



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 31, 2023

*Making disciples who love Christ, his Word and his
Church, through the ordinary means of grace.*

Christ Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God

Lord's Day December 31, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares, to all who fail and desire strength, to all who sin and need a Savior, to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness and to whoever will come this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Revelation 4:9-11

Minister: And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

All: "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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Let angels prostrate fall

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race

Ye ransomed from the fall

Hail Him Who saves you by His grace

And crown Him Lord of all

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And crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
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And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
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Prayer of Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end, amen, amen

Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith 14.2

Minister: What is true, saving faith?

All: By this faith a Christian believes whatever is revealed in the word to be the true, authentic, authoritative statement of God himself. By this faith the believer also acts according to what particular passages

in the word say. By faith the believer humbly submits to and obeys God's various commands. He trembles at God's awesome threats, and eagerly embraces his promises about this life and the life to come. But the chief actions of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting on Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, in the power of the covenant of grace.

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

O sing hallelujah, our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah, now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Chorus

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him

There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus (2x)

Call to Confession

Romans 3:10-12, 20

“As it is written: ‘None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one...For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.’”

Confession of Sin Adapted from Richard Baxter’s The Savoy Liturgy (1661)

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O most great, just, and gracious God. You condemn the ungodly, but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ. We confess that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have dishonored and neglected those around us. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have run into temptations, and the sin, which we should have hated. We are careless, ignorant, rash and presumptuous against your commands, promises, threats, mercies and judgments. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. Be reconciled to us, and let the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from all our sins. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 10:11-12

“For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Minister: Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat, where Jesus answers prayer
There humbly fall before His feet, for none can perish there
Thy promise is my only plea, with this I venture nigh
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee and such, O Lord, am I

Bowed down beneath a load of sin, by Satan sorely pressed
By wars without and fears within, I come to Thee for rest
Be Thou my shield and hiding place, that, sheltered near Thy side
I may my fierce accuser face, and tell him Thou hast died!

O wondrous love! To bleed and die, to bear the cross and shame
That guilty sinners, such as I, might plead Thy gracious name!
"Poor tempest-toss-ed soul, be still; my promised grace receive
I'll work in thee both power and will; thou shalt in me believe"

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Prayer of Intercession

Mr. Clint Allen

Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Preaching of God's Word

Rev. Nolan Williamson

"The Boy Jesus in the Temple"

Luke 2:39-52

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior
All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor
All is well

Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation
All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation
All is well

Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow
All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow
All is well

On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
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Benediction



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at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum

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