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&
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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.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

- Psalm 34:4-10

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 bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!*

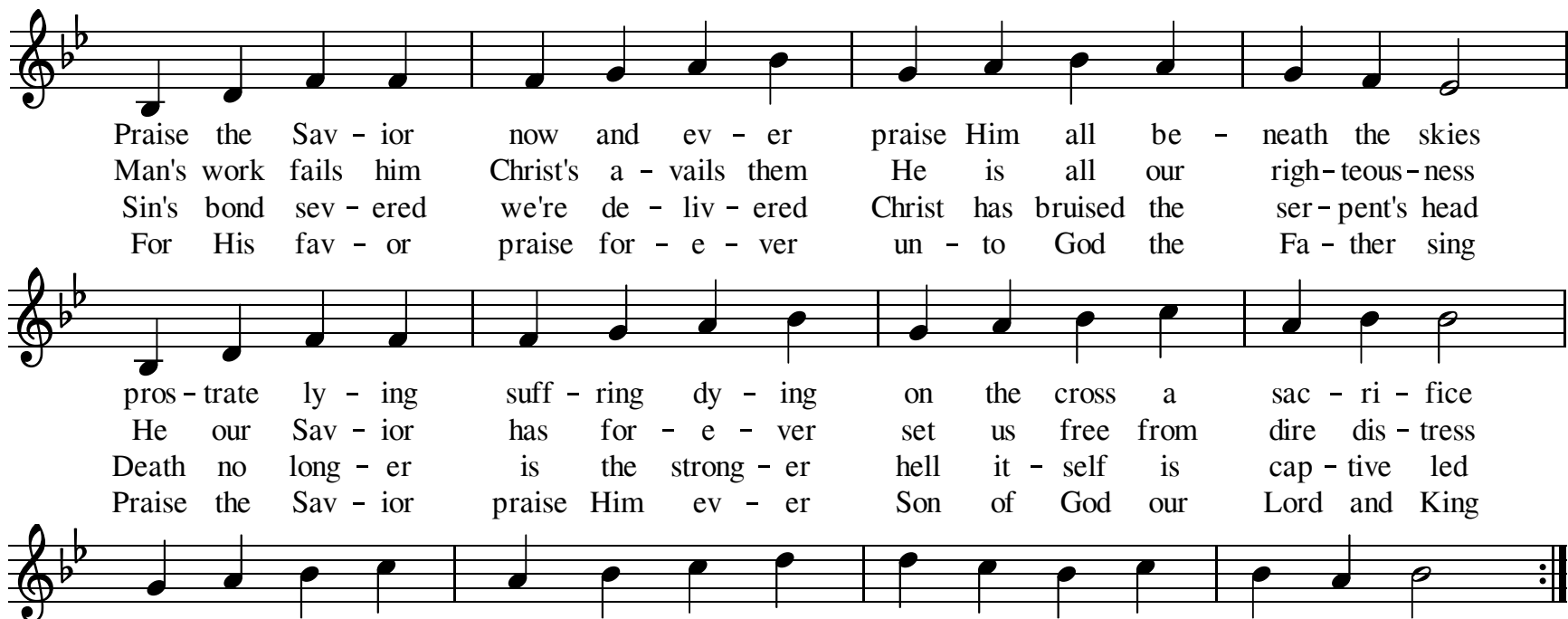
- Psalm 34:1-3

Hymn of Praise

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

Praise The Savior Now And Ever

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



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

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

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

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:

Why, O Lord, do You stand afar off? Why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble?

All:

In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised. For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the Lord.

Elder:

The helpless are crushed, sink down, and fall by his might. He says in his heart “God has forgotten, He has hidden his face, He will never see it.”

All:

Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted. Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer; call his wickedness to account till you find none.

- Psalm 10:1-3, 10-12, 15

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

You Are My Shield (Psalm 3)

Jake Mentzel

Jody Killingsworth

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. See how my foes in - crease; see them
2. I lif - ted up my voice, and You
3. Rise up, O Lord, and fight! Break their

4 ri - sing up a - gainst me. They rob my soul of
an - swered from Your moun - tain. You made my soul re -
jaws, de - stroy the wick - ed. Show us Your pow'r and

7 peace, and say "there is no help in God."
joice, for yes, there is great help in God! But You, O Lord
might! None can save us, none but God!

12 — You are my shield — You lift my head; I'm as safe with You — out on the field.

17 — as in my bed. You keep my life con - cealed. You are my shield —

22 You keep my life con - cealed; my foes a - round me all will yield; I know the vic - tor - y is

27 sealed. You are my shield —

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: *The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.*

- Psalm 34:15-22

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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.

