



CHRIST  
CHURCH  
PRESBYTERIAN

*Member of The Presbyterian Church in America*  
December 31, 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

**“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree””**

**--Galatians 3:13**

## 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 124**

Leader: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side-- let Israel now say-- if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us,

**People: then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;**

Leader: then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

**People: then over us would have gone the raging waters.**

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

**All: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

**\*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: #9 "All You That Fear Jehovah's Name"**

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**Ephesians 4:20-27**

20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!-- 21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. 25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil.

## **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

## Genesis 16

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. 2 And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. 3 So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. 4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. 5 And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" 6 But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her. 7 The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. 8 And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." 9 The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." 10 The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." 11 And the angel of the LORD said to her, "Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has listened to your affliction. 12 He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen." 13 So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me." 14 Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered. 15 And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. 16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

**\*The New Testament Reading****Galatians 4:21-31**

21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. 23 But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. 24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband." 28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. 30 But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." 31 So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn of Response:**

**#100 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

# *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**







**\*Communion Hymn:#172 “Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder”**

**\*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: #500 “Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me”**

**\*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	\$ 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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