



CHRIST
CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN

THIRD WEEK IN ADVENT

Member of The Presbyterian Church in America

December 17, 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
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949-407-9227

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

"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." So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman."

--Galatians 4:30-31

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 114

Leader: When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

People: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Leader: What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

People: O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

All: who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

***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: #201 "O Little Town Of Bethlehem"**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Reading of God's Law

Romans 3:19-23

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. 20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it-- 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

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

***The Old Testament Reading**

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers-- it is to him you shall listen-- 16 just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' 17 And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. 20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.' 21 And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?'-- 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

***The New Testament Reading**

Galatians 4:1-7

1 I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. 3 In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. 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. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Response:**

#204 "Away In A Manger"

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:#200 “It Came Upon The Midnight Clear”**

***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:**
City”

#225 “Once In Royal David’s

***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**

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, 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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