



August 15, 2021

## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

### Our Gathered Order of Service

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**Imagine** — Put off the old humanity with its practices and having put on the new humanity, the renewing that results in knowledge according to the image of its Creator, where there is no Greek and Jew, *no* circumcised and uncircumcised, *no* barbarian, *no* Scythian, *no* slave, *no* freedmen, but all and all are in Christ (Colossians 3:9-11).

### *I. Rediscover God's Glory*

**Call to Worship** — Adapted from Colossians 1:15-12

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

**For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.**

*And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

**And he is the head of the body, the church.**

*He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

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

### *II. Rediscover God's Grace*

Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number and been guilty of pride and unbelief. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us from 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***

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:4-7).

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

**OT Reading** — Genesis 3:8-15

**NT Reading** — Romans 16:1-20

**Reader:** *The Word of the Lord*

**Everyone:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon:** *Greetings and a Kiss that Changed the World*

### *VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence*

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

**Our profession of our faith together**

*Church, what does Paul call us to do in Romans 12?*

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality (Romans 12:9-13).

#### **SETTING THE TABLE**

**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 . . . may the God of peace be with you all . . . The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you (Romans 15:13, Romans 15:33, & Romans 16:20<sup>b</sup>).

**And God's people said: Amen!**

**OT Reading—Genesis 3:8-15:** And [Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

**NT Reading—Romans 16:1-20:** I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, <sup>2</sup>that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well. <sup>3</sup>Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, <sup>4</sup>who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. <sup>5</sup>Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. <sup>6</sup>Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. <sup>7</sup>Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. <sup>8</sup>Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. <sup>10</sup>Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. <sup>11</sup>Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. <sup>12</sup>Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphæna and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well. <sup>14</sup>Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. <sup>15</sup>Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. <sup>16</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

**NT Reading Continued on back of the Bulletin**

## **NT Reading continued—Romans 16:1-20**

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. <sup>18</sup>For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. <sup>19</sup>For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. <sup>20</sup>The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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

### **Announcements**

- ➔ **Aug 18<sup>th</sup> — 2021 “In His Midst”** Wed-evening park BBQ @ Trowbridge Square Park—5:00pm set up; serving @ 5:30pm. Last remaining date and finale: **Aug 25**
- ➔ **Aug 20<sup>th</sup> — Friday Outdoor Movie Night @ Maxine’s. Come a little before dusk.**
- ➔ **Aug 21<sup>st</sup> — Kids Read Aloud @ 14 Stevens Street, 1:00pm–3:00pm.** The Kids read a chapter book together and gain some reading comprehension skills.
- ➔ **Aug 21<sup>st</sup> —** Please join us on the Sidewalk at 122 Carlisle Street for our Breakfast (10am) & Sidewalk Church Service (10:15).
- ➔ **Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> —** Please join us again next Sunday for our service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (at 158 Davenport Ave).