

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants – everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant – Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations. – Isaiah 56:6-7

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 106:47-48*

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the Gentiles, to give thanks to Your holy name, to triumph in Your praise. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the Lord! AMEN

God’s People Respond to His Call to Worship

(Hymn 310)

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;

When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o’er earth and heav’n;

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

He sits at Gods right hand till all His foes submit,

And bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

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

***Psalm 98 Book of Psalms for Singing**

God Calls His People to Repentance *Daniel 9:4-5*

And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments...” 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: Lord, we confess that there is no one righteous, No, not one.

No one understands, no one seeks for God.

We all have turned aside; together we have become worthless;

No one does good, not even one.

So to You, O Lord, do we lift up our souls.

O Lord God, in You do we trust.

Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your paths.

Lead us in Your truth, and teach us,

For You are the God of our salvation;

For You we do wait all the day long.

Remember Your mercy, O Lord,

And Your steadfast love.

Remember not our sins and transgressions;

According to Your steadfast love,

Remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord! AMEN

God Assures His People of their Forgiveness

Romans 5:9-11 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. AMEN

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Hymn 457**

*God’s People Confess Their Faith – The Nicene Creed
Trinity Hymnal, page 846*

God Calls His People to Cast Their Cares upon Him

I John 5:14-15 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. 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: Matthew 2:1-18*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: Epiphany: A Light to the Nations

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

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: We do not presume to come to this Your table
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
But in Your manifold and great mercies.*

We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under Your table.

But You are the same Lord;

You ever love to show mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,

So to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ,

And to drink His cup,

That our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body,

And our souls washed through His most precious blood,

And that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

For All the Saints* **Hymn 358

God Commissions His People *Matthew 28:18-20*

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." AMEN

****Benediction**

***Congregational Response** *Gloria Patri (Hymn 734)*

Opportunities for Fellowship and Service

- Men's Meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday, January 14 – RSVP to Daniel Ferrill by Monday the 12th.
- Dance Class (West Coast Swing) from 3-5pm on Saturday, January 17th in the Fellowship Hall

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

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
January 11, 2015**

Sunday Service Teams	Officer	Partner Families
January	C. Diamond	K. Diamond, Stephens, D. Phillips
February	J. LaBreche	Crawford, Vest, Anderson, Randall
March	D. Ferrill	McCoy, Porter, Reese
April	A. Marsh	Taylor, White, Brodock, J. Phillips
May	C. King	T. Phillips, Wheeler