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WELCOME TO
**CHRIST
CHURCH**
BENTONVILLE

To all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whosoever will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus.

TO OUR GUESTS: **First**, we are glad you could join us for worship! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Christ Church. Please take a minute and scan the QR code with your phone camera and leave us your contact information. We will be in touch early in the week. **Second**, because what we are about to do may be a little different than what you are probably used to, we ask that you give us 6 weeks. Take 6 weeks to visit, become familiar with the form, ask questions, and get to know us. We believe you'll be glad you did. **Finally**, for an explanation of the content and order of worship, read the rubric along the left hand side of the bulletin as well as the section entitled "***The Liturgical Elements of Worship***" on page 8 of the bulletin.



**Preparation
for Worship**

This is a time to prepare for the worship of our holy God. Pray that God would meet His people as we gather.

**Call to
Worship**

It is the Lord who calls His people to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. We do not call ourselves. Worship is a reflexive and deliberate response to His gracious call.

Invocation

This prayer exalts the name of the Lord and invokes His presence and communion as we come to worship Him.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Pastor: *Christ is risen!*

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: *Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Pastor: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts...*

- Psalm 95:6-8a

My Soul Exalts the Lord Most High

Luke 1:46-55

David P. Regier

THE FIRST NOEL

Hymn of Praise

This hymn draws our hearts and minds to God acknowledging the reality and awe and wonder of who He is.

D A G D G

My soul ex - alts the Lord most high; My Sav - ior, my
 The Migh - ty One has done great things; How ho - ly the
 His migh - ty arm has done great deeds, And has scat - tered the
 The hung - gry filled, the great made low; For Is - rael His

D/F# G A7 D/A A7 D D A G

6

spi - rit shall glo - ri - fy. For He has seen my hum - ble es -
 name of my great King! To ev - 'ry age, His mer - cy ex -
 proud by His de - cree. And from their thrones, He casts off
 ser - vant, His help be - stowed. To A - bra - ham and His seed He

D G D/F# G A7 D/A A7 D D

12

tate, And will show gen - er - a - tions my bless - ings great. No - el, No -
 tends, And to those who fear Him, nev - er ends. No - el, No -
 kings; And to the hum - ble, His glo - ry He brings.
 swore His mer - cy up - on us us ev - er more.

A D/F# G D Bm G D/F# G A7/E D/F# D/A A7 D

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el, No - el, No - el. Praise the God of Is - ra - el.

Elder: *Look, O LORD, for I am in distress;*

All: ***My stomach churns; my heart is wrung within me, because I have been very rebellious.***

Elder: *In the street the sword bereaves; in the house it is like death;*

All: ***They heard my groaning, yet there is no one to comfort me. All my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that you have done it***

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Corporate

Lament of Sin

Having come into His presence, we are reminded that we are sinners in need of the deliverance from sin and its power. We both confess and lament sin as an act of worship and faith in the God Who promises to deliver His people from all their sin and sorrow. We encourage a posture of prayer (sitting or kneeling) that is most comfortable for you.

Elder: *You have brought the day you announced; now let them be as I am.*

All: ***Let all their evildoing come before you, and deal with them as you have dealt with me because of all my transgressions; for my groans are many, and my heart is faint.***

- Lamentations 1:20-22

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

Psalm 126

Isaac Wardell, ©2011 Bifrost Arts

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laugh - ter;
The na - tions will say "He has done great things!"

Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.
The na - tions will sing songs of joy.

Re - store us, O Lord! Re - store us, O Lord! Al -
Re - store us, O Lord! Re - store us, O Lord!

though we are weep - ing, Lord, help us keep sow - ing the
seeds of your king - dom for the day you will reap them! Your
sheaves we will car - ry; Lord, please do not tar - ry! All
those who sow weep - ing will go out with songs of joy! (repeat last line 4x at end)

**Hymn of
Confession/
Lament**

This hymn focuses on the acknowledgment of our sin, our need of forgiveness, and the only One in whom our forgiveness and restoration are found.

