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BENTONVILLE

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WELCOME TO

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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.

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? Behold, I received a command to bless: he has blessed, and I cannot revoke it. He has not beheld misfortune in Jacob, nor has he seen trouble in Israel. The Lord their God is with them, and the shout of a king is among them.

- Numbers 23:19-21

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.

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! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.*

- Psalm 148:1-6

Invocation

This prayer exalts the name of the Lord and invokes His presence and communion as we come to worship Him.

Psalm 68

Hymn of Praise

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

The Psalter, 1912 and A D Raines

LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
Henry Smart, 1836



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: *And you shall not commit adultery.* - Deuteronomy 5:18

The seventh commandment requires the preservation of our own, and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.

The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions. - WSC 71-72

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

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.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



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: *because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* - Romans 10:9-13

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.

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der
2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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 12:13-17
Old Testament - Isaiah 46
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

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(The Trinity Hymnal Rev. ed.)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



THERE IS NONE LIKE HIM

Isaiah 46

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

For the Children - burden(some), carry, Lord, 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.

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.

Take My Life, and Let It Be



5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

HENDON 7.7.7.7.rep.
Henri A. César-Malan, 1827

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 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: WLC 179

Q: Are we to pray unto God only?
A: God only being able to search the hearts, hear the requests, pardon the sins, and fulfill the desires of all; and only to be believed in, and worshiped with religious worship; prayer, which is a special part thereof, is to be made by all to him alone, and to none other.

Monday

Sing Psalm 68.
Read Isaiah 46:1-2, Jeremiah 10:1-5, and WLC 179.
Who are Bel and Nebo? What does it mean that they would go into captivity? How can we recognize the uselessness of our own idols? Why is Isaiah still talking about idols?
Prayer prompt: *Confess the things you continue to trust more than the Lord and ask Him to help you see their powerlessness.*

Tuesday

Sing "When I Survey".
Read Isaiah 46:3-4, Psalm 71, and WLC 179.
How does God say He is different from the idols? How had He carried His people in the past? What is comforting about the Lord carrying us from the beginning? How will He continue to carry us to the end?
Prayer prompt: *Praise God for His power and love in bearing your burdens.*

Wednesday

Sing "How Great Thou Art".
Read Isaiah 46:5-7, 1 Kings 18:19-39, and WLC 179.
How does Isaiah mock idol worshippers in these verses? How does Elijah mock Baal in 1 Kings 18? Think of the idolatry of your heart; how is it as foolish as idolatry in the Old Testament? How is the Lord unique? Why can't idols answer prayer?
Prayer prompt: *Praise God for His unique attributes and the salvation He brings.*

Thursday

Sing "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty".
Read Isaiah 46:8-11, Numbers 23:18-24, and WLC 179.
What things did the Lord want Judah to remember? How does His past work give us confidence in things He says He will do in the future? Who is He talking about in Isaiah 46:11? Which of His promises do you need to believe more fully?
Prayer prompt: *Ask the Lord to increase your faith in His word.*

Friday

Sing "Take My Life And Let It Be".
Read Isaiah 46:12-13, Habakkuk 2:2-4, and WLC 179.
Who is the Lord calling stubborn? Why are they far from His righteousness? Why does He say His righteousness is near? How has He brought His righteousness to you? How does this lead us to live by faith?
Prayer prompt: *Thank the Lord for bringing His salvation near in Christ and pray for His help as you wait on Him.*

SMALL GROUPS

Chambers/Fried - Rogers

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fried House
Contact: Latham (479) 903-4169

Taylor/Solms - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Solms House
Contact: Caleb (479) 295-5011

Walker - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House
Contact: Wes (479) 409-8831

Youth Small Group - Bella Vista

2nd and 4th Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Wieda or Raines House
Contact: Kenny (479) 616-7493

SERMON NOTES

THERE IS NONE LIKE HIM
Isaiah 46

INTRODUCTION

I. THE BURDEN OF THE PEOPLE (vv. 8-9a, 12)

II. THE BURDENSOME IDOLS OF BABYLON (vv. 1-2, 6-7)

III. THE BURDEN-BEARING GOD OF ISRAEL (vv. 3-5, 9b-11, 13)

CONCLUSION

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