



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord: that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the Lord looked at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die, that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord, and in Jerusalem his praise, when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the Lord (Psalm 102:18-22).

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship — Psalm 145:10-13

*All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!*

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,**
*to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

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

II. Rediscover God's Grace

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek You in my daily life. My sins and weaknesses present me with a list of accusations, but I thank You that they will not stand against me, for all has been covered by Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, every boast that makes my blessing greater than other, and from everything that dims the brightness of Your grace, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.

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

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness

"I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me" (Jeremiah 33:8).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Genesis 12:1-3 & Genesis 22:15-18

NT Reading — Romans 4:13-25

The Word of the Lord

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Growing in Faith: What are we passing on? (Romans 4:13-25)

Growing in faith is more than more head knowledge; growing in faith is doing the gospel, welcoming the unwelcomed, embracing the unembraceable, and dining with the uninvited.

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

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

Our profession of our faith together

Church, why do we stand by faith in Jesus (adopt from Romans 5:1-2)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Affirming Christ's Presence as we share the Lord's Supper

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

A Prayer and Words of benediction

"The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope (Romans 15:12-13).

And all God's people shout out: Amen!

OT Readings—Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-8

Genesis 12:1-3: Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 22:15-18: And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

NT Reading—Romans 4:13-25: For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Announcements

- ➔ **Aug 28th** — Free Movie Night continues on Stevens Street. Starts an hour before dusk; movie starts at sunset.
- ➔ **Aug 29th** — Saturday Children's Read Out-loud at Maxine's on Steven's Street, 1:00pm–3:00pm. This is for our neighborhood children to listen to a book read aloud together. A great summer-time learning event.
- ➔ **August 29th** — Saturday Sidewalk Breakfasts & Sidewalk Church Service (122 Carlisle Street): you are invited to join us or maybe come and serve. Breakfast starts at 10am; church service starts at 10:20. We follow social distancing and health protocols at this Breakfast Grab & Go.
- ➔ **September 13th** — Church & Neighborhood BBQ @ Maxine's after Sunday morning Service