

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 17, 2015

To the Modern Man the heavens are actually below the earth. The explanation is simple; he is standing on his head, which is a very weak pedestal to stand on. — G.K. Chesterton

Prelude and Silent Prayer

God Calls Us to Worship: Psalm 150 *Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the lute and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise Him with loud cymbals; praise Him with clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! AMEN*

O God Beyond All Praising

(Hymn 660) O God beyond all praising, We worship You today And sing the love amazing That songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift You send, At blessings without number and mercies without end; We lift our hearts before You And wait upon Your word, We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. Then hear, O gracious Savior, Accept the love we bring, That we who know Your favor May serve You as our King; And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, We'll triumph

through our sorrows And rise to bless You still: To marvel at Your beauty
and glory in Your ways, And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

AMEN Responsive Reading:

Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

Congregation: Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.

Leader: He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all the depths; fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling His word; mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars;

Congregation: Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl; kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the earth; both young men and maidens; old men and children. Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven. Congregation: 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. Praise the Lord! AMEN

Psalm 148

Book of Psalms for Singing

Confession of Sin:

Psalm 51:1b-4

...Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight – That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. AMEN

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God. Congregation: Heavenly Father,

eternal and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess before Your divine majesty that we are poor, miserable sinners. But we are penitent, Lord, and we grieve because of our sins whereby we provoked Your wrath. We bring accusation against ourselves and lay transgression to our own charge. Make us bold to desire that You may, in mercy, regard our miseries. Have compassion on us, most merciful God and Father, and be pleased to forgive all our sins for the sake of the passion of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 145:8, 14 *The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy... The Lord upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down. AMEN*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

We Lift Up as Our Shield God's Name

Hymn 104

Selections from The Westminster Creed

I believe God is a Spirit,

infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth; I believe there is but one true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; I believe God has foreordained whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions.

Intercessory Prayer

1 Kings 8:28-29a

Yet regard the prayer of your servant and his supplication, O Lord my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today: that Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day, toward the place of which You said, 'My name shall be there,' that You may bear the prayer which Your servant makes... AMEN

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory Forever. AMEN

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

God Consecrates Us with His Word

The Reading of the Scriptures:

Hebrews 11

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

The Sermon:

Building Christian Culture – Overview
For All the Saints

Hymn 358

God Communes with Us

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

At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Hymn 420

God Commissions Us Ephesians 5:15-17

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. AMEN

Benediction

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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