**Assurance of
Salvation**

Having confessed our sins, and raised our prayer for deliverance, we now hear of our salvation through the declaration of the Gospel.

Elder: *But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant. Show me a sign of your favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.*

- Psalm 86:15-17

The Lord Will Provide

John Newton

Matthew S Smith

Hymn of Faith

This hymn focuses either on God's faithfulness to us through the ages, on our responsibility to respond in faith, or the many reasons for our faith.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is accompanied by chords indicated above the staff. The lyrics are written below the staff, with line numbers 8, 11, 14, 18, and 21 marking the beginning of new lines of music. The score includes four verses of lyrics, with the first verse starting at line 1 and the fourth verse starting at line 21. The chords are: E, B, G#m, A, E, B, G#m, A, E, B, G#m, A, E, B, F#m, E, B, G#m, A.

1. Though trou - bles as - sail and dan - gers af - fright, though
 2. We may like the ships___ by tem - pest be tossed___ on
 3. When Sa - tan ap - pears___ to stop up our path___ and
 4. No strength of our___ own, nor goodness we claim,___ yet

8 friends should all fail___ and foes all u - nite,___ yet one thing se - cures us what -
 per - i - lous deeps___ but can - not be lost___ though Sa - tan en - ra - ges___ the
 fills us with fears,___ we tri - umph by faith;___ he can - not take from___ us___ though
 since we have known___ the Sav - ior's great name___ in this our strong tow - er___ for

11 e - ver be - tide___ the Scrip - ture as - sures us___ the Lord will pro - vide.___
 wind and the tide___ the pro - mise en - ga - ges___ the Lord will pro - vide.___
 oft he has tried___ this heart - cheer - ing prom - ise:___ the Lord will pro - vide.___
 safe - ty we hide:___ the Lord is our pow - er,___ the Lord will pro - vide.___

14 The birds with - out barn or store house are___ fed, from them let us___ learn to
 His call we o - bey like A - bram of___ old, not know - ing our___ way, but
 He tells us we're weak, our hope is in___ vain, the good that we___ seek we
 When life sinks a - pace and death is in___ view, this word of His___ grace shall

18 trust for our___ bread; His saints what is fit - ting___ shall ne'er be de - nied___ so
 faith makes us___ bold. For though we are stran - gers___ we have a good guide___ and
 ne'er shall ob - tain. But when such sug - gest - ions___ our spi - rits have plied,___ this
 com - fort us___ through: no fear - ing or doubt - ing,___ with Christ on our side,___ we

21 long as it's writ - ten___ the Lord will pro - vide___ 2. We
 trust in all dan - gers___ the Lord will pro - vide___ 3. When
 an - swers all ques - tions___ the Lord will pro - vide___ 4. No
 hope to die shout - ing___ "the Lord will pro - vide___

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Scripture Reading
 We read from both Old and New Testaments because they are not two different books but both are a part of God's unfolding plan of redemption.

Old Testament - Psalm 56
New Testament - 2 Peter 3:14-18
 Elder: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

My One Comfort

Dustin Kensrue

Hymn of Preparation

This hymn is gospel-focused and sermon-oriented and planned with the children in mind.

My one com-fort both in life and death is that I am not my own

I've been bought with blood and I con-fess I be-long to You al-one By the

Fa-ther's good de-cree Je-sus You've de-li-vered me By Your Spi-rit

set me free to fol-low You Je-sus You have ta-ken hold of me

and in Your grip of grace I'm fi-n'ly free By the Fa-ther's

good de-cree Je-sus You've de-li-vered me By Your Spi-rit set me free

to fol-low You

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Sermon

The preaching of God's Word is a means by which God bestows grace on His people.

PARTING WORDS

2 Peter 3:14-18

A note-taking guide is provided on the final page

For the Children - false teachers, Scripture, grace, peace, know(ledge), Jesus

Confession of Faith

Being a part of the communion of saints, we take this time to confess the truth that has been embraced by the church throughout history.

