

## ***Announcements***

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

### **Town Hall Meeting–Today**

Exciting news! Everyone is invited to stay for a short meeting today to hear a special announcement about the life of our church.

### **Membership Meeting–September 11th**

All members are asked to attend a meeting after worship next week. The agenda for the meeting includes a vote on bylaw changes.

### **CPC Connect Class–September 11th**

Come consider with us whether confirming your relationship to Christ Presbyterian Church through membership is right for you. We'll meet after worship beginning next week for 4 weeks. Lunch will be provided. Next week, meet Rich & Evie Prohaska at the welcome table by the entrance to go to lunch together. Please let us know you're coming by contacting the church office at 957-4200 or info@cpcsb.org.

### **College Lunch–September 11th**

Welcome back Westmont and SBCC students! Anyone of college age is invited to lunch at Richard & Elaine Jacobsen's home after worship next Sunday. Contact them or the church office for directions or transportation.

## **Service of Worship September 4th, 2011 Twelfth 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**

*The whole Bible renders to us the story of God's mission through God's people in their engagement with God's world for the sake of the whole of God's creation.*

–Christopher J.H. Wright

*God did not call his people to a mountain-top monastery but to a strip mall on Main Street.*

–Michael D. Williams

### **ACT 1: APPROACH**

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

*From Psalm 100*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Worship him with gladness; come before him with joyful songs!

***O Worship the King***

Words: Robert Grant; Music: Johann Haydn (Chorus by: Chris Tomlin)

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his wonderful love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

**Chorus**        You alone are the matchless King,  
                  To you alone be all majesty,  
                  Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?  
                  You breathe in the air, you shine in the light.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless might! Ineffable love!  
While angels delight to worship above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall all sing your praise.

**Chorus**

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**ACT 5: COMMISSIONING*****Forever***

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King.  
His love endures forever.  
For he is good, he is above all things,  
His love endures forever, sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever,  
sing praise, sing praise. (2x)

**Chorus**        Forever God is faithful,  
                  Forever God is strong,  
                  Forever God is with us,  
                  Forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
By the grace of God we will carry on  
His love endures forever,  
sing praise, sing praise (2x)

**(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.

## *Let Creation Sing*

Words and Music: Reuben Morgan

**The whole earth overflowing  
With your power and your glory,  
There is no one like you, God,  
There is no one like you, God.**

**Mountains bow, nations tremble,  
At your feet we cry Holy,  
There is no one like you, God,  
There is no one like you, God.**

***Chorus*            Let creation sing of the risen King,  
Let the universe resound,  
With a shout of love we will give to you  
All the highest praise.**

**Let your light shine upon us,  
Let your light shine upon us,  
For the glory of your name  
Will be over all the earth.**

***Chorus***

***Bridge*            Forever, forever I'll sing (2x)**

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together

<sup>9</sup>before the LORD, for he comes  
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

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).

***Grace Flows Down***

Words and Music: David Bell, Louie Giglio and Rod Pageant (arr. Mark Jean)

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
Amazing love, now flowing down  
From hands and feet, that were nailed to the tree.  
Grace flows down and covers me. (2x)**

***Chorus*            And covers me. (4x)**

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
Amazing love, now flowing down  
From hands and feet, that were nailed to the tree.  
Grace flows down and covers me.**

***Chorus***

***Bridge*            Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within.  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all my sin.**

***Chorus***

***Bridge***

## 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.

### 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 1: Approach*

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 1:15–20

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by<sup>15</sup> him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

## ACT 2: RENEWAL

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

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

**We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

Deepen within us a sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.

**Father, you are compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, and merciful; there is always forgiveness with you!**

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, for the sake of our Son Jesus Christ, Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### *Act 3: Commitment*

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

#### Reading: Genesis 12:1–9

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Sermon— "What's Our Mission Again? Abraham, Israel, and Us"**

*Sermon Notes*

**How Firm A Foundation**

Words and Music: Richard Keen

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

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed;  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

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**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Words: Robert Robinson; Music: American Folk Melody

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise his name, I'm fixed upon it,  
The name of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;  
Hither, by thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Bought me with his precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

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## ACT 3: COMMITMENT

### CONFESSION OF FAITH: *We commit our allegiance.*

Scripture tells the story of God's mission, which is to extend his reign through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**We believe that Christian mission is rooted in the mission of the triune God. The Father is the source of the mission, the Son is the embodiment of the mission, and the Spirit empowers God's people to take part in his mission of renewal.**

### *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.*

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *We commit our concerns.*

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