

Announcements

Town Hall Meeting–July 31st

All are invited to come to a meeting next Sunday after worship. We will have an important announcement for the congregation.

Friday Nights Out–July 22nd, 29th, August 5th & 12th

Friday Nights Out is a new summer program for parents and kids. 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. Fill out a FNO registration card, Emergency Treatment Form and pick up a take-home packet at the table by the children's area today.

New CPC Website

Check out our new website at www.cpcsb.org. Use it to check the dates, times and details of upcoming events, listen to or download sermons and learn more about CPC's beliefs, values and priorities.

Service of Worship July 24th, 2011 Sixth 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

"A slave is a living tool, just as a tool is an inanimate slave." –Aristotle

"He who was called in the Lord as a slave is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a slave of Christ. You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men." –The Apostle Paul

ACT 1: APPROACH

GATHERING SONG:

Come Thou Almighty King

Words: 18th century; Music: Felice de Giardini

Arr. and add'l chorus: Mark Jean and Tom Lane

Come, thou Almighty King,
 Help us thy name to sing; help us to praise.
 Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
 Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,
 Gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
 Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success
 Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Chorus You are the Father, all glorious
 O'er all victorious, Ancient of Days (2x)

Come, Holy Comforter,
 Thy sacred witness bear, in this glad hour;
 Thou who almighty are, now rule in every heart,
 And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three,
 Eternal praises be, hence evermore;
 His sovereign majesty, may we in glory see,
 And to eternity, love and adore.

Chorus (2x)

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ACT 5: COMMISSIONING

Our Great God

Words and Music: Mac Powell and Fernando Ortega

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown,
 Your boundless love, unending, in grace and mercy shown,
 Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne,
 They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Chorus Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
 Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
 Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
 Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.

Chorus

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
 Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,
 Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
 Sing praises to the living God who rules them by his word.

Chorus

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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.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *God summons us.*

Based on Psalm 24

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

The whole world is God's and all who live in it!

Who may climb the mountain of God and stand in his holy place?

Only the pure-hearted: those who seek God!

Stand up then, lift up your voice, for the King of Glory is ready to enter!

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.**

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).

Humble King

Words and Music: Brenton Brown

**O kneel me down again, here at your feet.
Show me how much you love humility.
O Spirit, be the star that leads me to
The humble heart of love I see in you.**

***Chorus* You are the God of the broken,
The friend of the weak.
You wash the feet of the weary,
Embrace the ones in need.
I want to be like you, Jesus,
To have this heart in me.
You are the God of the humble,
You are the humble king.**

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

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Words and Music: Paul Baloche and Brenton Brown

**Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you.
We turn to you.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you,
We long for you.**

***Chorus 1* Hosanna, hosanna, you are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.**

**Hear the sound of hearts returning to you.
We turn to you.
In your kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make all things new.**

***Chorus 2* Hosanna, hosanna, you are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna, come have your way among us,
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus.**

***Bridge* When we see you we find strength
To face the day.
In your presence all our fears
Are washed away, washed away.**

Chorus 2

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INVOCATION: *We ask God to meet us.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 1:26–31

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 6:5–9

⁵ Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, ⁶not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. ⁹Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Jesus with Thy Church Abide

Words: Thomas Pollock. Music: Christopher Miner.

**May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find
And the brokenhearted bind:
We beseech thee, hear us,
We beseech thee, hear us.**

**Raise her to her calling high,
Let the nations far and nigh
Hear thy heralds warning cry.
We beseech thee, hear us,
We beseech thee, hear us.**

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Jesus with Thy Church Abide

Words: Thomas Pollock. Music: Christopher Miner.

**Jesus, with thy church abide;
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:
We beseech thee, hear us,
We beseech thee, hear us.**

**Keep her life and doctrine pure;
Grant her patience to endure,
Trusting in thy promise sure:
We beseech thee, hear us,
We beseech thee, hear us.**

**May she one in doctrine be,
One in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in Thee:
We beseech Thee, hear us,
We beseech Thee, hear us.**

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 2: RENEWAL**CONFESSION OF SIN: *We own our faults.***

Father, you despise hypocrisy and desire internal as well as external obedience.

Forgive us when our obedience appears to conform to your law, but does not come from a sincere heart.

Lord Jesus, you are our master, the one to whom we owe love and allegiance.

Forgive us when we seek the approval of others and forget that we serve you.

Father, by your Spirit, transform us into the likeness of your Son, for his name's sake.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *We commit our allegiance.*

The Church's One Foundation

Words: Samuel John Stone; Music: Samuel S. Wesley

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

**The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**

**Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won,
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.**

Act 3: Commitment

THE PREACHED WORD: *God brings us good news.*

Reading: **Ephesians 6:5–9**

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sermon— “Am I Not a Man and a Brother?”

Sermon Notes