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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.

Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

- Psalm 37:1-4

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: *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!*

- Psalm 104:33-35

Hymn of Praise

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

Psalm 96

Sing Unto the Lord a New Song

David P. Regier

HYFRYDOL



Sing un - to the Lord a new song, Sing to Him, O all the earth!
Oth - er gods fade as a va - por; There is none be - sides the Lord.
Wor - ship God in ho - ly beau - ty; Bow be - fore His throne in fear.
Let the heav - ens shout re - joic - ing, And the earth, in joy a - flame;



Bless the name of God for - ev - er; Sing sal - va - tion's won - drous worth.
In His dwell - ing, strength and splen - dor, God, ex - al - ted and a - dored.
Now pro - claim a - mong the na - tions His do - min - ion, ev - er near.
Let the sea in thun - der praise Him; Field and for - est now ac - claim.



Tell His glo - ry to the na - tions; Of His won - ders, an - thems raise.
Give Him glo - ry, all ye peo - ple; Give Him glo - ry due His name.
By His word, the earth was found - ed, That it nev - er may be moved;
For the Lord, the Lord is com - ing; Let the earth re - sound a - gain!



He is Lord o'er all cre - a - tion, Great and great - ly to be praised!
In His tem - ple, as an off - 'ring, All His pow'r and might pro - claim.
In His word is just - ice ground - ed, That He right - eous may be proved.
He is com - ing to His peo - ple In His right - eous - ness to reign!

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: *If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow; he has prepared for him his deadly weapons, making his arrows fiery shafts. Behold, the wicked man conceives evil and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies. He makes a pit, digging it out, and falls into the hole that he has made. His mischief returns upon his own head, and on his own skull his violence descends.* - Psalm 7:12-16

All: **Merciful God, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times that I have been proud of my own achievements, and when I have failed to boast in Your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies that I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.**

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

**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.

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 earn - est - ly. My
I — bless Thee while I live; To — Thee my hands are - raised. My
My soul shall fol - low Thee; Thy right hand keeps me safe. But

D A Bm D/A A7 D

5

bod - y and my — soul cry out in thirst - y lands for — Thee. I
soul is filled as — with a feast; my shall lips — bring joy - ful — praise. I
those who seek to — harm my soul shall go — down to the — grave. The

D G D G D D

9

in Thy ho - ly place see — pow'r and glo - ry bright. My
med - i - tate on Thee through watch - es of the night. I
li - ars then shall fall; for — sword and jack - al prey. The

D F# Bm D/A A7 D

13

lips shall praise Thee for Thy love Is bet - ter still than life.
sing be - neath Thy — cov' - ring wing, for Thou hast helped my — plight.
king and all who — on Thee call shall glo - ry in that — day.

**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: *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

- John 5:24



THY MERCY MY GOD IS THE THEME OF MY SONG

Words by John Stoker
Music by Sandra McCracken

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.

1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the
out thy sweet God, mer - cy I could not live here; the
mer - cy is more than a match for my heart which
fath - er of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the

4 joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy
Sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but
won - ders to feel its of own hard - ness i - died - part; dis
cov - e - nant love of thy cruc - i - fied - son; all

6 free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath
through thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive and
solved by thy good - ness I fall to the ground and
praise to the spi - rit whose whis - per di - vine and seals

8 won he my af - fec - tions and still bound my soul a -
mer that for cy and praise par - don and right - eous -
ness I've found.

10 fast. live. found. 2. With 3. Thy

14 mine. All praise to the spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals

18 mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine!

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.

New Testament - Mark 4:30-41
Old Testament - Isaiah 14:24-16:14
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.

My One Comfort

Dustin Kensrue

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

Sermon

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

THE LORD OF THE NATIONS

Isaiah 14:24-16:14

(A note-taking guide is provided on the final page)

For the Children - sovereign(ly), purpose(s), providence, providential(ly), judge(ment), pride, salvation, mercy, repentance, hope, 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: 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.

What Love Could Remember (His Mercy is More)

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa
arr. Chris Lord

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of E major (three sharps), and 6/8 time. It consists of 22 numbered measures. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. Chord symbols (E, E/G#, A, B, C#m, Bsus, F#m7, E/B, B, A) are placed above the staff to indicate accompaniment. The score includes repeat signs, first and second endings, and a double bar line at the end.

What love could re - mem - ber no
(2. What) pa - tience would wait as we
(3. What) rich - es of kind - ness He

wrongs we have done? Om - ni - scient, all know - ing, He
con - stant - ly roam? What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is
lav - ished on us. Christ's blood was the pay - ment; His

counts not their sum Thrown in - to a sea with - out
call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the
life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could

bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is
vil - est, the poor. Our sins they are man - y; His mer - cy is
nev - er af - ford. Our sins they are man - y; His

more.
more.

2. What mer - cy is more. Praise the

Lord His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,

new ev - ry morn Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

Doxology

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

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.

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!

Pastor: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. Grace and peace to you all!

- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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 8

Q: How does God execute his decrees?

A: God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Wednesday

Sing “Thy Mercy, my God...”

Read Isaiah 16:1-5, Isaiah 2:2-4, and WSC 8.

How would Moab seek protection? Who would be able to give it to them? How would this be a partial fulfillment of Isaiah 2? What kind of judge is Jesus? How should this lead us to trust Him? How should it shape our prayers?

Monday

Sing Psalm 96.

Read Isaiah 15:1-4, Zephaniah 2:8-11, and WSC 8.

Where was Moab? What is significant about their going to high places to weep? How would Moab display their mourning? What are the causes for Moab’s judgment, according to Zephaniah? Are there those who treat God’s people like that today? How?

Thursday

Sing “My one Comfort”.

Read Isaiah 16:6-10, Proverbs 15:7, and WSC 8.

What types of things was Moab proud about? How are you tempted to be proud about similar things? Why does pride lead to empty words?

Tuesday

Sing Psalm 63.

Read Isaiah 15:5-9, Jeremiah 48:34-39, and WSC 8.

Why does Isaiah look compassionately on Moab? How does this teach us to react to God’s judgment on others? How had they trusted in temporal things? How are we tempted to do the same?

Friday

Sing “His Mercy is More”.

Read Isaiah 16:11-14, Psalm 115, and WSC 8.

Why would Moab’s prayers not prevail? Why did the Lord reveal Moab’s fate to Judah? What things are you tempted to put your hope in besides the Lord? How can you grow in trust in the Lord?

SMALL GROUPS

Chambers/Fried - Rogers

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fried House

Contact: Latham (479) 903-4169

Warren - Bella Vista

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Warren House

Contact: John (210) 317-3127

Walker - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

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Taylor/Solms - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Solms House

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SERMON NOTES

THE LORD OF THE NATIONS Isaiah 14:24-16:14

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