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Lyte

GREETING GOD'S PEOPLE

The peace of the LORD be always with you!

And also with you!

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.*

⊕ Indicates that the congregation stands.

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 for the offering.

HEAR *the* WORD *of* GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 116

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

Hebrews 13:7-16

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Sacrifices for God

Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

Before the Throne of God Above

Cook

INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jon Groh

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

Then, after the offering, 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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DEPART *in* PEACE

HYMN

Rock of Ages

Toplady

BENEDICTION

MISSIONARY *of the* WEEK

Josh, Anna, and their sons, Daniel and Jacob, live in Bundibugyo, Uganda, working with Serge with a focus on using clean water projects as a vehicle for sharing the Gospel. God's heart for the poor has inspired Josh and Anna to live and minister to the Babwisi, Bakongo, and Bwamba tribes in Bundibugyo. They envision a life of walking alongside these diverse friends and serving God there through preaching, healing, and equipping.