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Welcome

We're glad that you've joined with us to worship God. Please stay after the service and get to know others in our community who are calling Christ Presbyterian Church "home." If you have any questions about our church, feel free to contact us using the numbers in the back of the bulletin.

Our Worship

Our service has an intentional structure designed to reflect our belief that worship is a *conversation* between God and His people. We invite you first to **consider** why you have come to worship by reflecting on a thought, a verse, a lyric, or a quote. Then, we all respond to God's **calling** us to worship Him. But, upon responding to that call, we realize that we must be reminded of the **cleansing** given to us through Christ. God then gives us His **charter** as we hear Him speak through the Scripture. That is followed by the heavenly feast called **communion**. God dismisses us with His blessing in the **commission**.

Your Children

We love kids! And we try to make them feel welcome during our worship service. You can help your children profit from the service by working through the kid's bulletin with them. We offer two classes during the service for your young children: Babies through *two* years of age are invited to attend our nursery (nursing mothers are also welcome to use the room). Children aged *two* through *four* may attend our preschool class. This class, like a Sunday school class, has an age-appropriate curriculum. Children aged *five* and above should sit with their parents during the service.

The Lord's Supper

Our church partakes of the Lord's Supper every week. We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, have made public profession of their faith, and are accountable as members of a Protestant church. We offer both red wine and white grape juice in the communion tray. If you have any questions, please see the pastor.

* Please stand as you are able

* Read the *italicized* portions of the service together

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*In the name of Jesus, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whomsoever will come.*

Consider

Whatever we live for has control over us. We do not control ourselves. The things we live for enslave us with guilt (if we fail to attain them) or anger (if someone blocks them from us) or fear (if they are threatened) or drivenness (since we must have them) or despair (if we ever lose them completely). This means, then...Even the most irreligious people are really worshipping something. Whatever thing or things from which we choose to derive our value become the ultimate meaning in our lives - thus it serves as a 'god' and gives us a sense of worth or 'righteousness' even if we don't think in those terms. Even the most religious people are not really worshipping God. Religious people may look to God as Helper, Teacher, and Example, but it is their moral performance, which is serving as their Savior. They are just as guilty and self-hating if they fail it, just as angry and resentful if someone blocks it, just as fearful and anxious if something threatens it, just as driven "to be good". So both religious and irreligious people are avoiding God as Savior and Lord, but in different ways. Both are seeking to keep control of their own lives by looking to something besides God as their salvation.

-Tim Keller, The Gospel: A User's Guide

Guide to the Worship Service

This guide to worship is written by the minister and provided to the congregation and our visitors in order (1) to assist them in their worship by explaining why we do what we do in worship and (2) to provide them with background on various elements of the service. Each week a different element of the service is explained.

The Sermon

Pilgrim's Progress

Where is your pilgrimage interrupted? In John Bunyan's famous allegory of the Christian life, Pilgrim's Progress, the main character, Christian, is tempted by both the City of Morality and Vanity Fair. Both places testify to the twin desires of the human heart: in the first place to justify ourselves before God, and, in the second place, to lose ourselves in our own sin. A similar pair of alternatives is present in 1 Peter 4:1-11. Peter warns his readers against Gentile passions and the self-righteousness that sometimes passes as Christian virtue. Both irreligion and religion are no substitute for the gospel: Christ suffering in the flesh. And it is the gospel that is both the content and the power of our pilgrimage.

The Music

'Twas Love That Urged Him On

Tragedy seemed to find William Cowper (pronounced "Cooper") at nearly every turn of his life: broken engagements, illness, even insanity and suicide attempts threatened to break him of his trust in Christ. But as you can see from this poem of his set to music by Matt Haeck and Robert Recio, Cowper understood his earthly crosses to be lighter fare, when compared to the death of the Son of God. It was in Jesus' atoning death that Cowper and you and me will finally find peace with God. When all else fails us and the miseries of life threaten to overwhelm us we remember that it was "love that urged him on" in Jesus' pursuit of a bloody pilgrimage for his people.

The Service

Benediction

The last word of the worship service belongs to God. Just as he begins our conversation by calling us to worship him, he ends it by dismissing us with his blessing. The benediction follows the ancient form of the Aaronic blessing: the words which the Jewish priests would pronounce over the people every evening. In this blessing, God puts his name on us. Through this act of placing his name on us, God calls us his own, promises to bless us, tells us he is pleased with us, and dismisses us with his peace. There can be no surer words of comfort as we go into another week of normal life. In whatever you do or wherever you go, know that God has blessed you by placing his name on you. You are his and he has promised to be with you.

