



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

October 18, 2020

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.

GUIDELINES *for* WORSHIP

With the spread of disease around our country, it is important for us, as a church, to be responsive to the circumstances. While we have aggressively implemented social distancing protocols and cleaning regimens, we cannot guarantee a non-compromised environment. All common areas of the church building must be used at one's own risk. Please follow these guidelines:

- In keeping with our mayor's order, face masks are required of all attendees over six years of age. If you do not have a mask, or perhaps forget to bring one, we have face coverings available in the Narthex.
- Please allow for six feet of distance between you and others not in your immediate family unit. Additionally, please refrain from physical greetings and congregating in the aisles and Narthex.
- We will not pass offering plates to collect our tithes and offerings. Rather, after the service, gifts can be deposited in the box labeled *Tithes & Offerings* located just outside the sanctuary doors in the Narthex. Also, financial gifts can always be submitted online through the website.

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

October 18 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
October 25 (9a)	Worship Service
October 25 (10.30a)	Worship Service
October 31 (8-9a)	Galatians 6.2 Service Day
October 31 (9a-Noon)	Men's Work Day

VIRTUAL SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

This fall we will provide high quality educational resources for our church through a virtual School of Discipleship. Video lectures are released for the adults every Sunday. Our children's ministry will also release a weekly video and provide families with an at home curriculum that will walk the children of Christ Church through the Ten Commandments this fall.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & WORK DAY

All men at Christ Church are invited to join us for a morning of fellowship and work on the church property on Saturday, October 31, 9a-noon. Individually wrapped chicken biscuits will be available from 9-9.30a and we'll work until noon. Bring work gloves, shovels, rakes, axes, saws, or any other yard equipment you have on hand. If you have any questions, please contact John Lawler.

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

This fall, several morning and evening Bible studies, primarily through our men's and women's ministries, are being hosted at the church. Groups meet in our multipurpose room and under the pavilion with social distancing parameters. Visit our website for more information.

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

Along with Communion, we will have a special Deacons' Fund offering. If you would like to participate, please designate a check for the Deacons' Fund and place it in the offering plates in the Narthex.

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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

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 is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble!

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress!

INVOCATION

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Words: Luther | Music: Hedge

A mighty Fortress is our God, a Bulwark never failing;
Our Helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his Name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

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

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Words: Wesley | Music: Campbell

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me who caused his pain? For me who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?

Chorus:

Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou, my God, should die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace!
Emptied himself of all but love and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine;
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

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.*

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
- ¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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!

¹ And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ² She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. ³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. ⁴ His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. ⁵ She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, ⁶ and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

⁷ Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

¹³ And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴ But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. ¹⁵ The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. ¹⁶ But the earth came to the help of

the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. ¹⁷ Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Into the Wilderness
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.

VOWS OF MEMBERSHIP (10.30)

Lucas Laman (Steve & Yolanda); Ava Rogers (Josh & Jeannie)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Tithes & Offerings may be deposited after the service in the offering box outside the sanctuary doors. Alternately, gifts can be made online at www.christchurchpresjax.org or mailed to the church office.

OFFERTORY

⊕ GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit,
Our God, Three in One;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end,
Amen! Amen! Amen!
World without end, 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 center aisle. Please take your place as a family unit on the designated floor markers. When the minister invites you, step up to the table to receive the bread and cup. Please consume at the table. A trash receptacle will be available as you return to your seat by the outside 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

Speak, My God and Say

Words: Colson | Music: Zipf

When my conscience raises its voice,
And brings forth accusations.

Speak, my God, and say:

“I am your salvation—
your defender, your shield.

In the day of your distress,
by the oath sworn in my Son;

In the day of your distress,
I’ll be your righteousness.”

When evil men malign the good,
And ev’rything is shaken

Speak, my God, and say:

“I am your salvation—
your defender, your shield.

In the day of your distress,
by the oath sworn in my Son;

In the day of your distress,
I’ll be your deliverance.”

When the waters rise to my neck,
With sorrow and affliction.

Speak, my God, and say:

“I am your salvation—
your defender, your shield.

In the day of your distress,
by the oath sworn in my Son;

In the day of your distress,
I’ll be your righteousness.

I’ll be your deliverance.

I’ll be your redemption.”

HYMN

Hasten to Me, O God
Words: Colson | Music: Zipf

Hasten to me, O God; do not delay
Come be my help in troubled days
Turn back the plans of those who walk in shame
They speak in lies; their tongues are open graves

Chorus:

Let all who love you say: "Our God is great!"
You, the Lord, my God are my refuge!
Lord, you never, never forsake.
Lord, you never, never forsake.

My mouth will testify; I will proclaim
Your righteousness throughout the day
Turn back the plans of those who walk in shame
They speak in lies; their tongues are open graves

HYMN

Send Out Your Light (Psalm 43)

Words & Music: McCracken

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
Against the deceitful man, O deliver us
For you are the God in whom I take refuge
Why have you rejected me? I walk around confused.

Chorus:

Send out your light and truth
Let them lead me
Bring me to your holy hill
To your dwelling
Then I will go to the alter of God
To God, my exceeding joy
Then I will praise him with my guitar
Oh my joy, my joy

Why are you cast down low, O my soul?
Why are you cast down low, and in turmoil?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him
Hope in God, for he is my salvation.

⊕ HYMN

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Words & Music: McCracken

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things; we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire.
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed, by the flood.
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, O how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together bring shalom.

DEPART *in* PEACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

Christ Church Beaches, planted by Kevin Bigelow, is a mission church of the North Florida Presbytery. As a mission, they are focused on being a community in which one can know and be known by Jesus, one another, and the community. These values express themselves as a focus on the person and work of Jesus in the preaching and liturgy of gathered worship and a gospel-centrality in the life of the church.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Mike Berry; Branson Bishop; Barb Day; Sue Forsyth; Elizabeth; Garnett; Gar Gurganious; Hector & V'Elna Harima; Tim Seise

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