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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.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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 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. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

- Psalm 98:1-3

Men: Do you feel the world is broken?

Women: (We do)

Men: Do you feel the shadows deepen?

Women: (We do)

Men: But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through?

Women: (We do)

Men: Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

All: (We do)

Women: Is all creation groaning?

Men: (It is)

Women: Is a new creation coming?

Men: (It is)

Women: Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?

Men: (It is)

Women: Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

All: (It is)

Chorus: Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy of this?

He is

Men: Does the Father truly love us?

Women: (He does)

Does the Spirit move among us?

Women: (He does)

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves?

Women: (He does)

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

All: (He does)

Chorus

From every people and tribe

Every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God

To reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Is He worthy of this?

He is!

Elder: *Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*

- Psalm 139:23-24

Hymn of Praise

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

Corporate Confession 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.

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All: Almighty God, in love You spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more, that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack and are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what You intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in Your goodness that we will always be thanking You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.

WHAT A SAVIOR

Verse lyrics by Philip Bliss
Music and chorus by Devon Kauflin

J. = 60

E B E/G# A E B E/G#

8 A C#m B A E

14 B E/G# A C#m

18 B A B F#m7 A B E

24 B A B E

28 B A B F#m7 B

33 E B E/G# A C#m

38 B A B F#m7 A B

1. "Man of Sor-rows," what a name for the Son of
2. Guilt y, vile, and help-less we, spot-less Lamb of

God who came, ru-ined sin-ners to re-claim, hal-le-lu - jah... Bear-ing shame and
God was he, full a-tone-ment can it be, hal-le-lu - jah... Lift-ed up was

scoff-ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood sealed my par - don
he to die, "It is fin - ished," was his cry. Now in heav'n ex -

with his blood, hal - le - lu - jah, hal-le-lu - jah! Sa - vior,
alt - ed high, hal - le - lu - jah,

you showed your love, de - feat ed our sin, poured out your blood, so we praise you,

Lamb that was slain, we of - fer our lives to pro - claim, what a Sa - vior!

3. When he comes, our glo - rious king all his ran - somed home to bring, then a-new this

song we'll sing, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

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: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- 2 Corinthians 5:21

OPC/URCNA

Psalm 103

A D Raines

1. Bless the LORD, my soul, and all with in me bless His ho - ly name! -
 2. He with bound - less good sup - plies - you, He your long - ing sat - is - fies, -
 3. God the LORD is full of mer - cy, slow to an - ger, full of grace -
 4. Far as east from west is dis - tant, He from sin has set us free! -
 5. Man is like the flow'r that blos - soms, all his days like ten - der grass, -
 6. God has set His throne in hea - ven; His great king - dom rules o'er all. -

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.

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 Bless the LORD, my soul for - get - not all His bles - sings to pro - claim. -
 then, like ea - gle's strength re - new - ing, God with good your youth re - vives. -
 He will not be al - ways chi - ding, nor in an - ger hide His face. -
 As a fa - ther loves His chil - dren, fee - ling pi - ty for their need, -
 here to - day and gone to - mor - row, from the scor - ching winds that pass. -
 Bless the LORD, O you His an - gels, migh - ty ones who do His will! -

13
 He for - gives your great trans - gres - sions, heals your sick - nes - ses and pains. -
 For the LORD will act with jus - tice, righ - teous - ness for those bowed down. -
 He deals not by our de - mer - its, nor re - pays what sins de - serve. -
 so the LORD in great com - pas - sion com - forts those who fear His name. -
 Age to age the LORD shows mer - cy; chil - dren's chil - dren He will bless. -
 Bless the LORD, you hosts of hea - ven, ser - vants who per - form His word! -

19
 He re - deems you from de - struc - tion, crowns you with His ten - der grace. -
 He made known His ways to Mo - ses, His great deeds to Is - rael's sons. -
 Great His love to those who fear Him, high as heav'n a - bove the earth. -
 He re - mem - bers we are dust and He knows well our fee - ble frame. -
 Those who keep His law and cov' - nant, He will show His righ - teous - ness. -
 Bless the LORD, His whole do - min - ion. Come my soul and bless the LORD! -

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.

