



CHRIST
CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN

**FOURTH WEEK IN ADVENT-
CHRISTMAS EVE**

Member of The Presbyterian Church in America

December 24, 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.

For more information on Christ Church
Presbyterian, please visit our website at
www.christchurchpres.com or call the church office
during the week at
949-407-9227

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

--Isaiah 7:14

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**

Luke 2:4-11

Leader: And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

People: to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

Leader: And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

People: And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Leader: And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

All: And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

***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: #203 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Reading of God's Law

Romans 3:9-19

9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, 10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." 13 "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." 14 "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 in their paths are ruin and misery, 17 and the way of peace they have not known." 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes." 19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

(pray in unison)

Our Father, in the beginning you spoke and creation came forth. In the fullness of time, you have spoken again through your Son, the Word made flesh. He was born to die for our sins. He was born to merit our righteousness. Forgive us sinners the many sins that we commit against you. Look not upon our unrighteousness, but look upon the righteousness of Christ and forgive us for his sake. Amen

Private, Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Based on Philippians 3:9

On the authority of God's Word, I declare to you that if you trust in Jesus Christ, then God has justified you by faith alone. You are now in Christ, not having a righteousness of your own that comes from the law, but having the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

THE WORD OF GOD

***The Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 50:24-26

24 And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." 25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." 26 So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

***The New Testament Reading**

Luke 1:67-79

67 And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, 68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people 69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, 70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, 71 that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; 72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, 73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us 74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, 75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. 76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, 77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, 78 because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high 79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Response: #207 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"**

The Nicene Creed

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

People: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; 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; He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall 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.

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**

***Communion Hymn: #211 “God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

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

***Hymn of Thanksgiving: #214 “Angels We Have Heard
On High”**

***Benediction** **Number 6:24-26**
24 The LORD bless you and keep you; 25 the LORD make his face
to shine upon you and be gracious to you; 26 the LORD lift up his
countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

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 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, 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	\$ 7,270.50
		YTD	\$ 135,786.96

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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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