



CHRIST  
CHURCH  
PRESBYTERIAN

**FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT**

*Member of The Presbyterian Church in America*

December 3, 2017 10:00 a.m.

# WELCOME

To All Who Are Spiritually Weary and Seek Rest;  
Who Mourn and Long For Comfort;  
Who Struggle and Desire Victory;  
Who Sin and Need A Savior  
Who Are Strangers and Want Fellowship;  
Who Hunger and Thirst For Righteousness;  
And To Whoever Will Come...  
We Welcome You In The Name Of  
The Lord Jesus Christ.

# VISITORS

Welcome to Christ Church Presbyterian!  
We are glad you are here to worship with us. We  
pray you will sense that you have met with the  
Living Lord.

Let us know how we may serve you by completing  
the Information Card available at the bulletin table.

Please join us after the worship service for  
fellowship and refreshments.

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Presbyterian, please visit our website at  
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# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**“4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”**

**--Galatians 4:4-5**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Preparation for Worship**

During the prelude, we invite you, by silent prayer, to prepare your heart and mind to enter the presence of God for worship.

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

### **\*The Opening Confession**

**Leader:** In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen!

### **\*The Call to Worship**

**Psalm 75**

**Leader:** We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds. "At the set time that I appoint I will judge with equity.

**People:** **When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants, it is I who keep steady its pillars. Selah I say to the boastful, 'Do not boast,' and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up your horn;**

Leader: do not lift up your horn on high, or speak with haughty neck." For not from the east or from the west and not from the wilderness comes lifting up,

**People: but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.**

Leader: For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs. But I will declare it forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

**All: All the horns of the wicked I will cut off, but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.**

**\*The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**\*The Lord's Blessing**

**Revelation 1:4-5**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. Amen!

**\*Hymn of Praise: #196 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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## **The Reading of God's Law**

**Galatians 5:19-23**

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

## **Prayer of Confession of Sin**

**Psalm 51:1-7**

*(pray in unison)*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

## **Private, Silent Confession of Sin**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Based on Galatians 3:24-25**

On the authority of God's Word, I declare to you that if you trust in Jesus Christ, then you are no longer under the condemnation of the Law. All of your sins are forgiven and you are sons and daughters of God through Christ.

# THE WORD OF GOD

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## **\*The Old Testament Reading**

## **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

**\*The New Testament Reading****Galatians 3:15-22**

15 To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. 16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. 17 This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. 18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. 19 Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. 20 Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. 21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. 22 But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn of Response: #194 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

# *The Apostles' Creed*

Leader: Christians, I ask you, in Whom do you believe?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he arose from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

### ***Items for Prayer***

- Grant Duncan's healing from fall
- Please pray for the brave young men and women serving in the Military overseas.
- Please pray for the persecuted church around the world.
- Please pray for more people in the city of Irvine to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*(pray in unison at the end of the Pastoral Prayer)*

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

### **\*The Gloria Patri**

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.

### **\*Prayer of Consecration**

# THE ADVENT OF ABRHAM'S OFFSRPING

**Preacher:** The Reverend Michael Preciado

**Sermon Text:** Galatians 3:15-22

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Point 3 \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*Communion Hymn: #197 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”**

## **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Leader: Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to You at all times and in all places, O Lord, our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and you preserve us by Your providence. But You have shown us the fullness of Your love in sending into the world Your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to You, we praise and bless You, O God. With Your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore Your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

**People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed  
is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

# COMMUNION: DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

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**Directions for participating in the Lord's Supper:** The bread served is gluten-free. The outer ring of cups contains fermented wine, the inner ring contains unfermented grape juice. After receiving the elements, please wait for everyone to commune together. You may dispose of your cup at the doorway as you leave.

**A Word to Parents:** Children who have been baptized and received as communing members by the governing body of the church to which you belong are welcome at the Table.

**Preparation for the Lord's Supper:** You do not need to be a member of CCP to participate; however, you should be a baptized member of a Bible-believing church or before participating, you should request to meet with an elder of CCP.

The Scriptures call us to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Table (1 Cor. 11:27-28).

