

### **Prelude and Silent Prayer**

The abstraction of doctrine and theology from life has been one of the great disasters in the life of the church... To abstract Biblical faith from life to the classroom, and to limit its relevance to the private realm, is one of the great evils of the modern church. The Biblical prophets could not imagine such a departure. God being totally God and Lord over all things, no sphere of life or thought can be outside His government and authority. **R.J. Rushdoony**

To prepare for worship, please be seated when the prelude begins.

\* Denotes congregation standing.

\*\* Denotes congregation standing, and lifting of hands.

### **\*God Calls His People to Worship**      Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall see disaster no more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." AMEN

### **God's People Respond to His Call to Worship**

(Hymn 660)

*O God beyond all praising, we worship You today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end;  
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:  
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. AMEN*

### **\*Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:27-31**

*Leader: All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.*

*Congregation: For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations.*

*Leader: All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship;*

*Congregation: All those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive.*

*Leader: A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,*

*Congregation: They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has done this. AMEN*

### **\*Psalm 22I      Book of Psalms for Singing**

### **God Calls His People to Repentance**      Jonah 2:2b-3, 7

*I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, and He answered me. Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and You heard my voice. For You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the floods surrounded me; all Your billows and Your waves passed over me... When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; and my prayer went up to You, into Your holy temple. AMEN*

### **God's People Respond by Confessing Their Sins**

*Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession*

*Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.*

*Congregation: Almighty God,*

*Our Heavenly Father,*

*We have sinned against you and against our fellow men,*

*In thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done*

*And in the good we have not done,*

*Through ignorance, through weakness,*

*Through our own deliberate fault.*

*We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.*

*For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who died for us,*

*Forgive us all that is past;*

*And grant that we may serve You in newness of life*

*To the glory of Your name AMEN*

### **God Assures His People of their Forgiveness**

*Exodus 15:11 & 13 Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? ... You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation. AMEN*

*Leader: Our sins are forgiven!*

*Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

### **\*God's People Respond with Praise for the Forgiveness of Sins**

### **\*Psalm 65A      Book of Psalms for Singing**

### **God's People Confess Their Faith**

#### **Westminster Confession of Faith – 5.1**

*Leader: Christians, what do you believe concerning God's works of providence?*

*Congregation: God the great Creator of all things doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy. AMEN*

### **God Calls His People to Cast Their Cares upon Him**

*Matthew 18:19-20 Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them. AMEN*

### **God's People Respond by Bringing Their Petitions**

Prayer of Intercession followed by *The Lord's Prayer*

*God's People Worship by Bringing Their Tithes and Offerings*  
*Offertory, followed by \*\*The Doxology*

### **God Speaks to His People through His Word**

\*The Reading of the Scriptures

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

### **The Sermon: Dr. Joel McDurmon**

**\*Lift High the Cross      Hymn 263**

### **God Communes with His People**

*Leader: God is good!*

*Congregation: All the time!*

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Let us pray.*

### **Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Congregation: God of all good,*

*I bless Thee for the means of grace.*

*Thou hast prepared for me a feast;*

*And though I am unworthy to sit down as guest,*

*I wholly rest on the merits of Jesus,*

*And hide myself beneath His righteousness.*

*In the supper I remember His eternal love,*

*Boundless grace, infinite compassion, agony, cross,*

*Redemption, and receive assurance of pardon, adoption, life, glory.*

*As the outward elements nourish my body,*

*So may the indwelling Spirit invigorate my soul,*

*Until that day when I hunger and thirst no more,*

*And sit with Jesus at His heavenly feast. AMEN*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

**\*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

**Hymn 420**

**God Commissions His People**      *Philippians*

4:8

*Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. AMEN*

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**      *Hymn 385*

*God be with you till we meet again, by His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

AMEN

**Opportunities for Fellowship and Service**

- Men's Meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – RSVP to Daniel Ferrill by Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Dance Class from 7-9pm on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall

- Chalcedon 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

- Financial Peace University, beginning on or about March 12<sup>th</sup>

*To our guests:* We are delighted that you have joined us for our covenant renewal worship! Our liturgy begins with God calling His people into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise (Ps. 100:4). As we draw nearer to God, we confess our sins together and receive cleansing in the blood of Jesus (Eph. 2:11-14). Clothed in the covering of His righteousness, we proclaim our faith and offer our prayers as incense before the throne of God (Rev. 5:8). After hearing the Word of the Lord and its exhortation, we are consecrated to approach the throne of grace, commune with the Lamb of God, and renew our covenant with the Lord of glory at His table (Heb. 4:14-16). Finally, God sends us out into the world with His lessons to extend Jesus' kingdom on earth (John 17:17-18; Matt. 28:18-20).

All those baptized into Jesus Christ are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper as a means of renewing our faith and our vows of covenant love and fidelity with Christ, who is with us by His Spirit, and with the church, which is His Body. We serve both wine and grape juice for communion. If you have a preference, please inform the elder who is distributing the elements.

Morning worship is at **9:30 AM**, followed by coffee & fellowship. Men's Bible Study and Ladies' Meetings are held regularly; please ask for details.

For more information please check out our website at:  
[www.ChristChurchBranchCove.org](http://www.ChristChurchBranchCove.org)

**Elders:** Keith Diamond and Ted Phillips

**Deacons:** Christopher Diamond, Daniel Ferrill, Chris King,  
John LaBreche, and Alan Marsh

**Sermon Notes**

# Christ Church

*Worshiping Christ and equipping God's people  
to extend His Lordship  
down through our generations  
and out into the world.*

**The Lord's Day  
Covenant Renewal Service  
March 1, 2015**

**Sunday Service Teams**

March

April

May

June

July

**Officer**

D. Ferrill

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McCoy, Porter, Reese

Taylor, White, Brodock, J. Phillips

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