



CHRIST
CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN

SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT
Member of The Presbyterian Church in America
December 10, 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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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**“21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”**
--2 Corinthians 5:21

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 111

Leader: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

People: **Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

Leader: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

People: **The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Leader: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

All: **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

***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:**

#213 "What Child Is This"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Reading of God's Law

Galatians 3:10-14

10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." 12 But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." 13 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"-- 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

(pray in unison)

Our Father, we confess that we are sinners in need of a savior. We confess that apart from Christ we are required to obey your law perfectly for our justification. We confess that we cannot do this. We justly deserve the curse of the Law, but we thank you that we do not have to bear it. For Jesus Christ has become a curse for us. The penalty of our sins has been satisfied at the cross. Assure us of the certainty of our salvation and comfort us in the knowledge that you are gracious and favorable toward us. 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 15

1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." 4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." 5 And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6 And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. 7 And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." 8 But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" 9 He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. 13 Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. 14 But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. 16 And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." 17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, 19 the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, 20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the

Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites."

***The New Testament Reading**

Galatians 3:23-29

23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Response:**

#208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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**

*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:
Realms Of Glory”**

#218 “Angels, From The

***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	\$ 5,900.50
		YTD	\$ 134,416.96

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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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