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WELCOME TO
**CHRIST
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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.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

- Hebrews 11:8-12

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: *Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

- Psalm 30:4-5

Hymn of Praise

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


Psalm 47

Clap Your Hands Now, All You People

David P. Regier

REGENT SQUARE


B \flat Eb B \flat /D



Clap your hands now, all you peo - ple; Shout to God with
 He shall hum - ble all the na - tions As a foot - stool
 God goes forth with shouts a - scend - ing, Trum - pets sound be -
 God reigns o - ver ev - 'ry na - tion, Seat - ed on His

F B \flat B \flat Gm/D D Gm


4



joy - ful cry! King of earth and King of heav - en, Awe - some is the
 for His throne. His es - tate in love is giv - en Gra - cious - ly un -
 fore the Lord. For His reign is nev - er - end - ing, Let His songs of
 ho - ly throne. All His peo - ple gath - er, sing - ing Glo - ry to His

F/C C F F B \flat E \flat Cm E \flat F sus F B \flat

8



Lord Most High. Sing His prais - es, sing His prais - es, Lift your voice to God, our King!
 to His own. Sing His prais - es, sing His prais - es Lift your voice to God, our King!
 praise be heard. Sing His prais - es, sing His prais - es, Lift your voice to God, our King!
 name a - lone. Sing His prais - es, sing His prais - es, Lift your voice to God, our King!

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: *Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.* - 1 John 3:4

All: **Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto You that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe Your word nor follow Your holy commandments. Remember Your goodness, we beseech You, and for Your name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great. Amen.**

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME

(PS. 51)

Words by Richard Redhead
Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key

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.

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me,
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess,
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin;
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust

On thy grace I rest my plea;
 Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
 Thou de - sir - est and truth with in -
 By thy wrath and judge - ment just,

Plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou,
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace,
 Thou a - lone con - sole my heart, art,
 Let my con - trite re - joice

Blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
 And pro - voked thee to thy face;
 Teach thy wis - dom to my heart;
 And in glad - ness hear thy voice;

Wash me, Make me pure, with in -
 I con - fess my sins thy O judge - ment just,
 Make me pure, thy O grace hide thy face,
 From my sins O hide thy face,

Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 Speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 Wash me whi - ter than the snow.
 Blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
 Make my spirit right and true
 Cast me not away from thee,
 Let thy Spirit dwell in me;
 Thy salvation's joy impart,
 Steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me,
 And return O God to Thee
 Savior all my guilt remove,
 And my tongue shall sing Thy love
 Touch my silent lips O Lord,
 And my mouth shall praise accord

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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: *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

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.

Praise The Savior Now And Ever

Lyrics - Venantius H.C. Fortunatus (6th century); Translation - Augustus Nelson (19th century); Music - A D Raines

B \flat F E \flat F B \flat F E \flat F

5 B \flat F Gm E \flat

Praise the Sav - ior now and ev - er praise Him all be - neath the skies
 Man's work fails him Christ's a - vails them He is all our righ - teous - ness
 Sin's bond sev - ered we're de - liv - ered Christ has bruised the ser - pent's head
 For His fav - or praise for - e - ver un - to God the Fa - ther sing

9 B \flat F Gm E \flat

pros - trate ly - ing suff - ring dy - ing on the cross a sac - ri - fice
 He our Sav - ior has for - e - ver set us free from dire dis - tress
 Death no long - er is the strong - er hell it - self is cap - tive led
 Praise the Sav - ior praise Him ev - er Son of God our Lord and King

13 E \flat F Gm E \flat F B \flat

Vic - t'ry gain - ing life ob - tain - ing now in glo - ry see Him rise
 through His mer - it we in - her - it light and peace and hap - pi - ness
 Christ has ris - en from death's pris - on o'er the tomb he light has shed
 Praise the Spi - rit through Christ's mer - it He to us sal - va - tion brings

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 - Genesis 17:1-19
New Testament - Romans 4:13-25
 Elder: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Preparation

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

Look What God Has Done

Cam Huxford IV, Zach Bolen, and Brian Eichelberger

Look what God has done_____ He re-deemed_____ us with His blood_____ we were lost_
 Look what God has done_____ through His sac - ri - fice we're one_____ Sin-ners un -
 Look at Je-sus Christ,_____ He re-deems_____ His pre-cious bride;_____ by His cost-

_____ and dead in sin, He came for us_____ Look what God has done_____ He a -
 - i - fied by grace, bound to - ge - ther_____ Look what God has done_____ by His Spi -
 - ly sac - ri - fice, we're in - vi - ted_____ See the wisdom of His ways_____ through the my-

dop - ted us in love_____ we were or - phans without hope, Now His children_
 - rit through His Son,_____ by the pow - er of His hand, He is sen - ding_
 - ster - y of grace:_____ ev' - ry age_____ and ev' - ry race are u - ni - ted_

Chorus:
 Who are we that He would save us? Who are we that He would send us? To God be

glo - ry, through Christ our Sav - ior's church, through all gen - er - a - tions! To God be

glo - ry through Christ our Sav - ior's work, for - e - ver_ and e - ver!

Lift your hearts and praise Him! See His great com - pa - ssion, see His mercy for us!

Raise your voice and thank Him! See the church He's buil - ding, see the lost He's sa - ving!

Sermon

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

YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE FAITH

Romans 4:13-25

A note-taking guide is provided on the final page

For the Children - law, promise, hope, faith, Abraham, God, Jesus, Christ

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

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 LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

Words by George Matheson
Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key

1. O Love that will not let me go, I
 2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I
 3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
 4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

rest my wear - y soul in thee; I
 yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; My
 can - not close my heart to thee; I
 dare not ask to fly from thee; I

give thee back the li - fe I owe, That
 heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
 trace the rain - bow through the rain, And
 lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And

in thine o - cean depths its flow May
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May
 feel the prom - ise is not vain, That
 from the ground there bless - oms red Life

ri - cher, full - er be.
 brigh - ter, fair - er be.
 morn shall tear - less be.
 that shall end - less be.

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: *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

- 2 Corinthians 13:14

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 86

Q: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Wednesday

Sing “Praise the Savior, Now and Ever”.

Read Romans 4:17-19, Genesis 15:1-6, and WSC 86.

Why was Abraham’s hope “against hope”? How does God give life to the dead? How does He call into existence the things that do not exist? How should this strengthen our faith? How does this lead us to rest?

Monday

Sing Psalm 47.

Read Romans 4:13-14, Genesis 17:1-6, Hebrews 11:8-10, and WSC 86.

When did God promise Abraham he would inherit the world? How does Hebrews help us understand the promise? How did it come by faith? How does this apply to us? If we will also inherit the world, how does that impact how we live now?

Thursday

Sing “Look What God Has Done”.
Read Romans 4:17-22, Hebrews 11:11-19, and WSC 86.

How did Abraham give glory to God? Why was he fully convinced? What doubts do you have about God’s promises or provision? How can you strengthen your faith? How can you give glory to God?

Tuesday

Sing Psalm 51.

Read Romans 4:15-16, Galatians 3:17-29, and WSC 86.

How does the law bring wrath? What is a transgression? How does the law bring it about? What is grace? How does faith make the promise depend on grace? How can you share the faith of Abraham?

Friday

Sing “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”.

Read Romans 4:22-25, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, and WSC 86. What does it mean that Jesus was delivered up for our transgressions?

Why is it important that God delivered Him up? What does it mean that His resurrection was for our justification? Why is faith in Jesus necessary for salvation? Why is His resurrection necessary? Do you believe this gospel? Why or why not?

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

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

YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE FAITH **Romans 4:13-25**

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