

Announcements

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

College Lunch–Today

All college students are invited to lunch after worship today at Richard & Elaine Jacobsen's home. They'll be at the back of the sanctuary today if you need directions or more information.

Which Came First...the Chicken or the Egg?

Our "Friday Nights Out" children know the answer for Hogar la Providencia in Santa Marta, Colombia. ASK THEM!

Service of Worship November 6, 2011 Twenty First 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

Grant what thou commandest, and command what thou dost desire.

–St. Augustine, *Confessions* 10, 29

Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works.

–James, the brother of Jesus Christ

It is so hard to believe because it is so hard to obey.

–Soren Kierkegaard

ACT 1: APPROACH

CALL TO WORSHIP: *God summons us.*

Trusting in God's mercy, present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

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***O Love That Will Not Let Me Go***

Words: George Matheson; Music: Christopher Miner

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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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.*

How Great is Our God

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves

**The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty!
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.**

***Chorus* How great is our God!
 Sing with me
 How great is our God!
 All will see how great,
 How great is our God!**

**Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.**

Chorus

***Bridge* Name above all names, worthy of all praise,
 My heart will sing, how great is our God!**

Chorus

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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).

Befriended

Words & Music: Matt Redman

**Befriended, befriended by the King above all kings;
Surrendered, surrendered to the Friend above all friends.**

**Invited, invited deep into this mystery;
Delighted, delighted by the wonders I have seen.**

**Chorus This will be my story,
 This will be my song.
 You'll always be my Savior,
 Jesus, you will always have my heart.**

**Astounded, astounded that your gospel beckoned me;
Surrounded, surrounded, but I've never been so free.**

Chorus

**Determined, determined now to live this life for you;
You're so worthy;
My greatest gift would be the least you're due.**

Chorus

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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, for you are the God who sees and provides. Your provision flows to us from the abundance of your creation. From the air we breathe, to the food we taste, to the beauty that we see all around—your goodness and love surround us. And when we were in need, even to the point of desperation, you saw and provided your Son, your only begotten Son, the Son whom you love. In Christ, you have given us everything that through him we might give our lives back to you. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and wine that through them we may be nourished by our Savior. Make us one with him and through him make our lives a living sacrifice, wholly devoted to you. Amen.

Act 1: Approach

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Deuteronomy 10:12–15

¹²"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.

Romans 12:1–2

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ACT 2: RENEWAL

CONFESSION OF SIN: *We own our faults.*

Sovereign God, you created us to worship you and bring you glory. And yet instead of honoring you and your word, our attitudes and actions often disgrace your reputation. Instead of walking in your ways, we do what is expedient and popular. Instead of loving you above all else, we idolize marriage, children, career, ministry, and life itself. Instead of serving you single-mindedly, our commitment is more often half-hearted and disingenuous. We now confess the particular ways in which we have done these things.

Silent Confession

For the sake of your Son forgive our many sins and by your Spirit make us living sacrifices, totally pleasing to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Hear the Gospel of Christ: God made him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ there is New Creation!

The old things have passed away; behold, the new has come.

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself.

Act 3: Commitment

Surrender

Words & Music: Marc James

**I'm giving you my heart
And all that is within.
I lay it all down
For the sake of you, my King.
I'm giving you my dreams.
I'm laying down my rights.
I'm giving up my pride
For the promise of new life.**

***Chorus* And I surrender
 All to you, all to you.
 And I surrender
 All to you, all to you.**

**I'm singing you this song.
I'm waiting at the cross.
And all the world holds dear—
I count it all as loss
For the sake of knowing you,
The glory of your name.
To know the lasting joy,
Even sharing in your pain.**

Chorus

CCLI Song No. 3033179

Sermon— “How Much Will It Cost to Follow God?”*Sermon Notes***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.*

Thy Mercy, My God

Words and Music: John Stocker | Sandra McCracken

**Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song;
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.**

**Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here.
Sin would reduce me to utter despair.
But through thy free goodness my spirits revive
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.**

**Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart;
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.
Dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found.
Hallelujah**

**Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son.
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine...
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *We commit our concerns.*

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

Our Great God

Words and Music: Mac Powell and Fernando Ortega

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

**Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
Your boundless love, unfailing, 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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THE PREACHED WORD: *God brings us good news.***Reading: Genesis 22:1–19**

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." ¹⁹So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION