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## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

### Our Gathered Order of Service

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**Imagine** — Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed . . . “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession (Psalms 2:1-2, 6-8).

## I. Rediscover God's Glory

**Call to Worship**—Psalm 150:1-6

*Praise the Lord!*

**Praise God in his sanctuary;**

**praise him in his mighty heavens!**

*Praise him for his mighty deeds;*

*praise him according to his excellent greatness!*

**Praise him with trumpet sound;**

**praise him with lute and harp!**

**Praise him with tambourine and dance;**

**praise him with strings and pipe!**

*Praise him with sounding cymbals;*

*praise him with loud clashing cymbals!*

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!**

**Praise the Lord!**

*Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.*

## II. Rediscover God's Grace

O, Lord, my maker and redeemer, I come to your throne only through your grace and mercy granted me in Christ Jesus. Your love only magnifies my sin and the darkness of my heart; yet, it is the same love that draws me back to the cross, my only place of rescue and forgiveness. You alone can cleanse me and, by your Spirit, make me new; and, help me walk in newness of life. Through the Lord Jesus, my maker and redeemer I come.

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

***The Word assures us of God's forgiveness***

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:19).

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

**OT Reading** — Jeremiah 12:5-17

**NT Reading** — Romans 1:1-15

*The Word of the Lord . . . **Everyone:** Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon: The Two Ways: Death and Life (Romans 1-6)**

## VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

**Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father**

**Prayers for our children**

**Our profession of our faith together**

*Church, what is our only hope in life and death?*

**That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.**

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

## V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

***Our challenge, a Prayer, and the Words of benediction***

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” (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:37-39).

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

### **OT Readings—Jeremiah 12:5-17**

“If you have raced with men on foot, and they have wearied you,  
how will you compete with horses?

And if in a safe land you are so trusting,  
what will you do in the thicket of the Jordan?

For even your brothers and the house of your father,  
even they have dealt treacherously with you;  
they are in full cry after you; do not believe them,  
though they speak friendly words to you.”

“I have forsaken my house; I have abandoned my heritage;  
I have given the beloved of my soul into the hands of her enemies.

My heritage has become to me like a lion in the forest;  
she has lifted up her voice against me; therefore I hate her.

Is my heritage to me like a hyena’s lair?

Are the birds of prey against her all around?

Go, assemble all the wild beasts;  
bring them to devour.

Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard;  
they have trampled down my portion;  
they have made my pleasant portion  
a desolate wilderness.

They have made it a desolation;  
desolate, it mourns to me.

The whole land is made desolate,  
but no man lays it to heart.

Upon all the bare heights in the desert  
destroyers have come,  
for the sword of the LORD devours  
from one end of the land to the other;  
no flesh has peace.

They have sown wheat and have reaped thorns;  
they have tired themselves out but profit nothing.  
They shall be ashamed of their harvests  
because of the fierce anger of the LORD.”

Thus says the LORD concerning all my evil neighbors who touch the heritage that I have given my people Israel to inherit: “Behold, I will pluck them up from their land, and I will pluck up the house of Judah from among them. And after I have plucked them up, I will again have compassion on them, and I will bring them again each to his heritage and each to his land. And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, ‘As the LORD lives,’ even as they taught my people to swear by Baal, then they shall be built up in the midst of my people. But if any nation will not listen, then I will utterly pluck it up and destroy it, declares the LORD.”

**NT Readings—Romans 1:1-15:** Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

**Reader: The Word of the Lord // The people: *Thanks be to God***

### **Announcements**

- ➔ **Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** — **In-person** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 6:00pm. In-person Studies are the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month.
- ➔ **Nov 14<sup>th</sup>** — Children’s Read Out-loud at Maxine’s continues on Steven’s Street, 1:00pm–3:00pm. This is for our neighborhood children to listen to a book read aloud together.
- ➔ **Nov 14<sup>th</sup>** — 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. Don’t let the cold stop you from coming; it doesn’t stop us from serving!
- ➔ **Nov 15<sup>th</sup>** — Come join us again for next Sunday’s service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave, New Haven).
- ➔ **Nov 26<sup>th</sup>** — Sidewalk Thanksgiving @ the Anderson’s . . .
- ➔ **Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** — Evening Bonfire Bible Study @ the Anderson’s on Carlisle Street (time TBA)—*Learning to Follow Jesus a Little Deeper*