My Soul Finds Rest

Sandra McCracken
Based on Psalm 62-63

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef. It begins with a 4/4 time signature and a repeat sign. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score includes a key signature change to 2/4 time in the second system. The lyrics are: 'O my God, hear my cry from the depths I call out to You You are my shield and my strength, train my feet for this bat - tle. You give your mer - cy and light in the dark and the wil - der - Our God is might - y to save. I will wait I will wait for ness My soul finds rest in God a - lone, my sal - va - tion comes from Him Him. My soul finds rest, God is my hope I will not be sha - ken, I will not be sha - ken. O my strength, I sing praise to You. O my strength, I sing praise to You. In joy or pain, I sing praise to You. Night or day, I sing praise to You. My'.

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 9:2-13
Old Testament - Isaiah 37
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.

The Lord Will Provide

John Newton

Matthew S Smith

E B G#m A E B

1. Though trou - bles as - sail and dan - gers af - fright, though
2. We may like the ships by tem - pest be tossed on
3. When Sa - tan ap - pears to stop up our path and
4. No strength of our own, nor goodness we claim, yet

8 G#m A E

friends should all fail and foes all u - nite, yet one thing se - cures us what -
per - i - lous deeps but can - not be lost though Sa - tan en - ra - ges the
fills us with fears, we tri - umph by faith; he can - not take from us though
since we have known the Sav - ior's great name in this our strong tow - er for

11 B G#m A

e - ver be - tide the Scrip - ture as - sures us the Lord will pro - vide.
wind and the tide the pro - mise en - ga - ges the Lord will pro - vide.
oft he has tried this heart - cheer - ing prom - ise: the Lord will pro - vide.
safe - ty we hide: the Lord is our pow - er, the Lord will pro - vide.

14 B A B

The birds with - out barn or store house are fed, from them let us learn to
His call we o - bey like A - bram of old, not know - ing our way, but
He tells us we're weak, our hope is in vain, the good that we seek we
When life sinks a - pace and death is in view, this word of His grace shall

18 F#m E B

trust for our bread; His saints what is fit - ting shall ne'er be de - nied so
faith makes us bold. For though we are stran - gers we have a good guide and
ne'er shall ob - tain. But when such sug - gest - ions our spi - rits have plied, this
com - fort us through: no fear - ing or doubt - ing, with Christ on our side, we

21 G#m A

long as it's writ - ten the Lord will pro - vide 2. We
trust in all dan - gers the Lord will pro - vide 3. When
an - swers all ques - tions the Lord will pro - vide 4. No
hope to die shout - ing "the Lord will pro - vide"

Lift Up Your Prayer

Isaiah 37

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

For the Children - prayer, lament, repentance, confidence, sovereignty, providence, provision, protection, Lord, God, Christ.

Sermon

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

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.

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**

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.

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!

Amazing Grace!

Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?
1 Chron. 17:16

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
 4. The Lord has prom- ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

St. 1–5, John Newton, 1779
St. 6, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

AMAZING GRACE C.M.
Traditional American melody
Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Doxology

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

**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!**

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: WSC 107

Q: What does the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us?

A: The conclusion of the Lord's prayer (which is, *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen*) teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him. And, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.

Wednesday

Sing “My Soul Finds Rest” (Psalms 62-63).

Read Isaiah 37:14-20, Acts 4:23-31, and WSC 107.

How does Hezekiah focus on the Lord's honor in his prayer? How were the idols of the nations different from the Lord? What was the basis for his request for salvation? How is the prayer of the church in Acts 4 similar? How can this teach us to pray?

Monday

Sing “Praise the Savior...”

Read Isaiah 37:1-4, Nahum 1:7-9, and WSC 107.

Why did Hezekiah respond like he did? Why was his focus on God's glory? Why did he send messengers to Isaiah? What circumstances would be appropriate for you to lament? What promises from Scripture encourage you to pray?

Thursday

Sing “The Lord Will Provide”.

Read Isaiah 37:21-35, Isaiah 9:1-7, and WSC 107.

How was Assyria's threat against Jerusalem really an attack on the honor of the Lord? How did Isaiah show Assyria's arrogance? What would the Lord do to Assyria? How would Hezekiah have confidence in this oracle? What has the Lord given us to increase our confidence in the gospel?

Tuesday

Sing Psalm 3.

Read Isaiah 37:5-13, Proverbs 21:1, and WSC 107.

How do Isaiah's words show God's sovereignty? Why is it important to understand this doctrine? Why did the Rabshakeh repeat his threats? What causes you to doubt God's protection? What strengthens your faith in Him?

Friday

Sing “Amazing Grace”.

Read Isaiah 37:36-38, Psalm 34, and WSC 107.

How did God fulfill His word about Sennacherib? How does Psalm 34 calm us when the wicked prosper? How does it give us hope to endure in righteousness? How can you apply these lessons in your life?

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

LIFT UP YOUR PRAYER Isaiah 37

INTRODUCTION

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II. THE PRIVILEGE OF PRAYER

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