

### **Prelude and Silent Prayer**

Doctrinal rightness and rightness of ecclesiastical position are important, but only as a starting point to go on into a living relationship - and not as ends in themselves. **Francis Schaeffer**

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 24:1-2, 9-10

The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters... Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. AMEN

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

(Hymn 101)

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise, Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend, come, and thy people bless  
And give thy Word success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be,  
Hence evermore, His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore. AMEN

### **\*Responsive Reading: Psalm 128**

Leader: Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways.

Congregation: When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.

Leader: Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants all around your table.

Congregation: Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.

Leader: The LORD bless you out of Zion, and may you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

Congregation: Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel! AMEN

\*Psalm 128A Book of Psalms for Singing

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

...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: 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 John 2:1-2 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. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. AMEN

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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

\*Lift High the Cross Hymn 263

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

\*The Nicene Creed Trinity Hymnal pg. 846

### **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: Romans 1

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: Cultural Judgment: How Shall We Then Live?

\*This Is My Father's World Hymn 111

### **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: It is truly appropriate and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty everlasting God. But it is especially fitting that we should now, gathered around this Table, thank You for Your gracious covenant promises to us in Christ. Remember, Father, our Lord's humble birth, His holy life, His innocent sufferings and death, and His resurrection and ascension for us. Faithfully keep Your covenant with us for Jesus' sake and come now to nourish and equip us for service in Your kingdom. By Your Spirit make the body and blood of our Lord life-giving nourishment for Your people; in Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing Hymn 420

### **God Commissions His People**

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil. AMEN

### **\*\*Benediction**

Congregational Response

Gloria Patri (735)

### **Opportunities for Fellowship and Service**

- Men's Meeting third Wednesday of each month.

**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

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

**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  
July 26, 2015*