Hymn of Preparation

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

Old Testament - Habakkuk 2:1-4
New Testament - Romans 1:16-17
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God!**

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

Words by John Bowring
Music by Brian Moss

Am F C G

In the cross of Christ I glo - ry
When the the woos of of life I glo - ry
When the the sun of of bliss o'er is take - me
Bane and and bless - ing pain and and pleas - ure

3 Am F C G

Tow - ering o'er the wrecks of an - noy
Hopes de - ceive and fears of an - noy
Light and love cross u - pon sanc - ti - way
By the cross are are sanc - ti - fied

5 F Am C G

All the light of the sa - cred sto - ry
Ne - ver the shall of the cross rad - for sake - me
From the is cross there that knows - iance no stream - ing
Peace is there that knows no mea - sure

Am F C F

Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
Lo! It more glows lust - er with peace and joy.
Adds that through all time the a - day.
Joys that through all time the a - bide.

Sermon

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

The What, Who, How, and Why of the Gospel Romans 1:16-17

A note-taking guide is provided on the final page

For the Children - gospel, ashamed, power, salvation, righteous(ness), faith

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: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

And 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 Apostles' 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.

Psalm 63

O God, Thou Art My God

David P. Regier

TERRA PATRIS

D A7 D G D A

O God, Thou art my God; I seek Thee earnestly. My soul shall follow Thee; Thy right hand keeps me safe. But

5 D A Bm D/A A7 D

body and soul cry out in thirst; my lips bring down joy to those who seek to harm my soul. I shall go down to the grave.

9 D G D G D

in Thy holy place, I shall see Thy power and glory. My soul shall be like the grass that grows in the field. For Thy love is better than life. Thy wings shall carry me away to Thy holy place. My soul shall be like the grass that grows in the field.

13 D F# Bm D/A A7 D

lips shall praise Thee for Thy love. Is better than life. Thy wings shall carry me away to Thy holy place. My soul shall be like the grass that grows in the field.

2017 by David P. Regier

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Doxology

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

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! 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 the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. . . The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Romans 15:13, 16:20b

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

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Q: How is the word made effectual to salvation?

A: The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the word an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

Wednesday

Sing Psalm 103.

Read Romans 1:16-17, Acts 3:12-26, and WSC 89.

Why does Paul say the gospel is to the Jew first? Why is it important that it is also to “the Greek”? Why is it important to connect the gospel to the Old Testament promises? What is one Old Testament prophecy or promise that Jesus fulfilled?

Monday

Sing “Is He Worthy?”.

Read Romans 1:16-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, and WSC 89.

Why would someone be ashamed of the gospel? Why wasn't Paul? How is the gospel “foolish”? How does it show God's power? His wisdom?

Thursday

Sing “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”.

Read Romans 1:16-17, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, and WSC 89.

What is the righteousness of God? How does the gospel reveal it? Why is it important for us to become the righteousness of God? What does it mean that it is revealed from faith to faith? How can the preaching of the gospel strengthen your faith?

Tuesday

Sing “What a Savior”.

Read Romans 1:16-17, John 3:14-18, and WSC 89.

What does it mean that the gospel is God's power? Why is it important that it is for salvation? For everyone who believes? Have you believed? How can Romans 1:16 be an encouragement for you? How does it lead us to share the gospel with others?

Friday

Sing Psalm 63.

Read Romans 1:16-17, Habakkuk 2:1-4, and WSC 89.

Can you quote Romans 1:16-17 from memory? Why does Paul quote Habakkuk? What is a righteous person? Are you one? What does it mean to live by faith? How does this help us when we doubt?

SMALL GROUPS

Adams - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Adams House

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Bean/Wieda/Tilley - Centerton

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

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Chambers/Fuoss - Centerton

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

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Demers/Raines - Rogers

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Demers House

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Walker - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

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Warren/Taylor - Bella Vista

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Warren House

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SERMON NOTES

The What, Who, How, and Why of the Gospel Romans 1:16-17

INTRODUCTION

I. What is the Gospel?

II. Who is the Gospel for?

III. How is the Gospel Received?

IV. Why is the Gospel Needed?



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**MEETING
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