

Announcements

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

Annual Members Meeting

The annual membership meeting will be after worship today. All members are asked to attend. The Board of Trustees will also hold their annual meeting immediately afterwards.

Childcare is provided for infants through 2nd grade.

Service of Worship January 29, 2012 Fourth 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

Love of money...enslaves him so that he is unavailable to obey God.

–Testament of Judah, an ancient Jewish Document

It is impossible for love of the world to coexist with love of God.

–Philo, a 1st Century Jewish Philosopher

To be clever enough to get all that money, one must be stupid enough to want it... There are two ways to have enough money: one is to acquire more; the other is to desire less.

–G.K. Chesterton, The Innocence of Father Brown.

Might like to wear cotton, might like to wear silk

Might like to drink whiskey, might like to drink milk

You might like to eat caviar, you might like to eat bread

You may be sleeping on the floor, sleeping in a king-sized bed

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed

You're gonna have to serve somebody

Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord

But you're gonna have to serve somebody

–Bob Dylan, “Gotta Serve Somebody”

ACT 1: APPROACH

CALL TO WORSHIP: *God summons us.*

From Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it;

The world and all who live in it!

Come, praise the Lord, the King of glory!

Let God Arise

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Jesse Reeves

Hear the holy roar of God resound,
 Watch the waters part before us now.
 Come and see what he has done for us,
 Tell the world of his great love.

Our God is a God who saves,
 Our God is a God who saves.

Chorus Let God arise,
 Let God arise.
 Our God reigns now and forever;
 He reigns now and forever.

His enemies will run for sure,
 The Church will stand, she will endure.
 He holds the keys of life, our Lord;
 Death has no sting, no final word.

Our God is a God who saves,
 Our God is a God who saves.

Chorus

Chorus 2 God arise,
 Let God arise.
 Our God reigns now and forever,
 He reigns now and forever.

ACT 5: COMMISSIONING**Be Thou My Vision**Words and Music: 8th century Irish hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
 Thou my best thought by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word;
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
 Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
 Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
 Thou, and thou only, first in my heart,
 High king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,
 May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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

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.

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

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.

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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.

Let Us Adore

Reuben Morgan

The heavens declare the glory of God,
 And all of the world will join the praise,
 His wonders proclaim.

The oceans and skies lift up their voice,
 And all he has made will rise to bless
 The King of all kings.

Chorus Let us adore him,
 Let us adore him,
 Jesus Christ is the Lord.
 Come and behold him,
 Bow down before him,
 Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Eternity's King is coming to reign.
 When all of the curse is wiped away,
 His truth will remain.

Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
You are worthy of all praise.

CCLI Song No. 4437846

INVOCATION: *We ask God to meet us.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 8:1–2, 6–18

¹ “The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

¹¹ “Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. ¹⁷ Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ ¹⁸ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**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.

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

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

From Genesis 1, Isaiah 60

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord our God!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you and praise you, resplendent God, for being the Father of lights. When the earth was formless and dark, you spoke and light came. And again when the earth was dark and all its people full of gloom, you sent your Son to be the light of the world. Lord, as we come to this table, we seek to experience you as our beauty, our treasure, and our everlasting light. Arise and shine on us now by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Act 1: Approach

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Timothy 6:7–11, 17–19

⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ!

ACT 2: RENEWAL

CONFESSION OF SIN: *We own our faults.*

Father, you command us to put our hope in you and not in our earthly treasures.

Forgive us for putting our hope in our wealth and what it can buy. When we have money, we seek security in it and not in you; when we lack money, we live in fear and we doubt your provision. In both cases, we make earthly treasures our god.

Father, you command us to be rich in good deeds, to be generous and ready to share.

Forgive us for not being generous with our time, our homes, our money, our gifts, or our love. Show mercy on us for hoarding the good things you graciously give us.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, who became poor that we might become rich. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Act 3: Commitment

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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THE PREACHED WORD: *God brings us good news.***Reading: Matthew 6:19–25a**

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**Sermon— “Ultimate Allegiance: What Has Your Heart?”*****Sermon Notes:******Forever***

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin

**Give thanks to the Lord our God and King.
His love endures forever.
For he is good, he is above all things,
His love endures forever,
Sing praise, sing praise.**

**With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm
His love endures forever.
For the life that’s been reborn
His love endures forever,
Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise.**

***Chorus* Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us,
Forever, forever.**

**From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever,
Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise.**

Chorus

***Bridge* His love endures forever (x3)
Forever.**

***Chorus 2* Forever you are faithful,
Forever you are strong,
Forever you are with us,
Forever, forever.**

ACT 3: COMMITMENT

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *We commit our allegiance.* *From the Westminster Children's Catechism*

Christian, who made you?

God.

What else did God make?

God made all things.

Why did God make all things?

For his own glory.

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).*

Act 3: Commitment

Psalm 62

Aaron Keyes | Stuart Townend

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

**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)