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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 moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

- Hebrews 12:11-13

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: *Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord, or declare all his praise?...Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the Lord!*

- Psalm 106:1-2,48

PSALM 46

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

God is our refuge, our strength and our shield, an ever-present help
We will not fear though the earth gives way, and the mountains crash into the sea
*Refrain :There is a river whose streams will make glad
The city of our most high King
God is within her, and she will not fail
He helps her at break of the day
The nations in uproar, men’s kingdoms they fall; He speaks and the earth melts away
The worst we imagine, the strongest of storms, our fortress it will still remain*

Refrain

Listen and hear the Lord say:

Be still and know that I am God

Come let us see what the Lord has done, the ruin He brings to the earth
He makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth, He shatters the bow and the spear

Refrain

Listen and hear the Lord say:

Be still and know that I am God

**Corporate
Lament 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: *Look, O LORD, for I am in distress;*
All: *My stomach churns; my heart is wrung within me, because I have been very rebellious.*
Elder: *In the street the sword bereaves; in the house it is like death;*
All: *They heard my groaning, yet there is no one to comfort me. All my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that you have done it.*
Elder: *You have brought the day you announced; now let them be as I am.*
All: *Let all their evildoing come before you, and deal with them as you have dealt with me because of all my transgressions; for my groans are many, and my heart is faint.* - Lamentations 1:20-22

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

323 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn of Confession/ Lament

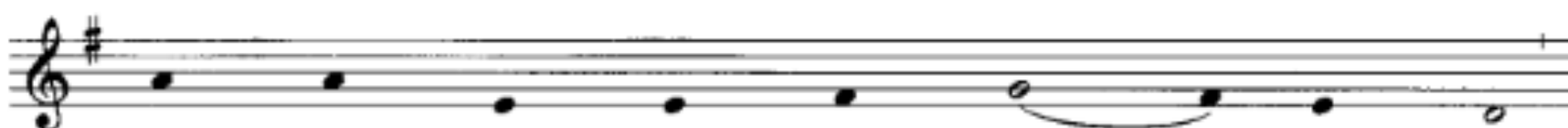
This hymn focuses on the acknowledgment of our sin, our need of forgiveness, and the only One in whom our forgiveness and restoration are found.



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,



And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Who or - der all things might i - ly;
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;



That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
In an - cient times once gave the law,
That trust your might - y power to save,
Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And teach us in her ways to go.
In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
And close the path to mis - er - y.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our King of Peace.

*Having confessed
our sins, and raised
our prayer for
deliverance, we
now hear of our
salvation through
the declaration of
the Gospel.*

*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.*

Elder: *Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.* - Psalm 55:22

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Words by John Newton
Music by Laura Taylor

1. Let us love and sing and won - der,
2. Let us love love and the sing Lord fierce and who bought us,
3. Let us sing through fierce temp - ta - tion

Let us praise the Sa - vior's name,
Pit - ied us when to Sa - vior's name,
Threat - en hard to bear us mies down

He has hushed by the his law's loud and thun - der,
Called us the Lord our grace strong and sal - ta - us
For the Lord our strong and sal - va - tion

He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has
Gave us in ears view and the gave us u'ror's eyes crown He has
Holds us in view and the conq - u'ror's crown He has
He who

washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He has
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washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He has
He who

brought us nigh to God
sents our souls to God
bring us home to God
God God God

4. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

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 8:14-30

Old Testament - Isaiah 34-35

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Simeon's Song (Luke 2:29-32)

