

## ***Announcements***

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

### **CPC Ladies' Christmas Party--December 3rd**

All ladies high school age and older are invited to the CPC Ladies' Christmas party on Saturday December 3rd at 6:30pm at the church. Come for a night of food, friends and fun! We'll be serving a light dinner followed by Christmas desserts from around the globe. If you would like to contribute, we'll be collecting gifts to send to two of our missionaries who have just recently had babies (more details to follow). Come dressed in your most festive holiday sweaters, socks and/or jewelry--we'll be having a contest for the "most festive Christmas outfit!" Please RSVP to Pam Wells by email (pamelaswells@gmail.com) by Nov 30th if you'll be able to come. We hope you can make it!

## **Service of Worship November 20, 2011 Twenty Third 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**

#### **ACT 1: APPROACH**

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

*From Psalm 99:1-3*

The Lord reigns, great is his name!

**He is exalted over all the nations!**

Praise the Lord, for he is holy!

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

**Jesus Messiah**

Chris Tomlin | Daniel Carson | Ed Cash | Jesse Reeves

He became sin, who knew no sin;  
That we might become his righteousness;  
He humbled himself, and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

*Chorus* Jesus, Messiah, name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners,  
The Ransom from heaven;  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, his blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

*Chorus*

All our hope is in you,  
All our hope is in you;  
All the glory to you, God,  
The Light of the world.

*Chorus*

Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

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**ACT 5: COMMISSIONING****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.

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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**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.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 19:1–6**

<sup>1</sup>On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. <sup>2</sup>They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup>while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup>You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup>and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

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).

***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 sign 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.**

## 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 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.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is our greatest joy and highest privilege to give you thanks and praise, Father Almighty. By your word, the universe was created and by that same word you promised to give Abraham an inheritance. We know that you are faithful to your promises, for to us you have prepared something better. For when we were in need, even to the point of desperation, you gave your Son, who for the joy set before him endured the cross on our behalf. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and wine that through them we may be nourished by our Savior, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Make us one with him and one with all who share in this feast. Amen.

### 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.**

*Act 1: Approach*

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 1:4–8

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail<sup>8</sup> on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

## ACT 2: RENEWAL

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

*Based on 1 Peter 1:13–2:4*

Father, forgive us because we fail to live holy lives.

**We have not set our hope on Jesus Christ but have yielded to our passions.**

Father, forgive us for not loving each other earnestly.

**We have treated each other with anger, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander.**

Cleanse us for the sake of your son who ransomed us with his precious blood.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### *Act 3: Commitment*

### Sermon– “Holy” Reborn of God

### *Sermon Notes:*

**THE PREACHED WORD: *God brings us good news.*****Reading: 1 Peter 1:13–2:3**

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup>but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup>since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." <sup>17</sup>And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

"All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

<sup>1</sup> So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****ACT 3: COMMITMENT*****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.**

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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.*

**MISSIONS UPDATE: Hogar Providencia, Children's Home, Santa Marta, Colombia****PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: We commit our concerns.**

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

**Prayer and Support for Hogar Providencia**

- Providing food, clothes, shelter and education to homeless and abandoned street children.
- Pastor Jaime Leal of Iglesia Calvario Church and volunteers who care for over 40 children and also reach out to needy community families.
- Hogar children who go to John Calvin School along with other students.
- Christ Presbyterian as we join other PCA churches for the chicken-eggs project, a new vegetable garden and a bakery which will provide food sources.
- Gospel through Colombia as they focus on the astounding response to the Pastors' Mentoring Program which brings reformed Biblical education to church leaders and planters in Colombia and throughout Latin America.

**You Alone Can Rescue**

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

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

**Who, O Lord, could save themselves, their own soul could heal?  
Our shame was deeper than the sea, your grace is deeper still.  
(REPEAT)**

**Chorus**                    **And you alone can rescue, you alone can save.  
You alone can lift us from the grave.  
You came down to find us, led us out of death.  
To you alone belongs the highest praise,  
To you alone belongs the highest praise.**

**You, O Lord, have made a way, the great divide you healed.  
For when our hearts were far away, your love went further still.  
Yes, your love goes further still.**

**Chorus**

**We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes.  
You're the giver of life.  
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes.  
You're the giver of life.**

**Chorus 2**                    **And you alone can rescue, you alone can save.  
You alone can lift us from the grave.  
You came down to find us, led us out of death.  
To you alone belongs the highest praise,  
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