

Prelude and Silent Prayer
He who heeds the Word prospers,
And blessed is he who trusts in the Lord. Proverbs 16:20

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

** Denotes congregation standing.*

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***God Calls His People to Worship:** *Psalm 95:1-3*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. AMEN

God's People Respond to His Call to Worship (Hymn 164)

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.*

*He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood avails for me.*

*He speaks and, list'ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.
AMEN*

*Responsive Reading: **Psalm 98**

Leader: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

Congregation: He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

Leader: Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm, with trumpets and the sound of a horn; shout joyfully before the Lord, the King. Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it;

*Congregation: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity.
AMEN*

***Book of Psalms for Singing**

Psalm 98A

God Calls His People to Repentance: *I John 1:5-6*

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 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: O most merciful God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to You;

We humbly confess our sins, and implore Your mercy.

We have not loved You with a pure heart fervently;

Neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justly, nor loved mercy,

Nor walked humbly with You, our God.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to Your loving-kindness;

According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,

Blot out our iniquity.

Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from Your presence,

And take not Your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation,

And uphold us with your free Spirit.

In Jesus' name. AMEN

God Assures His People of their Forgiveness *I Peter 2:24*

*And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross that we might die to sin and live in righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.
AMEN*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: *Thanks be to God!*

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

***Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

Hymn 508

God's People Confess Their Faith: The Scots Confession, ch. 1

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to Whom alone we must cleave, Whom alone we must serve, Whom only we must worship, and in Whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By Whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence for such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of His own glory. AMEN

God Calls His People to Cast Their Cares upon Him

James 5:13-16 *Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. 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: *Ezra 7:7-28*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: "Restoring Worship"

***Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground** **Hymn 518**

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: Thanks be to You,
O God, for Your presence and Your purpose,
for Your lovingkindness and Your steadfast Spirit.
May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith,
increase our generosity, and unify our hearts,
for we pray in the name of Jesus,
the Risen One. AMEN**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Psalm 16B**

Book of Psalms for Singing

God Commissions His People *I Corinthians 15:58*

Elder: Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. AMEN

****Benediction**

*Congregational Response (Hymn 737)
Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

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*

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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
November 15, 2015*