

Announcements

Check out our website (cpcsb.org) to see our calendar and events.

Project Chile 2012

Tom Beveridge, Isabel Beveridge, Richard Jacobsen, and Sam Tanksley will be part of CPC's construction and community outreach team going to Quillota, Chile from March 7th-24th. Two other teams from PCA congregations in Philadelphia and Virginia will be working there too. The teams are returning to Quillota in order to complete **Renacer** (rebirth in Spanish), a vitally important and strategically placed facility ministering to at risk children and families in one of the poorest sections of this beautiful city. Learn more at <http://www.cpcsb.org/cpc-blog/renacerfaith-and-rebirth-in-quillota-chile/>

Interested in giving to Project Chile 2012? Make your check out to Christ Presbyterian Church and include "Chile 2012" on the memo line.

Prayer Team—February 26th

Edd and Nancy Noell are beginning a prayer team next Sunday, February 26th. Meet them in the library at 9:15AM to pray for the worship service, ministries, and other requests. All are welcome!

Children's Ministry Volunteer Meeting—February 26th

We are having a meeting for all nursery and children's ministry volunteers on February 26th. We will meet in the library after worship. If you are currently working in the nursery or with the preschool and elementary aged children, or are interested in serving in our children's programs, please come!

New CPC Directory

If your contact information has changed since the last directory, or you would like to be added or deleted from the directory, please contact the church office at darlene@cpcsb.org.

Service of Worship February 12, 2012 Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

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

When considering how much to give, don't sit down with a calculator, sit down with the cross.

—Timothy Keller

The Christ event should be "known" among the Corinthian believers not only in their intellectual apprehension, but also in the formation of their behavior. Why else have they been made "rich" except so that, like Christ and in Christ, they might utilize that "richness" in self-giving for others? The Christ event is thus, for Paul, the key enactment and the focal expression of the cascade of divine grace, from God, in Christ, through believers, to others.

—John M.G. Barclay

ACT 1: APPROACH

CALL TO WORSHIP: *God summons us.*

From Psalm 113:1-3

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Words and Music: Mark Imboden and Tammy Rhoton

You are holy (*echo*), you are mighty (*echo*),
 You are worthy (*echo*), worthy of praise (*echo*).
 I will follow (*echo*), I will listen (*echo*),
 I will love you (*echo*), all of my days (*echo*).

Chorus (Women) You are Lord of Lords, you are King of Kings,
 You are Mighty God, Lord of everything.
 You're Emmanuel, the great I Am,
 You're my Prince of Peace, who is the Lamb.
 You're the living God, you're my saving grace.
 You will reign forever, you are Ancient of Days,
 You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.
 You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend.
 You're my Prince of Peace, I will live my life for you.

Chorus (Men) I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.
 I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him. (2x)
 You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for you.

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Satisfied

Clara Tear Williams | Karl Digerness

All my lifelong I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
 That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.

Chorus Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
 Jesus satisfies all my longings, thro' his blood I now am saved.

Feeding on the filth around me, till my strength was almost gone.
 Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on.

Chorus

Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy.
 But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Chorus

Well of water ever springing, Bread of life so rich and free,
 Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me.

Chorus

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ACT 5: COMMISSIONING**BENEDICTION:** *God sends us out in His power.*

Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace

Brian T. Murphy | Clint Wells | D. Herbert

Come boldly to the throne of grace; ye wretched sinners come,
And lay your load at Jesus' feet, and plead what he has done.

How can I come some soul may say; I'm lame and cannot walk.
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth, I sign but dare not talk.

Come boldly to the throne of grace, though lost and blind and lame;
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend and ever was the same.

He makes the dead to hear his voice, he makes the blind to see.
The sinner lost he came to save and set the prisoner free.

Come boldly to the throne of grace, for Jesus fills the throne;
And those he kills he makes alive, he hears the sigh or groan.

Poor bankrupt souls who feel and know the hell of sin within;
Come boldly to the throne of grace, the Lord will take you in.
He'll take you in—take you in, he'll take you in.

