

Announcements

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

Friday Nights Out–October 14th, 21st, 28th, November 4th

Friday Nights Out is a 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.

Volunteers needed: If you are interested in helping with Friday Nights Out and have been regularly attending the church for at least 6 months, please contact Debbie Corazza at mscdfh@cox.net. For the safety of our children and peace of mind for our parents, we require all volunteers who work with children to complete an application and provide references.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet after worship next Sunday, October 16th.

Service of Worship October 9, 2011 Seventeenth 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 100:1-5

Make a joyful noise to the LORD!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD is God, he made us, and we are his people!

Give thanks to him; praise his name!

The LORD is good, his love endures to all generations!

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord (Psalm 95:1-6)

Words: Scottish Psalter, 1615 Music: Alexander R. Reinagle

**O come, let us sing to the Lord,
To him our voices raise;
With joyful noise let us the rock
Of our salvation praise.**

**Before his presence let us come
With praise and thankful voice;
Let us sing joyful psalms to him,
With grateful hearts rejoice.**

**The Lord our God is King of kings,
Above all gods his throne;
The depths of earth are in his hand,
The mountains are his own.**

**O come and, bowing down to him,
Our worship let us bring;
O let us praise the gracious Lord,
Our maker and our king.**

ACT 5: COMMISSIONING

Our Great God

Words and Music: Mac Powell and Fernando Ortega

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

Act 1: Approach

God of Wonders

Words and Music: Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation,
Of water, earth and sky,
The heavens are your tabernacle,
Glory to the Lord on high.

Chorus 1 God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty,
You are holy, holy.

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night.

Chorus 2 God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty,
You are holy, holy,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Bridge Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth (2x)

Chorus 3 God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me,
Father, holy, holy,
The universe declares your majesty.
You are holy, holy.

Chorus 1

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INVOCATION: *We ask God to meet us.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Deuteronomy 10:12–16

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. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

Romans 2:28–29

²⁸For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. ²⁹But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

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).

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 13 as a guide.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**PRAYER FOR APPROACHING THE TABLE**

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercies. In ourselves, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But You, Lord, delight to show us mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, that by faith we might be nourished and edified by Jesus Christ, that we may dwell in him, and he in us.

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

Heavenly Father,

**You have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way
and broken your laws.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.**

**For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.**

**By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you more and more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rock of Ages

Words: Augustus M. Toplady; Music: Thomas Hastings Arr: Chris Rice

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in thee;
 Let the water and the blood,
 From thy wounded side which flowed,
 Be of sin the double cure,
 Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labor of my hands
 Can fulfill thy law's demands;
 Could my zeal no respite know,
 Could my tears forever flow,
 These for sin could not atone;
 Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
 Simply to thy cross I cling;
 Naked, come to thee for dress;
 Helpless, look to thee for grace;
 Foul, I to the fountain fly;
 Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
 When my eyes shall close in death,
 When I rise to worlds unknown,
 And behold thee on thy throne,
 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in thee.

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I Surrender All

Words & Music: Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter | Winfield Scott Weedon

All to Jesus I surrender,
 All to him I freely give.
 I will ever love and trust him;
 In his presence daily live.

Chorus I surrender all,
 I surrender all.
 All to thee my blessed Savior,
 I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
 Humbly at his feet I bow.
 Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
 Take me Jesus, take me now.

Chorus

All to Jesus I surrender,
 Make me Savior wholly thine.
 Let me feel the Holy Spirit;
 Truly know that thou art mine.

Chorus

All to Jesus I surrender,
 Lord I give myself to thee.
 Fill me with thy love and power,
 Let thy blessing fall on me.

Chorus

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Sermon– “A Covenant In Your Flesh”*Sermon Notes**Act 3: Commitment***ACT 3: COMMITMENT****MISSIONS REPORT–GREECE****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).*

Praying for Greece

- The influence and stability of the Greek Bible Institute, and the future training of Reformed pastors.
- The missional love of the mercy projects in Athens, including homeless and cleaning projects for the city.
- The incarnating ministry to Albanian immigrants in Athens through a Community Center loving families.
- For the New Life ministries designed to rescue women trapped in sex trafficking and the brothels of Athens.
- For the growth of the new church plant in Exarchia ... in the heart of the city of Athens!
- For the continued expansion and wisdom for Mission To The World’s program “Thrive”, which equips students in mission.

You Are Holy

Words and Music: Christine Byrd & Steve Hindalong

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

**Praise Father God, giver of life,
Power and might, goodness and light, ruler of all.
Praise to the Son, the living Christ,
Body and blood, mercy and love, sweet sacrifice.**

Chorus **You are holy, holy.
 You are holy, holy.**

**Praise Holy Ghost, voice in the dark,
Healer and friend, fire and wind, Lord of our hearts.
Praise Father God, praise to the Son,
Praise Holy Ghost, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Chorus

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THE PREACHED WORD: *God brings us good news.***Reading: Genesis 17:1–14; 26**

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

⁹And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. ¹⁰This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹²He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, ¹³both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

²⁶That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. ²⁷And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION