

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Membership Meeting—January 26th

All members are asked to attend the annual membership meeting on Sunday, January 26th, from 5-7pm at the church. We will also have a chili contest and potluck dinner. Non-members are welcome to come for dinner and CPC ministry updates. Members are asked to stay for the latter portion of the meeting, including a financial review and 2014 budget presentation, and other membership matters.

If you would like to enter your chili, please contact Monica Ray (monicalynrray@gmail.com) or Lizzy O'Brien (ecobrien13@gmail.com). If you are not bringing chili, please bring a side dish to serve 10 people. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Children through 5th grade will have their own dinner in the children's area. Please contact Debbie Corazza (debbiecorazza@gmail.com) if you are bringing your children, so we can plan their meal.

College Lunch—Today

College students are invited to lunch at the Jacobsen's home after worship today. Talk to them for directions and more information.

PREPARATION AND REFLECTION

“Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ... ¹⁸ You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. ¹⁹ And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish.

—Deuteronomy 8:11, 18–19

You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

—Deuteronomy 5:15

Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you.

—Deuteronomy 32:7

Remember his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations

—1 Chronicles 16:15

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

—Isaiah 44:21

Service of Worship January 12, 2014 First Sunday After The Epiphany

A word about our worship: We believe that in worship we actually meet with God. Therefore, our services are interactive and dynamic, retelling the gospel through a five-act drama: Approach, Renewal, (re)Commitment, Communion, and Commissioning. In this drama, we all have a part. In each act, we are placed in dialogue with God himself: He speaks and we respond. In our liturgy (service of worship), you will find your lines in the worship guide designated in **bold**.

ACT 1: APPROACH

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robinson | American Folk Melody

**Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer*;
Here now, by thy help, I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.**

*The term *ebenezer* is a Hebrew phrase meaning literally *stone of help*. It is taken from I Sam 7:12 when Samuel set up a large stone to remember God's delivering of Israel from Philistine captivity. For numerous years to come, this ebenezer stone served to remind God's people of the Lord's faithful help in the midst their broken world.

O, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: *God summons us.*

INVOCATION: *We ask God to meet us.*

Forever

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King.
His love endures forever.
For he is good, he is above all things.
His love endures forever,
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever,
Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus: Forever God is faithful,
 Forever God is strong,
 Forever God is with us,
 Forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
By the grace of God we will carry on;
His love endures forever,
Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus

Bridge: His love endures forever (x3)
 Forever.

Chorus 2: Forever you are faithful,
 Forever you are strong,
 Forever you are with us,
 Forever, forever.

Across the Lands

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

❖ During the last verse of this song, children from age three through first grade are dismissed for a time of teaching located up the ramp on the right side of the sanctuary and through the glass doors on your left.

You're the Word of God the Father,
From before the world began;
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
By the power of your voice:
Let the skies declare your glory,
Let the land and seas rejoice!

Chorus: You're the author of creation,
 You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
 And your cry of love rings out
 Across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
With a word you stilled the sea.
Yet how silently you suffered
That the guilty may go free.

Chorus

With a shout you rose victorious,
Wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in your wake.
Now you stand before the Father
Interceding for your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home.

Chorus (x2)

ACT 2: RENEWAL

CONFESSION OF SIN: *We own our faults.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *God reaffirms his mercy.*

ACT 3: COMMITMENT

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THE PREACHED WORD: *God brings us good news.*

“Remembering to Remember”

Joshua 4:1–7

¹ When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, ² “Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, ³ and command them, saying, ‘Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests’ feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.’” ⁴ Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. ⁵ And Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, ⁶ that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ ⁷ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”

Deuteronomy 4:9

⁹ “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children—

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Chisholm | William Runyan

❖ *At this time, parents may bring their children ages 3 through 5th grade back into worship for the remainder of the service. Please wait outside the glass door of the children's area for your child to be brought to you.*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever will be.

