



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and
appear before God? (Psalm 42:1-2)

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship—Adapted from Psalm 24

*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

**All The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

*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 us offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God's Grace

Father and Judge of all the earth, we have entered your court-room. You are gracious to receive us and to count us adopted into Your family as sons and daughters. You have paid our debt through the blood of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Still we fall. We sin. Our hearts do not always seek Your light; we are still prone to walk in darkness. And our deeds too often are to cast us in a better light than for Your name sake, glory, and honor. We come again to Your mercy-seat, to ask Your forgiveness so that we might know Your face and walk in Your Light for the sake of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God (Romans 5:8-9)

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Exodus 20:1-21

NT Reading — Romans 7:7-8:3 (the sermon text)

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

Sermon: **The Good, the bad, and the ugly that draws us to the Good News**

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 the sum of the Ten Commandments?

The sum of the Ten Commandments is to love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.

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

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

Prayer and the Words of benediction

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 15:13).

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

OT Reading—Exodus 20:1-21: And God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.” Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.” The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

NT Reading—Romans 7:7-8:3: What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

NT Readings—Romans 7:7-8:3--Continued: Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.

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

Announcements

- ➔ **Nov 22th** — **THIS EVENING @ 8am**, a joint CPC Call to Prayer: *Mercy in Days of Trouble*: Zoom ID: 943 4132 3233; Passcode: cpcsc
- ➔ **Nov 26th** — Sidewalk Thanksgiving @ the Anderson's at 11am, 122 Carlisle Street.
- ➔ **Nov 28th** — 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 28th** — 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 29th** — Come join us again for next Sunday's service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave, New Haven).
- ➔ **Dec 1st** — Evening Bonfire Bible Study @ the Anderson's on Carlisle Street (time TBA)—*Learning to Follow Jesus a Little Deeper*
- ➔ **Dec 12th** — *CPC in The Hill Christmas Store, well, sort of . . . December 12 at Pastor Chip & Lisa's and at Maxine's*