

Announcements

Friday Nights Out–DATE CHANGE-August 19th

Our last Friday Nights Out for the summer will be Friday, August 19th. THERE IS NO FRIDAY NIGHTS OUT ON AUGUST 12th.

Children enjoy an hour and a half of teaching and fellowship from 6:30-8:00PM while parents are encouraged to take time out to reconnect with one another over a meal or a walk around the town.

Service of Worship August 7th, 2011 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

A word about our worship: We believe that in worship we actually meet with God. Therefore, our services are interactive and dynamic, retelling the gospel through a five-act drama: Approach, Renewal, (re)Commitment, Communion, and Commissioning. In this drama, we all have a part. In each act, we are placed in dialogue with God himself: He speaks and we respond. In our liturgy (script), you will find your lines designated in **bold**.

PREPARATION AND REFLECTION

If you are a theologian you will pray truly, and if you pray truly you will be a theologian.
– Evagrius Ponticus, a fourth-century monk

Whenever I am in trouble, I pray. And since I'm always in trouble, I pray a lot. Even when you see me eat and drink, while I do this, I pray.
– Isaac Bashevis Singer

ACT 1: APPROACH**CALL TO WORSHIP: *God summons us.****From Psalm 95*

Come; sing to the Lord!

Make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

The Lord our God is great; King above all gods!

ACT 5: COMMISSIONING***It Is Well With My Soul***

Words: Horatio G. Spafford; Music: Philip P. Bliss Arr: Mark Jean

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
 When sorrows like sea billows roll;
 Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say:
 It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Chorus It is well, it is well
 With my soul (2x)

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 Let this blest assurance control,
 That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
 And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Chorus

My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought!
 My sin, not in part but the whole,
 Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
 The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
 Even so, it is well with my soul.

Chorus

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BENEDICTION: *God sends us out in His power.*

Are we weak and heavy laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge,
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do your friends despise, forsake you?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield you;
 You will find a solace there.

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

Prayer for those searching for truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may I turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Joachin Neander; Music: William S. Bennet (Arr. Mark Jean)

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
 All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
 Join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
 Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
 Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
 Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
 Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
 If with his love he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
 Let the amen sound from his people again,
 Gladly we come to adore him.**

Everlasting God

Words and Music: Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
Wait upon the Lord.**

We will wait upon the Lord. (2x)

***Bridge* Our God, you reign forever;
Our hope, our strong deliv'rer.**

***Chorus* You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God.
You do not faint,
You won't grow weary,
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles.**

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INVOCATION: *We ask God to meet us.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Hallelujah, let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God are for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

❖ Please hold the elements until we can all partake together. (For those with diet restrictions gluten-free bread is offered).

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Words: Joseph M. Scriven; Music: Charles C. Converse

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

ACT 4: COMMUNION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: *God invites us to a meal.*

- ❖ Christ Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin, trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us.
- ❖ If you are not sure if you should take Communion, or if you have come to believe in Jesus today, you are encouraged to meet with one of the elders who will be at the front of the sanctuary following the service.
- ❖ If you are not able to receive Communion, please use the prayers on page 14 as a guide.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We were saved for his praise and glory.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is our privilege and duty to thank you, to praise you, and to worship you. The heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches. You alone are worthy of our highest adoration and love. You have made us what we are and given us all that we have. And of all your good gifts, we thank you most for Jesus, the unclouded manifestation of your goodness and love. Increase our love for him through this meal. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and wine that through them we may be nourished with our Savior. Make us one with Him and one with all who share this feast. Amen.

Act 1: Approach

SCRIPTURE READING: **Philippians 2:1–4, 4:4–7**

¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ACT 2: RENEWAL

CONFESSION OF SIN: *We own our faults.*

Based on Ephesians 6:18–20

Father, you desire that we pray at all times and for all things. You have taught us to pray for each other and not just for our own needs. You have instructed us to pray for ministers of the gospel, that they might speak with courage and clarity. Forgive us, as we are weak in prayer.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Father, for the sake of your son and the unity and growth of his church, cleanse us from our sin.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Act 3: Commitment

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *We commit our concerns.*

❖ *I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people (1 Timothy 2:1).*

THE LORD'S 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Psalm 5

Words & Music: Bill Sprouse, Jr.

**Give ear to my words, O Lord.
 Consider my meditation.
 Hearken unto the voice of my cry,
 My King and my God.
 For unto thee will I pray,
 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning.
 O Lord, in the morning
 Will I direct my prayer
 Unto thee and will look up.**

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ACT 3: COMMITMENT**GIVING: *We commit our resources.***

- ❖ *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). As Christians, we give because Christ gave, and because he continues to give us freely all that he is by his Spirit.*
- ❖ *If you are a visitor, please do not feel obliged to give. At this time, you may fill out the perforated form on the back of today's bulletin and place it in the offering bag. You may also use this form if you have prayer requests or praises to share with the elders, would like information about Christ Presbyterian Church or would like to update your contact information.*

Blessed Be Your Name

Words and Music: Matt Redman

❖ *During the last verse of the following song, children from age three through first grade are dismissed for a time of teaching.*

**Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.**

**Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say**

Chorus **Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.**

**Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.**

**Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say**

Chorus (2x)

Bridge (2x) **You give and take away, you give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.**

Chorus

THE PREACHED WORD: *God brings us good news.***Reading: Ephesians 6:18–24**

¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

²¹ So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. ²²I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.

²³ Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**Sermon— “A Prayer Defined Life”**

Sermon Notes