Chorus: Great is thy faithfulness!
 Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see.
 All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
 Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

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REMEMBERING GOD'S WORK:

...in our children's lives — Debbie Corazza

...in our community groups — Molly Riley, Barbara Reid

The Christian's Hope Can Never Fail

From the Gadsby Hymnal | Benj Pocta

We travel through a barren land,
With dangers thick on every hand;
But Jesus guides us through the vale;
O, the Christian's hope can never fail.

(con't on pg. 8)

Huge sorrows meet us as we go,
And devils aim to overthrow;
But vile infernals can't prevail;
O, the Christian's hope shall never fail.

Sometimes we're tempted to despair,
But Jesus makes us then his care;
Though numerous foes our souls assail;
O, the Christian's hope can never fail.

We trust upon the sacred word,
The oath and promise of the Lord;
And safely through each tempest sail;
O, the Christian's hope can never fail,
O, the Christian's hope can never fail,
O, the Christian's hope can never fail.

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REMEMBERING GOD'S WORK:

...in the jail — Bob Nisbet

...in our world — Isabel Beveridge

GIVING: *We commit our resources.*

- ❖ *As Christians, we give because Christ gave, and because he continues to give us freely all that he is by his Spirit. (2 Corinthians 8:9) If you are a visitor, please do not feel obliged to give.*
- ❖ *Please use the perforated form on the back of the bulletin to request prayer or information about Christ Presbyterian Church. You may place the form in the offering bag.*

REMEMBERING GOD'S WORK:

...in our times of prayer — Tawny, Eva, and Ruby Kilpper

...in our lives — Holly Eldred

ACT 4: COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *We commit our concerns.*

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people (1 Timothy 2:1).

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER: *God invites us to a meal.*

- ❖ Christ Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin, trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us.
- ❖ If you are not sure if you should take Communion, or if you have come to believe in Jesus today, we encourage you to meet with one of the elders at the front of the sanctuary following the service.
- ❖ If you are not able to receive Communion, please use the prayers on page 10 as a guide.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

- ❖ *At this time, parents may bring their children back into worship for Communion. Please wait outside the glass door of the children’s area for your child to be brought to you.*
- ❖ *We will come forward to receive communion. Those wishing to be served as a group or family should approach the elements together. We invite non-communing children to come forward with your parents to have an elder pray over you.*
- ❖ *If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand to be served in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the Communion Songs on pages 11–12 as you are ready.*
- ❖ *For those who are not able to take wine, grape juice is offered in the center ring of each tray.*
- ❖ *For those with diet restrictions gluten-free bread is offered.*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

Prayer for those searching for truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may I turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

COMMUNION SONGS

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Words and Music: Robby Seay

Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea.
Unknown waves before me roll;
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from thee:
Jesus, Savior, pilot me,
Chart and compass come from thee:
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,
You can hush the oceans wild.
Boisterous waves obey thy will
When you say to them, "Be still".
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea:
Jesus, Savior, pilot me,
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea:
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar;
Grant me and the peaceful rest.
Then, while leaning on your chest
May I hear you say to me:
Fear not, I will pilot thee,
May I hear you say to me:
Fear not, I will pilot thee.

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You Never Let Go

Beth Redman | Matt Redman

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear.
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back, I know you are near.

(con't on pg. 12)

And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me.
And if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus: Oh no, you never let go
Through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, you never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low.
Oh no, you never let go, Lord, you never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on;
A glorious light beyond all compare.
And there will be an end to these troubles; but until that day comes,
We'll live to know you here on the earth.

And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me.
And if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus

Bridge Yes, I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on;
And there will be an end to these troubles;
But until that day comes,
Still I will praise you,
Still I will praise you.

Chorus Oh no, you never let go
Through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, you never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low.
Oh no, you never let go, Lord, you never let go of me.
Lord, you never let go of me (x3)

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ACT 5: COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION: *God sends us out in his power.*

❖ *As you receive the benediction, please feel free to extend your hands in symbolic anticipation of God's blessing.*