



# Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

## Our Gathered Order of Service

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**Imagine** — Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us (adapted from Psalm 62:8).

### I. Rediscover God's Glory

**Call to Worship**—Psalm 62:1-2, 6-7

*For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from him comes my salvation.*

**He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

*For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
for my hope is from him.*

*He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.*

**On God rests my salvation and my glory;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

Let's take some time to offer up praise to our Ascended King

### II. Rediscover God's Grace

Heavenly Father, judge of all creation, our hearts are all open before you; no secrets hidden; no thoughts unknown. I am transparent before you, my Maker, completely vulnerable to your eyes. In light of your grace, I know my sin and the hardness of my heart, the arrogance of my selfish desires are all exposed. This moment is not to condemn, which you have all rights to do, but is for moving me toward repentance for your kindness and patience is meant to lead me to repentance so that I might be forgiven and more conformed to the image of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Bow your heads, take the time to offer your own confession for sins*

*The Word assures us of God's forgiveness*

“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9).

### III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

**OT Reading**—Genesis 2:1-25

**NT Reading**—Romans 2:1-16

*The Word of the Lord*

**Everyone:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon:** Romans 2:1-6:

*Owning Our Sinful Identity is the First Step: What Makes Me  
Think I'M are Better than Another or Superior Before God  
than Some Other Group?*

### VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

Share prayer requests and then take some time to pray for them

Our Confession together:

**Church, what do we believe about God's adoption?**

Adoption is an act of God's free grace by which we are received into the number and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

Affirming Christ's Presence at the Table of the Lord

### V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

**Words of benediction** (someone read the following text)

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

**And all God's people shout out: Amen!**

**OT Reading—Deuteronomy 30:1-20:** And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. And the Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. And the Lord your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you. And you shall again obey the voice of the Lord and keep all his commandments that I command you today. The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, when you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**NT Reading—Romans 2:1-16:** Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.

For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

## Announcements

- ➡ Ladies Group—Wednesday Gathering for a Meal. Remember your Face Masks. Maxine will have details.
- ➡ Keep a Watch for Friday evening (outdoor) Movie Nights on Stevens Street, coming soon, starting June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ➡ Saturday Sidewalk Breakfasts & Sidewalk Church Service: you are invited to join us or maybe come and serve. We follow social distancing and health protocols at this Breakfast Grab & Go.
- ➡ Summer “In His Midst” Ministry at Trowbridge Square Park will happen, but as a Grab & Go so COVID-19 social distancing and health protocols will be in place. We don’t let anything stop us, but we do have to submit to the safety protocols in place. Your help will be greatly appreciated on these Wednesday evenings.