

## ***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 7<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup>**

Edd and Nancy Noell are beginning a prayer team next Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup>**

We are having a meeting for all nursery and children's ministry volunteers on February 26<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:darlene@cpcsb.org).

## **Service of Worship February 19, 2012 Last 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**

*Our wisdom, in so far as it ought to be deemed true and solid Wisdom, consists almost entirely of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves.*

— John Calvin, in the first sentence of Institutes of the Christian Religion

*Give me a man in love: he knows what I mean. Give me one who yearns; give me one who is hungry; give me one far away in this desert, who is thirsty and sighs for the spring of the Eternal country. Give me that sort of man: he knows what I mean. But if I speak to a cold man, he just does not know what I am talking about.*

—St. Augustine

*Oh, to vex me, contraries meet in one:  
Inconstancy unnaturally hath begot  
A constant habit; that when I would not  
I change in vows, and in devotion.  
As humorous is my contrition  
As my profane love, and as soon forgot:  
As riddlingly distempered, cold and hot, as praying, as mute; as infinite, as none.  
I durst not view heaven yesterday; and today in prayers and flattering speeches I court God:  
Tomorrow I quake with true fear of his rod.  
So my devout fits come and go away  
Like a fantastic ague; save that here  
Those are my best days, when I shake with fear.*

—John Donne, Holy Sonnet 19

*Regardless of my own beliefs and my own doubts, it is my opinion that art lost its basic creative drive the moment it was separated from worship.*

—Ingmar Bergman

## ACT 1: APPROACH

### CALL TO WORSHIP: *God summons us.*

*From Psalm 72:19*

Praise the Lord God!

**He alone has done marvelous things!**

Praise his glorious name!

**The whole earth is filled with his glory!**

### *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Words: Francis of Assisi; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

**All creatures of our God and King,**

**Lift up your voice and with us sing.**

**O praise him! Alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,**

**Thou silver moon with softer gleam!**

*Chorus*            **O praise him! O praise him!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong;**

**Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,**

**O praise him! Alleluia!**

**Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice;**

**Ye lights of evening, find a voice!**

### *Chorus*

**Let all things their Creator bless,**

**And worship him in humbleness.**

**O praise him! Alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,**

**And praise the Spirit, Three in One!**

### *Chorus*

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,**

**And praise the Spirit, Three in One!**

### *Chorus*

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## ACT 5: COMMISSIONING

### *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Words: Reginald Heber; Music: John Dykes

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**

**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**

**Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**

**Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**

**Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**

**Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;**

**Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,**

**Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;**

**Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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

**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.

***Here I Am To Worship***

Words and Music: Tim Hughes

**Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore you,  
Hope of a life spent with you.**

***Chorus*            Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days, O so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above,  
Humbly you came to the earth you created,  
All for love's sake became poor.**

***Chorus***

***Bridge*            And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.**

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**INVOCATION: *We ask God to meet us.***

**SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 4**

<sup>6</sup> “For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup> 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?’ <sup>8</sup> Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. <sup>9</sup> You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” <sup>2</sup> At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. <sup>3</sup> And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. <sup>4</sup> Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup> From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, <sup>6</sup> and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: <sup>7</sup> the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. <sup>8</sup> And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!”

<sup>9</sup> And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

<sup>11</sup> “Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**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).

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.**

***Wonderful Merciful Savior***

Dawn Rodgers | Eric Wyse

**Wonderful, merciful Savior,  
Precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
Could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.**

**Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts  
Have hopelessly lost the way.  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.**

**You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for.  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

**Almighty, infinite Father  
Faithfully loving your own;  
Here in our weakness you find us  
Falling before your throne,  
Oh, we're falling before your throne.**

## 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 2: RENEWAL

### CONFESSION OF SIN: *We own our faults.*

*From Ecclesiastes 3:11 & 12:13*

Father, though you have set eternity in our hearts, we confess that we often seek fulfillment apart from you.

**Instead of seeking you, the infinite God, we seek infinite satisfaction in finite things: in money, material possessions, success, influence, power, education, and appearance. Forgive us.**

Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died for our sins and was raised to give us eternal life, teach us to seek you until we are satisfied with you alone.

### 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.

***Psalm 62***

Aaron Keyes | Stuart Townend

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation,  
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse,  
And lies, like arrows, pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to him who hears me.

*Chorus*            O praise him, hallelujah,  
                         My Delight and my Reward.  
                         Everlasting, never failing;  
                         My Redeemer, my God.

Find rest my soul in God alone amid the world's temptations.  
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come, and riches go, don't set your heart upon them.  
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven.

*Chorus*

I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in him completely,  
With ev'ry day pour out my soul; and he will prove his mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too deep to measure,  
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his forever.

*Chorus*

*Bridge*            O, praise him, O praise him, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
                         O, praise him, O praise him, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
                         O, praise him, O praise him, hallelujah, hallelujah!

*Chorus (x2)*

## ACT 3: COMMITMENT

### CONFESSION OF FAITH: *We commit our allegiance.* *Based on the Westminster Larger Catechism*

Christian, what do you believe about God?

**We believe that God is Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection. We believe that God is all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, and incomprehensible. We believe that God is everywhere present, almighty, all-knowing, most wise, most holy, most just, and most merciful. He is gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.**

### 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.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 Power of the Cross***

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

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

**Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.**

**Chorus**            **This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath—  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh, to see the pain written on your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning your bloodstained brow.**

**Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.**

**Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,  
Won through your selfless love.**

**Chorus 2**            **This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**THE PREACHED WORD: *God brings us good news.*****Reading: Isaiah 6:1–8**

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Sermon— “The Holiness of God”**

**Sermon Notes:**