You are invited to this Table not because you are righteous in yourself, but because you are clothed in Christ's perfect righteousness. Do not allow the weakness of your faith or your daily failures to keep you from this Table; for it is given to you because of your weaknesses and failures in order to strengthen your faith as a means of grace. As the preached Word has promised you God's favor, so also your Heavenly Father has added this visible Word as confirmation of His unchangeable promise to us in Christ.

**So come, believing sinners, for the Table is ready.  
"Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8).**

## The Words of Institution

# THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION

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**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving:** #195 “Joy To The World! The Lord Is Come”

**\*Benediction** **Numbers 6:24-26**  
May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

## \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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**Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.**

People: And also with you.

**\*The Threefold Congregational Amen**  
Pray ... sing ... say “Amen” (1 Corinthians 14:15, 16)

**Postlude**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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**Adult Sunday School:** Pastor Michael is teaching on the topic of worship. He will be addressing topics such as the necessity and biblical basis for liturgy, the contemporary worship movement, the history of worship, the nature of a sermon and much, much more. The basic text that will be used is by Terry L. Johnson, *Worshiping With Calvin: Recovering The Historic Ministry And Worship Of Reformed Protestantism* (EP Books, 2014).

**Children's Sunday School:** Children's Sunday school is going through the Westminster Shorter Catechism. This is ideal for children 3 and up, however, younger kids are also welcome and will benefit from it.

**Cry Room and Training Room:** In addition to the cry room, we are using the Adult Sunday School room during the service to provide a place for parents to train their children in sitting through the service. This is to serve as a training room to prepare children to join the main sanctuary. Both rooms have the service streaming through the Ustream Feed.

**School Property:** Please remember to not touch or remove anything from Crean's school rooms. Please do not use toys, books, and other school items. If you have any questions, please speak with the deacons.

**BYO Lunch:** The first Sunday of the month (weather permitting), CCP will be having "BYO" picnic lunches. This will be a great time of fellowship following the service so please plan on joining us.

**CCP Email Blast:** Sign up to receive an email every Friday morning with a small devotional, prayer requests, and church announcements: <http://christchurchpres.com/email-blast/>

**Prayer Chain:** The prayer chain is to help share requests within the congregation. If you would like to join the prayer chain please sign up at the following website <http://christchurchpres.com/prayers-signup>, send an email to [prayers@christchurchpres.net](mailto:prayers@christchurchpres.net), or talk to Aime Nagel.

**Snack:** Reminder to please keep your snack and drinks on the tile floor area and please help us with clean up by throwing your trash away before you leave the sanctuary.

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**2016 Giving Report:**

December	\$ 76,096.60	YTD	\$ 207,392.73
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**2017 Giving Report:**

January	\$ 9,816.35	July	\$ 13,521.00
February	\$ 7,170.00	August	\$ 12,505.00
March	\$ 9,926.00	September	\$ 10,821.50
April	\$ 14,448.36	October	\$ 16,463.25
May	\$ 9,726.00	November	\$ 11,274.00
June	\$ 12,845.00	December	\$ 1,890.50
		YTD	\$ 130,406.96

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Stephen Huang, Violist

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# CHRIST CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN AFFIRMS THE “SOLAS” OF THE REFORMATION

The Protestant Reformation was a tremendous work of God wherein He reformed His church from the corruption of the late medieval period. The reformers did not start from scratch. They built upon the best theologians and teachings throughout church history.

The Reformation had many characters and a long, interesting history. Its basic teachings are conveniently summarized by the Latin slogans:

## **Sola Scriptura: Scripture Alone**

The Bible is the only infallible rule of faith for the church. Only what Scripture teaches can bind the conscience of believers absolutely. This does not mean that we do not accept lesser authorities such as church officers, creeds and catechisms. It does mean that we do not regard these as infallible.

## **Sola Fide: Faith Alone**

Justification is by faith alone. The sole ground of our acceptance with God is the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ. We do not receive this by works, or by a combination of faith and works. We receive this through faith alone. The righteousness of Jesus Christ is imputed to us through faith alone and is the basis upon which God declares us righteous in His court.

## **Solus Christus: Christ Alone**

Christ is the only mediator through whose work we are redeemed.

## **Sola Gratia: Grace Alone**

Our salvation rests solely on the work of God's grace for us.

## **Soli Deo Gloria: Glory to God Alone**

To God alone belongs the glory!

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