

Announcements

Town Hall Meeting–July 31st

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

Friday Nights Out–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 31st, 2011 Seventh 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

It is possible to say that Christ is the 'whole armour of God' so that 'putting on the whole armour of God' is the same as 'putting on Christ'. –Origen (184–253 A.D.)

Some Christians are so self-confident that they think that they can manage by themselves without the Lord's strength and armour. Others are so self-distrustful that they think that they have nothing to contribute to their victory in spiritual warfare. Both are mistaken. –John Stott

Prayer is, in fact, spiritual warfare. –Calvin Beisner

ACT 1: APPROACH**GATHERING SONG:*****Crown Him with Many Crowns***

Words: Godfrey Thring and Matthew Bridges; Music: George G. Elvey

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne.
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side.
Rich wounds, yet visible above
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

ACT 5: COMMISSIONING

Warrior

Kemper Crabb

Chorus

The Lord is a warrior,
The Lord is mighty in battle.
The Lord is a warrior,
The Lord of hosts is he.

My Lord is a fortress,
He is a sun and a shield.
The Lord is a deliverer
To those who put their trust in him.

Chorus

He gives strength unto his people,
He guards his own with his right hand.
The Angel of the Lord
Camps around the ones who fear him
And delivers them.

Chorus

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

Act 1: Approach

CALL TO WORSHIP: *God summons us.*

Based on Psalm 96:1-3

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

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.*

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).

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 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 59:14–21

¹⁴ Justice is turned back,
and righteousness stands far away;
for truth has stumbled in the public squares,
and uprightness cannot enter.
¹⁵ Truth is lacking,
and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.

The LORD saw it, and it displeased him
that there was no justice.

¹⁶ He saw that there was no man,
and wondered that there was no one to intercede;
then his own arm brought him salvation,
and his righteousness upheld him.

¹⁷ He put on righteousness as a breastplate,
and a helmet of salvation on his head;
he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,
and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

¹⁸ According to their deeds, so will he repay,
wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies;
to the coastlands he will render repayment.

¹⁹ So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west,
and his glory from the rising of the sun;
for he will come like a rushing stream,
which the wind of the LORD drives.

²⁰ "And a Redeemer will come to Zion,
to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD.

²¹ "And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the LORD, "from this time forth and forevermore."

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:5–11

⁵Brothers, you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

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

Father, you alone are God, mighty in power.

Forgive us for not relying on your strength in order to stand against the devil's schemes.

Jesus, you are our Savior, in you alone is found truth, righteousness, peace and salvation.

Forgive us for not putting on your armor in our warfare against evil.

Holy Spirit, you are ever present to hear our prayers.

Forgive us for not praying for each other or ourselves in our battle against sin.

Teach us in resisting evil to put on Christ for the sake of the unity and maturity of your Church.
 Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON***In Christ Alone***

Words and Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
 He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This cornerstone, this solid ground,
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My comforter, my all in all,
 Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh,
 Fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness,
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
 The wrath of God was satisfied.
 For every sin on him was laid;
 Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay,
 Light of the world by darkness slain.
 Then bursting forth in glorious day,
 Up from the grave he rose again!
 And as he stands in victory,
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 For I am his and he is mine,
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 This is the power of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man,
 Can ever pluck me from his hand;
 'Til he returns or calls me home,
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

THE PREACHED WORD: *God brings us good news.***Reading: Ephesians 6:10–20**

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**Sermon— “Battle Instructions From the Prince of Peace”**

Sermon Notes

ACT 3: COMMITMENT***‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus***

Words: Louisa Stead; Music: William Kirkpatrick

❖ *Sing during the offering*

**’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his Word;
Just to rest upon his promise, and to know, “Thus says the Lord!”**

***Chorus* Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
 How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er
 Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
 O for grace to trust him more!**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me ’neath the healing, cleansing flood!**

Chorus

**Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.**

Chorus

**I’m so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.**

Chorus

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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.*

Why are believers called Christians?

Because by faith we are members of Christ, confess His Name, present ourselves living sacrifices to Him, fight against sin and the devil in this life, and in eternity reign with Him.

MISSIONS TO COSTA RICA AND HAITI**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *We commit our concerns.***

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

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Words and Music: Martin Luther (arr. Chris Weldon)

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

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing,
Our helper, he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe, who seeks to work us woe,
Whose craft and power are great, is armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be, Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord God of Hosts, his name, from age to age the same
And he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abides in us.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Jesus Christ who sides with us.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill, God's truth continues still,
His kingdom is forever.**