



CHRIST CHURCH  
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

*Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

*September 27, 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

September 27	Directory Photos
October 4 (9a)	Worship Service
October 4 (10.30a)	Worship Service
October 16-17	New Members' Class

## STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

Thank you for your faithful financial partnership with Christ Church through a challenging year. At the end of August, we were only 2.5% behind our budget target. That said, we've had a weak offering for the month of September. With the disruptions of the pandemic, it is easy to sideline or forget this aspect of our discipleship. And so, please be mindful and let's offer thanks to God for his innumerable mercies through our tithes and offerings.

## SAVE THE DATE: NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

Our next New Members' class will be offered October 16-17. 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 not be provided. Please RSVP to Charlotte Reeves.

### *Schedule:*

Friday, October 16 (6-8p) - Dinner & Session 1

Saturday, October 17 (9a-Noon) - Session 2

## CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

This Sunday (weather permitting!) we will take photos for a new church directory. If you have not taken a photo previously, or if you desire to update your photo, please see Charlotte Reeves in the front yard between services or after the late service. We appreciate your help as we seek to update our directory.

## ADULT SMALL GROUPS

This fall, several morning and evening Bible studies, primarily through our men's and women's ministries, will be hosted at the church. Groups will meet in our multi-purpose room and under the pavilion with social distancing parameters. Visit the church 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

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD,  
bless his name!

**Tell of his salvation from day to day!**

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the  
peoples!

**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!**

## INVOCATION

## HYMN

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

*Music: Giardini*

Come, thou Almighty King,  
Help us thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise.  
Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless,  
And give thy Word success,  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To thee great One in Three  
Eternal praises be,  
Hence evermore.  
His sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.

## 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*

*Words: Bancroft | Music: Cook*

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

## 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 96

- <sup>1</sup> Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the  
peoples!
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD, and greatly to be  
praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are  
worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- <sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- <sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!
- <sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall  
never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."

- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth  
rejoice;  
    let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
<sup>12</sup> let the field exult, and everything in it!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing  
for joy  
<sup>13</sup> before the LORD, for he comes,  
    for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness,  
    and the peoples in his faithfulness.

*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 5.1-14

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, <sup>4</sup> and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup> And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

<sup>6</sup> And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood you  
ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language and  
people and nation,  
<sup>10</sup> and you have made them a kingdom and  
priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom  
and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the  
Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and  
might forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

*After the lesson, we respond:*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Worthy is the Lamb!*  
Chuck Colson

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## RESPOND *to* GOD

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⊕ 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.

## 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.*

## OFFERTORY

*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*

*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*

⊕ 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



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## DEPART *in* PEACE

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### HYMN

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*Words: Rippon | Music: Holden*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

### BENEDICTION

## MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

Jim Fitzgerald serves as a missionary with Equipping Pastors International in North Africa and the Middle East. He is adjunct professor of Humanities and has also taught courses in World Religions, Bible, Philosophy of Religion, and History. His vision is to equip pastors in North Africa and the Middle East where Islam is firmly entrenched. This region was once the intellectual and theological capital of the Christian world, and Jim desires to see its true Christian heritage recovered.

## ITEMS *for* PRAYER

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

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