Calling

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Psalm 95:1-7

Hymn of Praise*

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my redeemer lives
What comfort this sweet sentence gives
He lives, he lives, who once was dead
He lives, my ever-living head

He lives triumphant from the grave
He lives eternally to save
He lives all-glorious in the sky
He lives exalted there on high

He lives to bless me with His love
He lives to plead for me above
He lives my hungry soul to feed
He lives to help in time of need

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend
He lives and loves me to the end
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King

He lives, all glory to His name
He lives, my Jesus, still the same
Oh the sweet joy this sentence gives
I know that my Redeemer lives

Cleansing

The Law of God

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

The Greatest Commandment

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God and merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and your law. In both word and deed, in thoughts and motives—daily we have proven that sin remains within us. Remind us, O Lord, of the penalties for breaking your law and may its condemnation cause us to lift our eyes to the hills, from whence our help comes: our savior, Jesus Christ. May we be found in him every day and so benefit from his obedience and sacrifice that the law is no longer a terror to us, but a good guide to live lives of gratitude before you.

The Gospel

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Galatians 4:4-7

Absolution

Response

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Charter

Hearing God's Voice in the Bible

Exodus 29

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Preparation*

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Psalm 119:145-160

The Scripture Reading*

1 Peter 4:1-11

The Sermon

Rev. Eric Landry

Exile: Lessons for Life on the Outside
“How Shall We Then Live?”

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell†;

The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic‡ church; the communion of saints;

The forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† “descended into hell” means his literally experiencing God's wrath

‡ “catholic church” means the universal church

My heart cries out! Lord, answer me! And I Your statutes will obey.
O save me, for I've called to You; Your testimonies I'll display.
I rose before the dawn and cried; for by Your word my hope is stirred.
I wake throughout the hours of night to meditate upon Your word.

In mercy listen to my voice; in judgment, Lord, my life renew.
Those plotting ill draw ever near, far from Your law their way pursue.
But You, O Lord, are ever near, and true are all of Your commands.
Your testimonies make me sure that what You say forever stands.

Regard my grief and rescue me, for I Your law do not forget.
Defend my cause and me redeem; Your promise keep; revive me yet.
Salvation's far from wicked men; Your statutes they'll not try o see.
How many are Your mercies, Lord! In judgments just give life to me.

My persecutors many are, Your testimonies I'll not spurn.
I saw the faithless and was grieved, for to Your word they won't return.
Behold how I Your precepts love! In mercy, Lord, give life to me.
The sum of all Your words is truth; Your judgments stand eternally.
(to the tune of "He Leadeth Me")

Communion

We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, have made public profession of faith, and are communicants in good standing in any evangelical church. The bread and the wine will be passed to you. Please hold the elements so that we partake of them together. We offer both red wine and white grape juice in the communion tray.

The Lord's Supper is a time of table fellowship between the risen Lord Jesus Christ and His church. It is not a private take-out meal. To receive the bread and wine rightly you must belong to Him by faith, and to His covenant people.

If you are a Christian who is disconnected from the body of Christ, we would encourage you to speak with the pastor after the service in order to find out more about church membership. Consider this prayer and make it your own:

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you as your baptized, set-apart people in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people in practice, and live in the fullness of your Spirit.

If, on the other hand, you are not a Christian, please know that we are glad that you are here. Our desire is not to be exclusive, but to open up our arms and welcome you to this world-wide communion with the Son of God who was crucified for sinners. We'd urge you to place your faith in Jesus and to speak with someone after the service about becoming a Christian. Consider this prayer and make it your own:

Father, I abandon this day my own attempts to try to know you, to try to enter into heaven apart from your Son, the perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ. Grant me the faith to cling to Him as my forgiveness, my righteousness and my eternal life.

For those who are saying "yes" to the kingdom of God in their hearts and lives, communion offers a unique opportunity to see God speak. When you receive the bread and wine by faith, you can have confidence that God is working in your life and that you are being transformed by the benefits of Christ's life and death for you. The Lord's Supper-just as much as the preached Word of God-is an active agent of your sanctification. Consider this prayer and make it your own:

Father, I am weak and wounded. My faith is small and my needs are great. Use these earthly elements to confirm in me a heavenly hope. Nourish my faith as I lift my heart to heaven to commune with you there. Feed my soul as I feast on Christ and his benefits.

Communion Hymn

Psalm 25:1-7

To Thee I lift my soul, O Lord; I trust in Thee,
My God; let me not be ashamed nor foes exult o'er me.
Yea, none that wait on Thee shall be ashamed at all;
But those that wantonly transgress, upon them shame shall fall.

Show me Thy ways, O Lord; Thy paths, O teach Thou me,
And do Thou lead me in Thy truth; therein my teacher be.
For Thou art God that dost to me salvation send,
And I upon Thee all the day expecting do attend.

Thy tender mercies, Lord, to mind do Thou recall,
And lovingkindness, for they have been through ages all.
My sins of youth, my faults, do Thou, O Lord, forget;
In lovingkindness think on me and for Thy goodness great.
(to the tune of Breathe on Me, Breath of God)

Commission

Tithes and Offerings

If you are visiting with us, please do not feel obligated to give. Our church depends upon the generous gifts of those who partner with us in seeking to pursue Christ in their lives.

Song of Thanks

'Twas Love That Urged Him On

The Savior! what a noble flame
Was kindled in his breast,
When hasting to Jerusalem
He marched before the rest!

