

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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**

Psalm 100:4-5: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations. AMEN

*** God’s People Respond to His Call to Worship**

(Hymn 100)

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! AMEN*

*** Responsive Reading: Psalm 148**

Leader: Praise the LORD.

Congregation: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

Leader: Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

Congregation: Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him all you stars of light!

Leader: Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Congregation: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created.

Leader: He also established them forever and ever;

Congregation: He made a decree which shall not pass away.

Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all the depths;

Congregation: fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy winds fulfilling His word;

Leader: mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars;

Congregation: beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl;

*Leader: kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the earth;
Congregation: both young men and maidens; old men and children.*

*Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted;
Congregation: His glory is above the earth and heaven.*

*Leader: And He has exalted the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints –
of the children of Israel, a people near to Him.*

Congregation: Praise the LORD. AMEN

*** Book of Psalms for Singing**

Psalm 148

God Calls His People to Repentance

James 2:10: For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. 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: Righteous God,
You have crowned Your Son, Jesus Christ, as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not wholly bowed before Him
and are slow to acknowledge His rule over us.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world
and fail to be governed by justice and love.
We have failed to love You with all our hearts
and our neighbors as ourselves.
We have praised the riches of the world
more than Your grace to us.
We have shared with others more of the trifles of this world
than the riches of Christ to those who need Him.
Our conversations have been dominated with topics of work and play,
not with speaking about Your wonders and glory.
We misplace priorities by filling our lives with lesser matters
to the neglect of the weightier matters of life, law, and grace.
We have not honored the day You have set aside
to worship You in Spirit and Truth.
We have squandered our resources
and have not been faithful in giving You our time and tithes.
Our saltiness and light to this world has not been what it should be
and our land now suffers because of our great sins.
For these and all our sins,
we ask Your mercy and forgiveness.
We ask for You to change us
so that we will be who You designed us to be,
and that we might live in a manner well-pleasing in Your sight.
In all these things, we claim the merits of Christ our King,
in Whose name we pray. AMEN*

God Assures His People of their Forgiveness

1 John 2:1: My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. AMEN

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

God’s People Respond with Praise for Forgiveness

**** Book of Psalms for Singing***

Psalm 65A

God’s People Confess Their Faith

**** The Apostles’ Creed***

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God Calls His People to Cast Their Cares upon Him

Psalm 34:2-4: My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. AMEN

God’s People Respond by Bringing Their Petitions

Prayer of Intercession followed by The Lord's Prayer

God’s People Worship by Bringing Tithes & Offerings

*Offertory, followed by ** The Doxology*

God Speaks to His People Through His Word

**** The Reading of the Scriptures:***

Luke 19:11-27

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon:

Return of the King

**** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

Hymn 164

God Communes with His People

Elder: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

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

Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Congregation: Oh God of all good,
We bless You for Your means of grace.
You have prepared for us a feast.
And though we are unworthy to sit down as guests,
We wholly rest on the merits of your Son, Jesus Christ,
And we hide ourselves beneath His righteousness.
In the supper we remember His eternal love and boundless grace;
We remember his infinite compassion and glorious redemption.
As the outward elements nourish our bodies,
So may Your indwelling Spirit invigorate our souls,
Until that day when we hunger and thirst no more,
And we sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast. AMEN*

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

** Jesus Shall Reign*

Hymn 441

Sermon Notes

God Commissions His People

Titus 2:11-14: For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. 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:

- **Christmas Dinner – December 4, 6:00pm**
- **Fellowship Meal – December 6 – Missions Team Presentation**
- **Christmas Caroling – Wednesday, December 16, 6:00pm**

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.*

| Sunday Service Teams | Officer | Partner Families |
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| <i>November</i> | <i>C. Diamond</i> | <i>K. Diamond, D. Phillips</i> |
| <i>December</i> | <i>J. LaBreche</i> | <i>Crawford, Vest, Price</i> |
| <i>January</i> | <i>D. Ferrill</i> | <i>McCoy, Reese, Machamer</i> |
| <i>February</i> | <i>A. Marsh</i> | <i>Brodock, J. Phillips</i> |
| <i>March</i> | <i>C. King</i> | <i>T. Phillips</i> |

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 22, 2015***

*For more information please visit our website at:
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Elders: Keith Diamond and Ted Phillips
Deacons: Christopher Diamond, Daniel Ferrill,
Chris King, John LaBreche, and Alan Marsh