

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 our pastor, Chuck Colson.

KIDS *during* WORSHIP

This Sunday we celebrate Holy Communion. Children, age 3-1st grade, are dismissed before the Scripture readings and return during the congregational greeting 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. An optional nursery is provided for younger children (0-3) during the communion portion of the service.

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

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

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

September 30 (5p)

October 2 (9.30a)

October 3 (7p)

October 7 (9.30a)

October 7 (10.30a)

October 7 (5p)

October 8 (6.30p)

October 13 (7a)

High Life

Women's Tuesday Bible Study

High School Bible Study

Congregational Communities

Worship Service

High Life

Officers' Meeting

Galatians 6:2 Service Day

JOINT CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNITY: BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Join us on Sunday, October 28th, at 9.30a to receive a comprehensive update from the building committee on the plans for our campus. The committee will share architectural renderings and discuss the process behind the last several months.

SAVE THE DATE: 2018 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for our 2018 Missions Conference, which will take place November 2-4. Additional details will be coming soon.

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

Our next New Members' Class will be offered November 9-11 as a series of three sessions taking place that weekend. 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! Childcare will be provided. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Charlotte Reeves.

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING

Along with Communion, we will have a special Deacon's Fund offering. If you would like to participate, you can designate a check for the Deacon's Fund and place it in the offering plate, or there will be a special offering plate after the service in the Narthex.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Eighteenth 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

Psalm 96

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name!

Bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness!

Tremble before him, all the earth!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy!

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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

⊕ HYMN

Before the Throne of God Above

Cook

NICENE CREED

**The "holy catholic and apostolic Church" refers to the entire community of God's redeemed people throughout the world and across the centuries.*

Children, age 3-1st grade, are dismissed for Children's Chapel. They will return to the sanctuary to join their family for the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

HEAR *the* WORD *of* GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 144

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!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 5:13-6:21

After the lesson, we respond:

⊕ *Indicates that the congregation stands.*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

God's Ground, God's Battle

Chuck Colson

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.

⊕ GREETING GOD'S PEOPLE

The peace of the LORD be always with you!

And also with you!

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Then, after the offertory, 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.**

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. 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.

HYMNS

Sweet Comfort

McCracken

Let Me Find Thee

Neander

Come Ye Sinners

Hart

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We Will Feast in the House of Zion

McCracken

DEPART *in* PEACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

NOTES

MISSIONARY *of the* WEEK

Raymond Clotaire is the pastor of Elohim Evangelical Church, a Haitian Presbyterian church of the North Florida Presbytery. Raymond is seeking to establish a reformed and gospel-centered church within the Haitian community on the west side of Jacksonville.