



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
September 26, 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 3-1st grade 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

September 26 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
September 27 (6.30p)	Deacons' Meeting
October 3 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship
October 3 (10.30a)	Worship Service
October 3 (Noon)	Congregational Meeting
October 3 (4.30p)	Fall Classic
October 9 (9a-1p)	Seamark Saturday
October 10 (9.30a)	School of Discipleship
October 10 (10.30a)	Communion Service
October 10 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
October 11 (6.30p)	Joint Officers' Meeting
October 16 (8a)	Men's Workday

2021 FALL CLASSIC-OCTOBER 3

Join us on Sunday, October 3, at 4.30p for our annual Fall Classic. We will have music, water slides, kiddie pools, and a cookout on the church property. The fun will begin at 4.30p and dinner at 5.30p. Bring your appetite and a swimsuit if you dare!

BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-OCTOBER 3

We will hold a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, October 3rd, for a momentous occasion in our congregation's life! After faithfully and productively serving as an Assistant Pastor at Christ Church for four years, our Session is delighted to extend John Lawler the opportunity to serve as an Associate Pastor. This, however, requires for the congregation to elect John to this position.

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

All Christ Church women are invited to join one of three women's bible studies this semester: Tuesday morning at 9.30a, Tuesday evening at 7p, or Thursday morning at 9.30a. An email was sent out with a link to sign up, or you can visit our website for details.

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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 96

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness:

Tremble before him, all the earth!

Say among the nations: The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved!

He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness!

INVOCATION

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.

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 been stubborn of heart, following our own counsel and forsaking your ways. Pardon our guilt, for it is great. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, cleanse us from our sins that we may walk in a manner pleasing to you by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

By Thy Mercy

Words: Cummins | Music: Thompson

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from Heaven thy gracious ear,
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners hear

Chorus

By thy mercy, O deliver us,
Good Lord, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us,
Good Lord, good Lord

From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within

When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace

In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls on thee relying,
Find thee still our Rock and Stay

HYMN

Great God from Thee
Words: Newton | Music: Smith

Great God from thee there's naught concealed,
Thou see'st my inward frame,
To thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

Since I can hardly therefore bear, what in myself I see,
How vile and dark must I appear, most holy God to thee?
But since my savior stands between in garments dyed in blood,
'Tis he instead of me is seen when I approach to God.

Thus, though a sinner, I am safe, he pleads before the throne,
His life and death in my behalf and calls my sins his own.
What wondrous love, what mysteries, in this appointed shine,
My breaches of the law are his, and his obedience mine.

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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 3-1st 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 75

- ¹ We give thanks to you, O God;
we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.
- ² “At the set time that I appoint
I will judge with equity.
- ³ When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants,
it is I who keep steady its pillars.
- ⁴ I say to the boastful, ‘Do not boast,’
and to the wicked, ‘Do not lift up your horn;
- ⁵ do not lift up your horn on high,
or speak with haughty neck.”
- ⁶ For not from the east or from the west
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up,
- ⁷ but it is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.
- ⁸ For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup
with foaming wine, well mixed,
and he pours out from it,
and all the wicked of the earth
shall drain it down to the dregs.
- ⁹ But I will declare it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
- ¹⁰ All the horns of the wicked I will cut off,
but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

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 13.1-7

¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

God's Servant for Your Good
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

This Is My Father's World
Words: Babcock | Music: Sheppard

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Steve Beaver

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.

MINISTRY REPORT

The Gideons International
Charlie Marineau

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

When You Call on Him
Words: Colson & Zipf | Music: Zipf

O children

When you call on him

He will comfort you

He will comfort you

You keep him in perfect peace

Whose mind is stayed on you

When trouble is drawing near

He knows the Lord is good and true

The thirsty and the poor

Are free to buy and eat

To return to the Lord

Who forgives abundantly

On a day coming soon

God again will dwell with man

And wipe away every tear

Turn the sea into dry land

⊕ 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

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.

BENEDICTION

MINISTRIES *of the* WEEK

LOCAL

Toby & Lindsey Ragland, with their four daughters, are members at Christ Church. Toby 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.

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

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