



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

November 22, 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 22 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday (<i>Office closed</i>)
November 29 (9a & 10.30a)	Communion Services (<i>Advent begins</i>)
December 6 (9a)	Worship Service (<i>Williams baptism</i>)
December 6 (10.30a)	Worship Service (<i>Ivey baptism</i>)
December 6 (5p)	Community Cookout
December 6 (6p)	Alec Cotton Ordination Service
December 7 (6.30p)	Session Meeting

ADVENT AT CHRIST CHURCH

Advent is always a very exciting time of year as we celebrate the incarnation of our Savior, Jesus! It is a very full season at Christ Church, beginning with a celebration of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29. We will have our annual Lessons & Carols service on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 13. And on Christmas Eve we will postpone the worship service to the evening and celebrate the birth of our Savior together at 5pm. Join us during this season of joy and celebration!

ALEC COTTON ORDINATION SERVICE & COOKOUT

Please join us on Sunday, December 6 for a community cookout on the front lawn at 5p, followed by Alec Cotton's ordination service at 6p in the Sanctuary.

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

Isaiah 55

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost! Seek the LORD while he may be found!

Call on him while he is near!

Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts! Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them!

And to our God, for he will freely pardon!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Words: Williams | Music: Hughes

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we confess to you, that in many times and ways, by thought, word, and deed, we have sinned against you. Our transgressions are a heavy burden, a burden too heavy to carry. Pardon our guilt, for it is great. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we walk in newness of life through the power of your Spirit, 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.

HYMN

Shout for Joy, All Ye People!

Words: Colson | Music: Zipf

Blessed is the man who walks in your way,
Who contemplates your works throughout the day
Like a tree, planted by a stream,
Bearing fruit in season down to old age.

Chorus:

O rejoice! Sing his praise!
Shout for joy, all ye people!
O rejoice! Sing his praise!
Come hallow his holy name!

Blessed is the man whose sin is washed away
Whose trespass is covered, who freely says,
“Hide your face, Lord, from my sin;
And renew a right spirit within me.”

Blessed is the man who fears your holy name
Who delights in your promise and walks without blame.
In the dark, light will dawn from him,
Guiding him safely to your holy hill.

Blessed is the man who walks in your way

— 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 MARLEE ROSE COTTON

HYMN

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

Savior in your promise, you take,
This lil' lamb into your care;
Keep and guard her for your name's sake,
All her 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 12

¹ Help, LORD, for no one is faithful anymore;
those who are loyal have vanished from the human race.

² Everyone lies to their neighbor;
they flatter with their lips
but harbor deception in their hearts.

³ May the LORD silence all flattering lips
and every boastful tongue—

⁴ those who say,
“By our tongues we will prevail;
our own lips will defend us—who is lord over us?”

⁵ “Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan,
I will now arise,” says the LORD.
“I will protect them from those who malign them.”

⁶ And the words of the LORD are flawless,
like silver purified in a crucible,
like gold refined seven times.

⁷ You, LORD, will keep the needy safe
and will protect us forever from the wicked,

⁸ who freely strut about
when what is vile is honored by the human race.

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

Revelation 22.1-7

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

⁶ The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”

⁷ “Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Trustworthy and True
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words: Nettleton | Music: Robinson

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

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

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OFFERTORY

Heal Us

Words: Cowper | Music: Twit

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are
We long to feel thy touch
Deep wounded souls to thee we fly
O Savior hear our cry*

*Our faith is feeble, we confess
We faintly trust thy word
But will you pity us the less?
Be that far from you Lord!*

*Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried
"O help my unbelief!"*

*She, too, who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace
Thy faith has made thee whole."*

*Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch you if we may
O send us not despairing home
Send none unhealed away*

⊕ 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

Hallelujah! The Lord, Our God, Reigns!

Words: Colson & Zipf | 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!

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

LOCAL

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.

INTERNATIONAL

Josh, Anna, and their sons, Daniel, Jacob, and Benjamin 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.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Branson Bishop; Barb Day (Cancer); Elizabeth Garnett; Gar Gurganious (Cancer); Hector (Dementia) & V'Elna Harima; Wayne Noble

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