Elder: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe in one God:

The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end;

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church, we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed
*catholic meaning universal**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Word having been preached, the death of Christ is now showed forth through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of His body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and grace.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the LORD.

The bread is gluten-free. Purple cups contain wine; clear cups contain grape juice. Come forward, pause to hear the words of institution, take a piece of bread and a cup, then return to your seats. Once everyone has been served, we will eat and drink together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup in the trash cans provided.

Pastoral Prayer

We are a needy people, and this prayer not only reflects that neediness but our dependence upon the Lord.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

**Offertory/Hymn
of Response**

Giving is an act of worship. We give of our tithes and offerings because all we are and all we have are gifts of God's grace. We sing in grateful response to God's grace granted to us in both Word and Sacrament.

O God, to Us Show Mercy

LITTLE CHILDREN-PSALM 67

Karen E. Smith

C F/C Em F C G C

1.O God, to us show mer - cy and bless us in Your grace;
2.O God let all men praise You, let all the na - tions sing;
3.O God, let peo - ple praise You, let all the na - tions sing;
4.Al - le - lu - ia to the Fath - er, Al-le - lu - ia to the Son,

C F Em F C G C

cause now to shine u - pon us the bright - ness of Your face;
in ev - 'ry land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring;
for earth in rich a - bun - dance to us her fruit shall bring.
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Holy God the Three in One!

Am Em F2 C F C Dm C G

that so Your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known,
for You shall judge the peo - ple in truth and righ - teous - ness,
The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall bless - ing send,
You are Al - pha and O - me - ga, Who Is and Is to come

C C F/C Em F C G C

and un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple Your sav - ing grace be shown.
and through the earth the na - tions shall Your just rule con - fess.
and all the earth shall fear Him to its re - mot - est end.
to wipe a - way our tears and to bring us safe - ly home.

F C G C F C G

Al - le - lu - ia, A - men! Al-le - lu - ia, A - men!

**Prayer of
Thanksgiving**

Gloria Patri

We encourage a posture lifting holy hands to the Lord in thanksgiving.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

Benediction

We leave with the assurance that God intends to bless His people as we serve him and our neighbors through our various vocations throughout the week.

Pastor: May grace and peace be multiplied to all of you who are in Christ.

- 1 Peter 1:2, 5:14

People: And also to you.

Information

CHILDCARE

It has been our desire to offer childcare as we have volunteers. We have intentionally refrained from constant pressure and from relying upon only a few to shoulder the responsibility. At the same time, as the number of little ones increases, we do want to keep the opportunity before you. If you are able and willing to help, please scan the QR code to the right and sign up today. The more the merrier.



THE LITURGICAL ELEMENTS OF OUR WORSHIP

Why do we do what we do during our corporate worship service on Sunday? To a visitor it could seem strange. We do more than just sing, which is usually what people associate with the word “worship”. There are times of silence. Prayers are spoken. The Bible is read. A sermon on a particular passage of Scripture is heard. We eat a bite of bread and drink a small amount of wine or juice in celebration of Christ’s death. Money is collected. Hands are raised in devotion. Why are these elements a part of what we do together? Why don’t we just hang out in small groups and sip coffee? Why don’t we just sit back and watch an hour long video on being better people? All of these elements are a part of our worship because we believe they show honor to God in the way he wants to be honored. These aren’t just made up elements. They are pieces in a story that is told each Sunday, with each piece either commanded or exemplified in scripture.

WHY OUR PASTORS WEAR ROBES

Wearing a robe **hides the man** - No matter what the pastor wears, whether it be an expensive suit, an inexpensive suit, business casual or holey jeans with his shirt untucked, people are always prone to put too much stock in whatever style he prefers. The black Geneva robe is designed to remove this distraction and allow us to focus on the One whom he represents. That leads to the second point. It also **emphasizes his office**. Just as a judge wears a robe when in the courtroom, a fireman wears a uniform when on duty, or a military officer wears his dress greens or blues to a formal event to announce that they are acting in an official capacity, our pastors wear robes during the worship service to signify that they are acting in their official capacity as men who have been called by God to proclaim His word to His people. The robe reminds the congregation (and the minister!) that he is in the pulpit as an ambassador of Christ, and thus is not to speak his own thoughts, give mere advice or share worldly wisdom, but only the Word of God.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We believe children are a blessing from the Lord, and that they should be included in the worship of God with the people of God. That means at times there will be noise in the worship service. **God put the wiggle in children and that wiggle is welcome in His house!** If you are not used to it, it may take a little time. We understand. Bearing with one another in love is our calling.

