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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.

"Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth. May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb. For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he."

- Deuteronomy 32:1-4

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: *O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, Selah to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!*

- Psalm 68:32-35

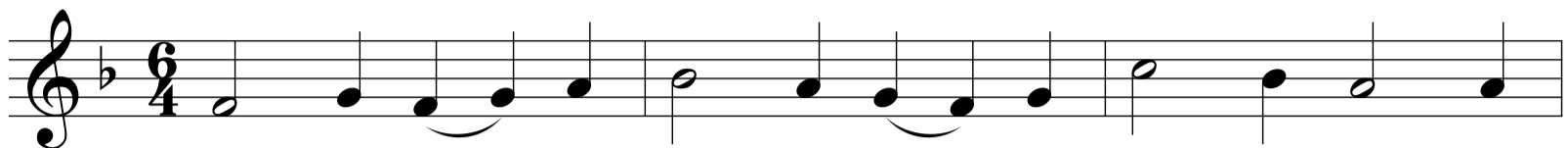
Hymn of Praise

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

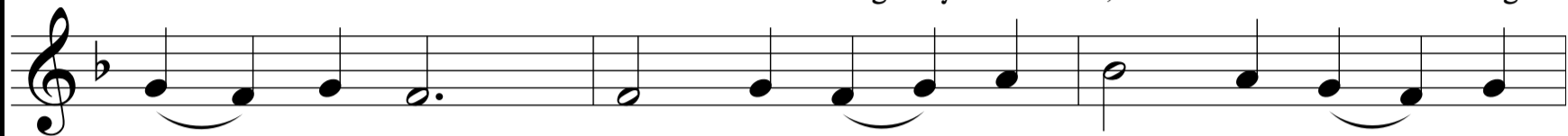
Psalm 150 Praise Him!

David P. Regier

HYFRYDOL



Praise Him in His sanc - tu - a - ry; Praise Him in the
Praise Him with the sound - ing trum - pet; Praise the Lord with
Praise Him with re - sound - ing cym - bals; Let their crash - ing



heav - 'nly height. Praise Him for His might - y won - ders;
harp and lyre. Praise with tim - brel, praise with danc - ing;
loud be heard. Ev - 'ry liv - ing crea - ture praise Him;



Praise Him for His great - ness bright! Hal - le - lu - jah, let us praise Him;
Praise Him with the string and pipe.
All that has breath, praise the Lord!



Praise Him all with one ac - cord. Ev - 'ry thing that



has breath praise Him; Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Lord!

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: *Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him. The wicked is overthrown through his evildoing, but the righteous finds refuge in his death.*

- Proverbs 14:31-32

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.**

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 70 -
Haste, O God, Deliver Me!**

David P. Regier

GROSSER GOTT

Haste, O God, de - liv - er me; Come, O Lord, to
Grant them cheer who fol - low You; Fill them with all
help me quick - ly! Shame those who my life con - demn; Those who
joy and glad - ness. All who love sal - va - tion's bliss, Let them
strive for harm, con - fuse them. All who scoff and curse my name,
praise and mag - ni - fy You. Haste, O God, in my dis - may;
Turn Lord, them back, O Lord, in shame.
my help, do not de - lay!

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 this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.* - John 6:40

THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS RICH AND FREE

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. The love of Christ is rich and free; Fixed on His
3. Love has re - deemed His sheep and with blood; And love will
own bring e - ter - nal to - ly; Nor Love earth, nor
hell, all can from it death re - move; Long And as love He
lives, fin - ish own all He'll their love.
fin - ish own all He'll their love.
strife.

2. His lov - ing heart ev - ery - gaged to be Their ev - er -
4. He loves through ev - ery chang - ing scene, Nor aught from

last Him - ing can Sur - e on - ty; 'Twas love all that
Him can Zi - on wean; Not all the

took wan - their derings, cause of in her hand, And Can love main -
derings, of in her heart, Can make His

tains love it for to her the de - end. part. Love

can - not from its post with - draw; Nor

death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law, Can

turn the Sur - ety's heart a - way; He'll

love His own to end - less day. 3. Love has re -

5. At death, be - yond the grave, He'll love; In end - less

bliss, His own shall prove The blaz - ing

glo - ry of that love Which ne - ver

could from them re - move. Which ne - ver

could from them re - move.

25 G \flat A \flat 1 A \flat

28 2 A \flat D \flat G \flat D \flat

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.

New Testament - Mark 5:1-20
Old Testament - Isaiah 17
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

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.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

Isaiah 17

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

For the Children - security, self, circumstances, Savior, judge(ment), look, salvation, deliver(ance), God, 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

***catholic meaning universal**

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.

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.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken
Joshua Moore

Chorus

F F/D Bb F Dm C Bb

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our

Gm C F F/D Bb F

hearts re - stored. He has done great things. we will say to - ge - ther

Verse

Dm C Bb C F

We will feast and weep no more.

- 1. We will not be
- 2. In the dark of
- 3. Ev - ery vow we've

Bb Dm Bb C Dm

burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -
 night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid for the pro - mised
 bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith ful one and from the

Bb Dm Bb C Dm C/E

sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up
 mor - ning o how long O God of Ja - cob be — my strength.
 gar - den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther bring — sha - lom

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

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.

**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!**

Pastor: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word... The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; 3:18

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 51-52

Q51: What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A51: The second commandment forbids the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

Q52: What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A52: The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he has to his own worship.

Wednesday

Sing “The Love of Christ is Rich and Free”.

Read Isaiah 17:9-10, Jeremiah 13:20-25, and WSC 51-52.

What does it mean that the people had forgotten God? Why is it significant that He is the God of their salvation? That He is the Rock of their refuge? How are you tempted to forget God? How is He your salvation and Rock?

Monday

Sing Psalm 150.

Read Isaiah 17:1-5, Amos 1:1-5, and WSC 51-52.

Where was Damascus? Why would Syria be judged? Why would Israel's fate be the same as Syria? What ways are you tempted to compromise with the world? Why is this foolish?

Thursday

Sing “Look What God has Done”.

Read Isaiah 17:10-11, Psalm 90, and WSC 51-52.

How did the people trust in their own efforts and possessions? How are we similarly tempted? What does it mean for God to establish the work of our hands? How can you trust the Lord in this?

Tuesday

Sing Psalm 70.

Read Isaiah 17:6-8, Hosea 6:1-3, and WSC 51-52.

How do these verses of Isaiah give hope? What was the ultimate purpose of God's judgment? What idols does your heart seek after? How can you return to the Lord? What does it mean for you to look to Him?

Friday

Sing “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”.

Read Isaiah 17:12-14, Psalm 46, and WSC 51-52.

What circumstances were causing the people to fear? Why should they not have been afraid? What circumstances cause you to fear? Why should you not be afraid? How can you look to Christ in these circumstances?

SMALL GROUPS

Chambers/Fried - Rogers

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fried House

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The Warren House

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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

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? Isaiah 17

I. LOOKING FOR SECURITY

II. LOOKING TO SELF

III. LOOKING AT CIRCUMSTANCES

IV. LOOKING TO THE SAVIOR



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