



# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 3, 2023

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*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 September 3, 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

Psalms 106:47-48

"Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, 'Amen!' Praise the Lord!"

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee  
Who wert and art and ever more shall be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
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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

WCF Chapter 1 (selected sections)

**Minister:** What do we believe about God's Word?

**All:** Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence, do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of his will, which is necessary for salvation; therefore it pleased the Lord, to reveal himself, and to declare his will unto his Church; and, for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the Church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing; which makes the holy Scripture to be most necessary. The authority of the holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed and obeyed, depends not upon the testimony of any man or church, but wholly upon God (who is truth itself), the Author thereof; and therefore it is to be received, because it is the Word of God. The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men.

## **Christ The True And Better**

Christ the true and better Adam, Son of God and Son of man  
Who when tempted in the garden, never yielded never sinned  
He who makes the many righteous brings us back to life again  
Dying He reversed the curse, then rising crushed the serpent's head

Christ the true and better Isaac, humble son of sacrifice  
Who would climb the fearful mountain, there to offer up his life  
Laid with faith upon the altar, Father's joy and only son  
There salvation was provided, oh what full and boundless love

### **Chorus**

Amen, amen, from beginning to end  
Christ the story, His the glory  
Alleluia amen

Christ the true and better Moses, called to lead a people home  
Standing bold to earthly powers, God's great glory to be known  
With his arms stretched wide to heaven, see the waters part in two  
See the veil is torn forever, cleansed with blood we pass now through

### *Chorus*

Christ the true and better David, lowly shepherd mighty King  
He the champion in the battle, where o death is now thy sting?  
In our place He bled and conquered, crown Him Lord of majesty  
His shall be the throne forever, we shall e'er His people be

### *Chorus - 2x*

## **Call to Confession**

Psalm 41:4

"As for me, I said, 'O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!'"

## **Confession of Sin**

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Holy Father, we acknowledge that we know the truth of your law. Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us your perfect law in summary in Mark 12:30-31, "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." O Lord, we confess that we have broken your holy law. We have not loved you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength. We have often failed to love those around us as you have called us to. Instead, we have been quick to forget your law and we have broken your Word in thought, word, and deed. Foolishly we have believed the empty promises made by the temptations of sin and found ourselves suffering from its consequences and reaping what we have sowed. Forgive us we cry! We plead for your mercy based on the merit of our Lord Jesus Christ alone. Restore to us the joy of salvation and grant to us new obedience. Amen.**

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

Ezekiel 36:25-27

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules."

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

#### **All: Thanks be to God!**

#### **Psalm 51 (God, Be Merciful to Me)**

God, be merciful to me  
On Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou  
Blot out my transgressions now  
Wash me, make me pure within  
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess  
Grief and guilt my soul oppress  
I have sinned against Thy grace  
And provoked Thee to Thy face  
I confess Thy judgement just  
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust

I am evil, born in sin  
Thou desirest truth within  
Thou alone my Savior art  
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow  
Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken, humbled to the dust  
By Thy wrath and judgment just  
Let my contrite heart rejoice  
And in gladness hear Thy voice  
From my sins O hide Thy face  
Blot them out in boundless grace

Sinners then shall learn from me  
And return, O God, to Thee  
Savior all my guilt remove  
And my tongue shall sing Thy love  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord  
And my mouth shall praise accord

**Prayer of Intercession**

Mr. Sam Massey

**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.

**"Sources of Assurance"**

1 John 4:13-21

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*See insert for liturgy*

**O Great God**

O great God of highest heav'n  
Occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme  
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r  
Let no vice or sin remain  
That resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me  
Make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin  
Had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within  
Had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life  
Opened up Your word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son  
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life  
That's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised  
With my ev'ry thought and deed  
O great God of highest heav'n  
Glorify Your Name through me

**Benediction**



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## **SUNDAY SERVICE**

10:30 am - The Don Walker Education Center  
at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum

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