Good-will to men, and zeal for God,
His every thought engross;
He longs to be baptized with blood,
He pants to reach the cross.

*With all his sufferings full in view,
And woes, to us, unknown,
Forth to the task his spirit flew,
'Twas love that urged him on.*

LORD, we return thee what we can!
Our hearts shall sound abroad
Salvation, to the dying Man,
And to the rising God!

And while thy bleeding glories here
Engage our wond'ring eyes;
We learn our lighter cross to bear,
And hasten to the skies.

Benediction*

Exile: Lessons for Life on the Outside
“How Shall We Then Live?”
1 Peter 4:1-11

New Life

New Struggles

New Glory

Taking Worship Home

Introduction:

The once for all suffering of Christ has put an end to sin and introduced a new life for each individual who is united to his death and resurrection. But this new life is not without temptations old (to Gentile passions) and new (selfish religion and piety).

Discussion:

What is the principle of 1 Peter 4:1? How does Peter apply it to his readers?

Explanation:

1. How did Jesus “suffer in the flesh”?
2. Read the list of Gentile sins in 4:3, which of those sins is most enticing to you? Why? What is it about those sins that proves attractive even as a Christian?
3. What does Peter mean in 4:6? What difference did it make that Christ was preached to those who died according to the judgment of the flesh? What difference does it make for them and for us?
4. How does love cover a multitude of sins?
5. Why must Christians exist in community with one another?

Application:

1. Is Peter pointing us to our suffering or to Jesus in 4:1? Why does the answer make a difference?
2. What are the heart issues at play in the list of sins in 4:3? Why isn't this just about a set of bad behaviors?
3. What are the heart issues at play in 4:7 and following? Why isn't this just about a set of good behaviors?
4. Peter implicitly states that we are united to Christ several times in this passage. What are those passages and what do they tell us about our relationship to God?
5. How is it possible for us to give glory to God?

Announcements

To assist your own and your neighbor's ability to worship please turn off all cell phones.

Visitors: Please help us to get to know you better and fill out a visitors card, which you can find on the back table. Give it to an usher, drop it in the offering bag, or put it in "The Box" on the book table. Pick up a free book from our book table as our gift to you.

Financial Help: Please consider a gift to help those in need, mark it "financial help."

We Need Teachers and Volunteers: If you have any interest in volunteering to serve in the nursery, preschool class, or our children's Sunday School class beginning in the fall please let us know because we would love to have your help! Email Robert Recio (rrecio@christpca.net) or Eric Landry (elandry@christpca.net) as soon as you can.

The Women's Bible study meets again this Thursday (8/13) at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Angela Jensen.

Youth Event: Video Game event this Saturday August 15 from 12pm-7pm at the Dewits (24861 Tigris Lane, Hemet, CA 92544). If you need further information call Mike at (951) 927-4327.

Church Dinner: Our regularly scheduled end-of-the-month fellowship dinner is happening at the Landrys August 30. Bring a side dish or dessert and the church will provide the main dish and drinks.

Sunday School: This is just a reminder that beginning Sunday September 6 our Sunday School classes will be up and running.

Volunteer Schedule:

	2-Aug	9-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug
Trailer Team	Felden	Felden	Felden	Felden	Felden
Hospitality	Dilworth Mallon Medina	Gunnerson Merchant Landry	Castle Vazzana Recio	Carter Burkhard Misiti	Marsh Avila Bernard
Ushers	Castle Merchant	Castle Merchant	Castle Merchant	Castle Merchant	Castle Merchant
Nursery	Hammond Cuevas	Mallon Vazzana	Labonte	Misiti	Khoury Medina
Preschool	Dewit K. Merchant	Bernard M. Merchant	Recio Marsh	Landry Felden	Weaver K. Merchant

Prayer

Tear off this list and put it on your refrigerator or in your Bible as a reminder of the needs of your brothers and sisters in Christ when you sit down to pray.

- Pray for the persecuted church in China, Sudan, and around the world.
- Pray for the efforts in our community to relieve economic suffering. Pray especially for TEAM and the Temecula Rescue Mission.
- Pray for the other church plants in our presbytery: Grace in Alpine, Mission in Brea, Trinity in Orange, New Life in Ramona, and Mision Vida Nueva in Escondido.
- Pray for Grace PCA of Yorba Linda (our overseeing church), its pastor, elders, deacons, and members.
- Pray for Providence PCA in the Palm Desert and her pastor Clayton Willis
- Pray for Casey West, Jesse Flores, Charles Walker, Andy Richards and other servicemen and women serving our country
- Pray for those in our church and the community who are struggling to make ends meet.

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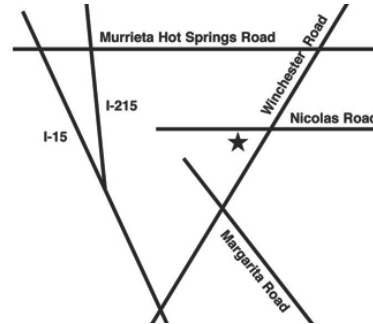
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