

*Prelude and Silent Prayer*

*By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. Hebrews 13:15*

*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 33:1-3*

*Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. Praise the Lord with the harp; make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy. AMEN*

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

(Hymn 295)

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own;  
Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for Thee,  
And hail Him as Thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise;  
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity. 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:** *Ephesians 5:25b-27*

*..Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 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 and most merciful Father,*

*We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.*

*We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.*

*We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed,*

*By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.*

*We have not loved You with our whole heart;*

*We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

*We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.*

*For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,*

*Have mercy on us and forgive us;*

*That we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,*

*To the glory of Your Name. AMEN*

**God Assures His People of their Forgiveness**

*1 Corinthians 15:19-22 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. AMEN*

**Leader:** Our sins are forgiven!

**Congregation:** *Thanks be to God!*

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

**\*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

**Hymn 500**

**God's People Confess Their Faith**

**\*The Nicene Creed**

**Trinity Hymnal Page 846**

**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: *1 Corinthians 15:35-58*

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** *Thanks be to God!*

The Sermon:

*“Your Labor is Not in Vain”*

**\*Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

**Hymn 508**

**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: Merciful Father, we lift our eyes from the visible elements even as we lift up our hearts to heaven itself, where Jesus Christ is, seated on the right hand of the Father, from where He shall come again to complete our redemption, in whom all the promises of God are fulfilled, and all spiritual blessings are to be found. In joy of heart, in brotherly union, in Christian love we come to partake of Your table, giving thanks for the great love which You have shown to us through Christ our Lord. AMEN*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

**\*Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God**

**Hymn 11**

**God Commissions His People** *1 Thessalonians 3:12-13:*

*And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. AMEN*

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response (from Hymn 115)**

*Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one,*

*O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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**Opportunities for Fellowship and Service**

*- Men's Meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 13 – RSVP to Daniel Ferrill by Monday, May 11.*

*- Sanctity of Marriage Rally – Saturday, May 16, 10am-11am, Ashville Courthouse.*

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*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)*

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

<i>Sunday Service Teams</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>Partner Families</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>C. King</i>	<i>T. Phillips, Wheeler</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>C. Diamond</i>	<i>K. Diamond, Stephens, D. Phillips</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>J. LaBreche</i>	<i>Crawford, Vest, Anderson, Randall</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>D. Ferrill</i>	<i>McCoy, Reese</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>A. Marsh</i>	<i>Taylor, White, Brodock, J. Phillips</i>

*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  
May 10, 2015*