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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.

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

- Galatians 6:14-16

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: *Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.*

- Psalm 47:1-2

Come O Creator, Spirit Blest

John Hatton

Latin Text - 10th C

Hymn of Praise

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

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1. Come, O Cre a - tor, Spi - rit blest, and in our
 2. You are the great Com - for - ter, we cry, sent to the
 3. Bring - ing from hea - ven our se - ven - fold dow'r, sign of our
 4. Make our dull minds with rap - ture glow, let hu - man
 5. Far from our souls the foe re - pel; grant in us
 6. Show us the Fath - er, Ho - ly One; help us to

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hearts take up Your rest; Spi - rit of grace with
 earth from God Most High, foun - tain of life and
 God's right hand of pow'r, O bless - ed Spi - rit
 hearts with love o'er - flow; and when our fee - ble
 peace hence - forth to dwell; ill shall not come, nor
 know th'e - ter - nal Son; Spi - rit di - vine, for -

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heav - en - ly aid come to the souls whom You have made.
 fire of love, and our a - noin - ting from a - bove.
 pro - mised long, Your com - ing wakes the heart to song!
 flesh would fail, may Your im - mor - tal strength pre - vail.
 harm be - tide, if on - ly You will be our guide.
 e - ver - more. You will we trust, and You a - dore.

Elder: *To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul,*

All: **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

Elder: *Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old,*

All: **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

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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.

Elder: *All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

All: **For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

Elder: *The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.*

All: **My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.**

Elder: *Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.*

- Psalm 25, partial

**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.

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

Not What My Hands Have Done

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;
2. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak;
4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine;
5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;

not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.
thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in.
• thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break.
and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine.
he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.

Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
 Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
 • No oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do;
 His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb
 'Tis he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives;

not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 can rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.
 • no strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
 each thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
 I love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

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: *I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.*

- Ezekiel 36:24-27

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

Robinson, Thompson, Farren

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.

What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er. There is no more for heav - en now to
The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en. For by my side, the Sav - iour He will
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en. The fu - ture sure, the price it has been
With ev - ery breath I long to fol - low Je - sus For He has said that He will bring me

give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness, and free - dom. My stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less
stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing For in my need, His pow - er is dis -
paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don, And He was raised to o - ver - throw the
home And day by day I know He will re - new me Un - til I stand with joy be - fore the

peace. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus, For my life is whol - ly bound to
played, To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend - me Through the deep - est val - ley He will
grave. To this I hold, my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now and e - ver is my
throne To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus All the glo - ry ev - er - more to

His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Him When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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 - Isaiah 52:1-5
New Testament - Romans 2:17-29
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 19:7-14 (to Be Thou My Vision)

Hymn of Preparation

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

1. God's law is — blame - less, true life it im - parts; right are His
2. The fear of Je - ho - vah en - dures e - ver - more; His right - eous
3. Cleanse me from se - cret faults, keep me from sin. Free me from



pre - cepts, re - joi - cing the heart; His word stands firm, ma - king
 judg - ments are true and are sure. Swee - ter than ho - ney, more
 e - vil, make me pure with - in. May my thoughts please You, ac -



sim - ple men wise; pure His com - mands, they bring light to the eyes.
 pre - cious than gold war - ning His ser - vants, with bles - sings fore - told.
 cept all my words. You are my Rock and Re - dee - mer, O Lord!

Sermon

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

HEART SURGERY

Romans 2:17-29

A note-taking guide is provided on the final page

For the Children - covenant, law, Jew, heart, circumcision, God, Christ

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

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.

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.

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.

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 1 - How Blessed is the Man

Jody Killingsworth

Em C D Em

1. How bles-sed is the man who does not walk in the coun-sel of the wic-ked,
 2. He's plan-ted like a tree that's roo-ted by the streams of li-ving wa-ter,
 3. The wic-ked are not so, they're like the chaff the au-tumn winds will scat-ter.

5 Em C D Em

and where the boast-ful sin-ners talk will he re-fuse to stand.
 that bears in sea-son its good fruit for o-ther souls to share.
 When judg-ment starts to blow they'll feel the fu-ry of the Day.

9 Em C D Em

He does - n't join with men who scoff, he dare not e-ven sit a-mong them.
 Its leaves won't die a-way or wi-ther; all he tries to do will pros-per,
 The righ-teous God will know, He'll see them on to ev-er-last-ing har-bor.

13 Em C D Em

But his de-light is in God's law, it is his hope and pray'r.
 for his de-light is in God's law, it is his hope and pray'r.
 The wic-ked, though, not so, God's wrath will drive them far a-way.

17 C G B7 Em C G B7 Em D

Chorus:
 In the law_ he me-di-tates. In the law_ he me-di-tates.

25 C G B7 Em C G B7 Em

_ In the law_ he me-di-tates. In the night_ and in the day.

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 the God of peace be with you all.*

- Romans 15:33

People: And also with 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 do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

A: The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that does administer them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in them that by faith receive them.

Wednesday

Sing “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”.

Read Romans 2:17-24, Isaiah 52:1-5, and WSC 91.

Why are we called to honor the Lord? How? How does legalism lead to God being dishonored? How does hypocrisy? How can you honor the Lord?

Monday

Sing “Come O Creator, Spirit Blest”.

Read Romans 2:17-20, Isaiah 42:6-7, and WSC 91.

What might be positive about Paul’s description of a legalistic Jew? What is legalism? Why does it require self-dependence? Why is self-dependence wrong? How are you tempted to rely on yourself rather than God’s grace?

Thursday

Sing Psalm 19:7-14.

Read Romans 2:25-28, Colossians 2:8-15, and WSC 91.

What is formalism? How is circumcision related to baptism? How can we be tempted to be formalists under the New Covenant? What can this teach us about the sacraments? Has the Holy Spirit done His saving work in your heart? How?

Tuesday

Sing “Not What My Hands Have Done”.

Read Romans 2:21-24, Matthew 23:1-28, and WSC 91.

What are double-standards? Why does legalism lead to them? What double-standards do you find yourself setting? How does this show our need for sanctification in our hearts?

Friday

Sing Psalm 1.

Read Romans 2:28-29, Galatians 6:11-16, and WSC 91.

Who is the Israel of God? What does it mean to be a Jew inwardly? That circumcision is inward? What does it mean to have praise from God? How do you seek praise from man? How does the gospel set us free? How is that good news?

SMALL GROUPS

Adams - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Adams House

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Tilley House

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Chambers/Fuoss - Centerton

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fuoss House

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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

Contact: John (210) 317-3127

SERMON NOTES

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