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Take My Life and Let it Be

Words: Frances R. Havergal; Music: Henri A.C. Malan

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose,
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.

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INVOCATION: *We ask God to meet us.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 3:6–12

⁶ “For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷ From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ ⁸ Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. ¹¹ I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. ¹² Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ!

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

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

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Hallelujah, let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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.

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 13 as a guide.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

From Ephesians 1; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Romans 11:36

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

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.

Praise the Father:

All creation came from him.

Praise the Son:

All creation came through him.

Praise the Spirit:

New Life is guaranteed by him.

From him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be the glory forever!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Act 1: Approach

ACT 2: RENEWAL

CONFESSION OF SIN: *We own our faults.*

Father in heaven, although you graciously give us all good things, we do not give generously.

We confess that our lack of generosity reflects fear; we are afraid that you are not a loving and generous God. Forgive our unbelief.

Lord of all creation, although you graciously clothe even the flowers of the field and birds of the air, we give to you sparingly.

We confess that our sparse giving reflects doubt; we do not believe practically that you are our Father, the maker and sustainer of heaven and earth. Forgive our lack of faith.

For the sake of Jesus, who gave himself fully, cleanse us from our sins of unbelief. Teach us to trust you, our good Father, and to give generously.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

My Lovely Source of True Delight

Words by Anne Steele; Music and alt by Kevin Twit; alt by Paul Ranheim

My lovely source of true delight
Whom I unseen adore;
Unveil your beauties to my sight
That I might love you more,
Oh, that I might love you more.

Your glory o'er creation shines
But in your sacred Word
I read in fairer, brighter lines
My bleeding, dying Lord;
See my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop
And sin and sorrow rise;
Your love with cheering beams of hope
My fainting heart supplies,
My fainting heart's supply.

But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene
Is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between
And I again complain,
Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light;
Oh, come with blissful ray.
Break radiant through the shades of night
And chase my fears away,
Won't you chase my fears away?

Then shall my soul with pleasure trace
The wonders of your love;
But the full glories of your face
Are only known above,
They are only known above.

Surrender

Words & Music: Marc James

I'm giving you my heart
And all that is within.
I lay it all down
For the sake of you, my King.
I'm giving you my dreams.
I'm laying down my rights.
I'm giving up my pride
For the promise of new life.

Chorus And I surrender
 All to you, all to you.
 And I surrender
 All to you, all to you.

I'm singing you this song.
I'm waiting at the cross.
And all the world holds dear—
I count it all as loss
For the sake of knowing you,
The glory of your name.
To know the lasting joy,
Even sharing in your pain.

Chorus

THE PREACHED WORD: *God brings us good news.***Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1–15**

¹ We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. ¹¹ So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. ¹² For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. ¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵ As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sermon— “Giving in God’s Economy: What’s the Tithe Got to Do With It?”

Sermon Notes:

ACT 3: COMMITMENT**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM—ZAK MORGAN****BAPTISMAL READING AND EXPLANATION**

Acts 22:16 And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.

BAPTISMAL TESTIMONY**BAPTISMAL VOWS****QUESTIONS FOR ZAK**

Do you wish to be baptized?

Zak: I do.

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in (i.e. except for) in his sovereign mercy?

Zak: I do.

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the Gospel?

Zak: I do.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Zak: I do.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy God’s creatures?

Zak: I do.

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Zak: I do.

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Zak: I do.

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Zak: I do.

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

As the witnesses of these vows, will you do all in your power to support Zak in his life in Christ?

God helping us, we will.

Let's join Zak and affirm our commitment to Christ and his church.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

—Apostles' Creed

**The word catholic means universal. The creed confesses to the unity of Jesus Christ's church across the world and throughout the ages, regardless of denominational affiliation.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

RECEPTION OF BAPTIZED

Will you welcome Zak?

We receive you into the household of God.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all, Amen.

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.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: We commit our concerns.

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

William Williams | Jeremy Casella

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

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou are mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield,
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
Songs of praises, I will ever give to thee.**

**Land me safe on Canaan's side,
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears,
Land me safe on Canaan's side,
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye.**