Dewey Westra and A D Raines

Franklin Sheppard



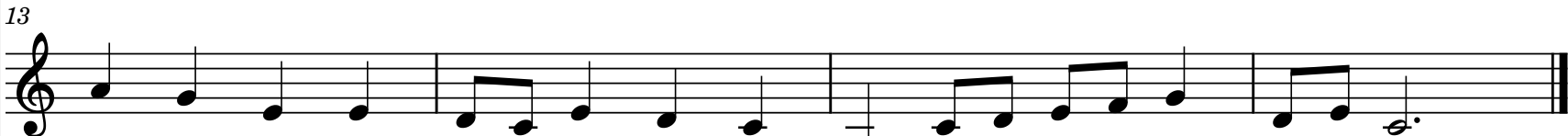
Now may Your ser - vant, Lord, ac - cor - ding to Your word, de - part in ex - al - ta - tion,
O Lord, You did pre - pare for peo - ple ev' - ry - where a Light for rev - e - la - tion,

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in ex - al - ta - tion! My peace shall be se - rene, for now my eyes have seen
for re - ve - la - tion. And ra - diant glo - ry shall the gloom of death dis - pel

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Your won - der - ful sal - va - tion, Your glo - ri - ous sal - va - tion!
for Is - ra - el Your na - tion, Your cho - sen na - tion!

Sermon

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

POST TENBRAS, LUX

Isaiah 34-35

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

**For the Children - judgment, light, darkness, wrath, sin, boundless, better, grace,
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.

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

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,

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.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
4. He sits at God's right hand 'til all his foes sub - mit, and
5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

Refrain

joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
• keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Charles Wesley, 1746; alt. DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.
John Darwall, 1770

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 be with all.*

- Revelation 22:21

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: WLC 29

Q: What are the punishments of sin in the world to come?

A: The punishments of sin in the world to come, are everlasting separation from the comfortable presence of God, and most grievous torments in soul and body, without intermission, in hell-fire forever.

Wednesday

Sing “Let us Love and Sing and Wonder”.

Read Isaiah 34:13-17, Revelation 20:11-15, and WLC 29.

Why does Isaiah use the imagery of these animals? How does he show the certainty of God’s judgment?

How does he show God’s sovereignty? What will God’s judgment be based on for those who reject Him? How does knowing what we have been saved from help us praise God more?

Monday

Sing Psalm 46.

Read Isaiah 34:1-8, Romans 12:9-21, and WLC 29.

How do we know Isaiah 34 is speaking about final judgment? Why does the Lord use Edom as an example of the enemies of His people? Why is it good news that the Lord executes vengeance? How are we saved from it? How should we treat others in light of God’s ultimate justice?

Thursday

Sing “Simeon’s Song” (Luke 2:29-32).

Read Isaiah 35:1-7, Hebrews 12:7-13, and WLC 29.

How do we know Isaiah is speaking of eternal things in 35? How did Jesus fulfill Isaiah’s words during His earthly ministry? How do the promises of God strengthen us? What kind of encouragement to you need right now? Whom can you encourage?

Tuesday

Sing “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”.

Read Isaiah 34:9-12, Revelation 19:1-5, and WLC 29.

How do we know that the Bible teaches that hell is eternal? Why is this just? How does Isaiah use decreation imagery in his description of judgment? Why? How should this motivate us for evangelism?

Friday

Sing “Rejoice, the Lord is King”.

Read Isaiah 35:8-10, Revelation 21:1-7 and 22:12-20, and WLC 29.

What are you most looking forward to about heaven? Why? How can you walk in the way of holiness now? Do you look forward to Christ’s return? Why or why not? How can you grow in your anticipation of it?

SMALL GROUPS

Chambers/Fried - Rogers

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fried House

Contact: Latham (479) 903-4169

Walker - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

Contact: Wes (479) 409-8831

Taylor/Solms - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Solms House

Contact: Caleb (479) 295-5011

Youth Small Group - Bella Vista

2nd and 4th Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Wieda or Raines House

Contact: Kenny (479) 616-7493

SERMON NOTES

POST TENEBRAS, LUX Isaiah 34-35

I. BOUNDLESS WRATH

A. BOUNDLESS DOMAIN

B. BOUNDLESS DIMENSION

C. BOUNDLESS DURATION

II. BETTER RENEWAL

A. HAPPY REVIVAL

B. HOLISTIC RESTORATION

C. HOLY REDEMPTION



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