Our aim is to help parents in the training of their children in the “pew”. We do this in two ways:

1. Sunday evening worship.

Every Sunday, we plan our worship services taking both children and parents into consideration. First, the Hymn of Preparation is chosen with our children in mind. We want it to be a song that they know or at least can learn quickly. Second, we offer childcare for those 0-3 during the sermon. But please know, we enjoy having children in worship! They are not distractions! Keeping them with us in worship is one of the best gifts we can give them as they will learn the blessing of worship and grow in ways we cannot imagine. Feel free to sit up front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is happening.

2. Weekly family worship.

To facilitate learning throughout the week, the following ideas are provided for families to use during their own times of worship. We incorporate the hymns, confession of faith and sermon passage for familiarity and repetition purposes.

Weekly Catechism: WSC Q&A 36

Q: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Wednesday

Sing “The Lord Will Provide”.

Read 2 Peter 3:14-18, Mark 13:3-23, and WSC 36.

Why is it important that we are warned beforehand about false teachers? How can people be carried away by them? What ways do we see people carried away by false teaching? Why is it significant that the people twisting Scripture are “lawless”? How can we be sure we can stand firm?

Monday

Sing Luke 1:46-55.

Read 2 Peter 3:14-18, Romans 5:1-5, and WSC 36.

What things does Peter say Christians are looking for? What does it mean to be spotless and blameless? How are we made spotless? In what areas do you need to grow in purity? What does it mean to be at peace? How does our peace with God lead us to peace with others and internal peace? What makes you anxious? How does the gospel speak to those things ?

Thursday

Sing “My One Comfort”.

Read 2 Peter 3:14-18, Colossians 1:10-23 and 2:6-8, and WSC 36.

How does 2 Peter 3:17b-18a summarize the message of the whole letter? Why is growth necessary for us to remain stable? What does it mean to grow in grace? How can we do so? What does it mean to grow in knowledge of Jesus? How can we do so? What specific areas of growth would you like to see in your life?

Tuesday

Sing Psalm 126.

Read 2 Peter 3:14-18, Romans 2:4, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, and WSC 36.

What does it mean to see God's patience as salvation? How should that change how we live? Why is it surprising that Peter calls Paul's letters “Scriptures”? What ways do we see the Scriptures twisted in our day? Why do people twist them? What things are difficult for you to understand in them? How can you grow in your understanding?

Friday

Sing Psalm 67.

Read 2 Peter 3:14-18, Ephesians 3:20-21, and WSC 36.

What is so amazing about Peter ascribing glory to Jesus? How can we glorify Him now? How will we in the day of eternity? What specific thing can you give glory to Jesus for? Pray and honor Him, giving Him thanks and glory.

SMALL GROUPS

Adams - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Adams House

Contact: Matt (913) 221-7065

Bean/Wieda/Tilley - Centerton

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Tilley House

Contact: Cody (903) 513-6719 or
Kenny (479) 616-7493

Demers - Rogers

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Demers House

Contact: Grant (254) 493-4067

Raines - West Bella Vista

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Raines House

Contact: Aaron (479) 644-6148

Walker - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

Contact: Wes (479) 409-8831

Warren - East Bella Vista

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Warren House

Contact: John (210) 317-3127

SERMON NOTES

PARTING WORDS **2 Peter 3:14-18**

I. ENDEAVOR AFTER PURITY

II. ESTEEM GOD'S PATIENCE

III. ENSURE YOUR POSITION

IV. ENLARGE YOUR PIETY

V. ETERNAL PRAISE



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