



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

November 1, 2020 | 10.30a

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

November 1 (5-7p)	Youth Fellowship
November 8 (9a)	Communion Service
November 8 (10.30a)	Communion Service
November 9 (6.30p)	Session Meeting

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.

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.

SUBSCRIBE ONLINE TO RECEIVE CHRIST CHURCH EMAILS

Connect with the life of our congregation and stay up to date with the latest news and calendar of events by subscribing to our electronic weekly newsletters. Please visit the Resources page on our website to subscribe, or email Charlotte Reeves indicating your desire be added to our distribution list.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

In order to continue to support the ministries of Christ Church throughout this season, we invite you to consider one of the following options:

1. Please consider our online giving option. Visit our website, www.christchurchpresjax.org, and click "Give" on the top right-hand corner of the homepage. If you need assistance, please contact our administrator, Charlotte Reeves.
2. Alternately, you can simply place donations in the Tithes & Offerings box in the Narthex or mail checks to the church office.

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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 98

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations!

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth! He will judge the world with righteousness!

And the peoples with equity!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Words: Bridges | Music: Elvey

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wondering eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n, one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died;
Be thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Prior to the corporate prayer, we take a moment to confess our sins in silence.

Merciful Father, you alone know how often we have sinned against you: forgetting your steadfast love and failing to give thanks to you for your goodness. We confess our iniquity; we are sorry for our sin. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ forgive us and strengthen us that we may be filled with the fruits of righteousness to the glory and praise of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners
Words: Hart | Music: Rousseau

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Chorus:

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him.

— CELEBRATE *the* COVENANT *of* BAPTISM —

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

VOWS OF THE COVENANT

⊕ 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.*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BAPTISM OF JUDAH CURTIS PARK

HYMN

Savior, In Your Promise
Words: Colson | Music: Bradbury

Savior in your promise, you take,
This lil' lamb into your care;
Keep and guard him for your name's sake,
All his troubles may you bear.

Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Listen to our humble prayer!
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Listen to our humble prayer!

Dear child, trust in him forever;
Follow him all of your days;
Hold to him who faileth never,
He is true and strong to save.

Trust in Jesus! Trust in Jesus!
Follow him all of your days.
Trust in Jesus! Trust in Jesus!
Follow him all of your days.

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 65

¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.

² O you who hear prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.

³ When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.

⁴ Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!

⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas;

⁶ the one who by his strength established the mountains,
being girded with might;

⁷ who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples,

⁸ so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.
You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

⁹ You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide their grain,
for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly,

settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,

¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

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 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, ² with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk.” ³ And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. ⁵ And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: “Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth’s abominations.” ⁶ And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

When I saw her, I marveled greatly. ⁷ But the angel said to me, “Why do you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her. ⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.

⁹ This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; ¹⁰ they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he does come he must remain only a little while. ¹¹ As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction. ¹² And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. ¹³ These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴ They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

¹⁵ And the angel said to me, “The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. ¹⁶ And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire, ¹⁷ for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. ¹⁸ And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth.”

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

This Calls for Wisdom
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

At the Mountain of God

Words: Colson & Zipf | Music: Zipf

When the Lord comes down with the city of Zion,
Our hearts will find comfort at last.
We who've sown tears in grief will know laughter once again.
All his people will shout Amen!

Chorus:

“Great things he has done!”, the redeemed will say.
“Great things! Great things he has done!”
We will come to the feast at the mountain of God, Hallelujah!
He has done great things!

The rolling hills will dance, and the rivers will clap.
The sea will roar when he bids death to pass.
We will drink from the fountain of the everlasting God,
And our thirst will be quenched! Amen!

There will be no need of the sun and moon to shine,
For the glory of the Lord will give the light.
The lame will stand and walk, the mute will raise their voice,
And the blind will see his glorious sight!

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

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

Hallelujah! The Lord Our God Reigns!

Words: Colson | 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!"*

*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!*

⊕ 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

The Lamb has Overcome

Words & Music: Morton

The Lamb has overcome, the Lamb has overcome.
The battle's been done and the victory is won;
For the Lamb has overcome.

No grave could hold him down, no grave could hold him down.
Up from the ground, "He is risen!" was the sound;
No grave could hold him down.

Chorus:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Glory be unto to his name!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Glory be unto to his name!

At God's right hand is he, at God's right hand is he.
Our perfect plea as he lives to intercede;
At God's right hand is he.

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near.
He shall appear and will wipe away each tear;
The day is drawing near.

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

LOCAL

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

INTERNATIONAL

In 1997, Carol Arnold and her husband, Jack, began Equipping Pastors International (EPI). Carol has traveled to all six continents, speaking at conferences and seminars to both pastors and their wives, as well as to lay women of all denominations. Since Jack's death in January 2005, she has continued as a full-time missionary with EPI.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

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

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