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PRESBYTERIAN  
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# Welcome

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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 offer three 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 this room). Children ages two through four may attend our preschool class. This class, like a Sunday school class, has an age-appropriate curriculum. We have also developed a new Getting Ready class which is designed to help your children understand and profit from the worship service. This class meets for six weeks at a time and then breaks to allow the children time to put into practice what they are learning by sitting with their parents. The children are dismissed during the Song of Preparation and return during the Communion song to sit with their parents. Although children of any age are invited to participate in this class, it is especially designed for children ages four through six.

## 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.

# September 20, 2009

*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

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When I purchase a food item at the supermarket, I can be confident that the label will state how much riboflavin is in it. The United States government requires this, and for a good reason, which is: I have no idea. I don't even know what riboflavin is. I do know I eat a lot of it. For example, I often start the day with a hearty Kellogg's strawberry Pop-Tart, which has, according to the label, a riboflavin rating of 10 percent. I assume this means that 10 percent of the Pop-Tart is riboflavin. Maybe it's the red stuff in the middle. Anyway, I'm hoping riboflavin is a good thing; if it turns out that it's a bad thing, like 'riboflavin' is the Latin word for 'cockroach pus,' then I am definitely in trouble.

-Dave Barry

# Guide to the Worship Service

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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**

## **Godspeed**

Taken from the Middle English phrase, "God speed you," which means, "God help you prosper," Godspeed, as a word, is a wish for a prosperous journey, success, and good fortune. Joseph's brothers sold their brother with the threatening dreams into slavery, no doubt hoping that all of his dreams for power and authority would languish with him in his slavery. But even in his slavery, God was with Joseph and helped him prosper. But too often, we equate God's presence and power with prosperity. Did God suddenly lift his hand of blessing when Joseph was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife and cast into Pharaoh's prison? The message of Genesis 39 is that God is present in power and blessing no matter the circumstances of his servants. May we believe that message of hope in light of our own circumstances today.

## **The Music**

## **Not By the Laws of Innocence**

This Isaac Watts text echoes the words of Ephesians 2:8-9 and many other Scriptural passages. "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." It expresses in devotional language the Protestant doctrine of justification by grace alone through faith alone. As we sing, may we simply believe that God "is just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Romans 3:26), and believing, may we display the power of his grace as we live lives of gratitude and repentance, confessing that salvation is God's work alone.

## **The Service**

## **The Reading of Scripture**

As part of God's *charter* to us, his people, we have been reading sections of Scripture every Sunday. When the sermon is based on a New Testament text, the reading will be from the Old Testament, like today. The Apostle Paul told Timothy, to "devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture" (1 Timothy 4:13). In his second letter to Timothy, Paul explained that Scripture is "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16). As you hear God's Word read, pray that God would do his work in your heart and that you would hear his voice through his Word.

# Calling

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship\*

Colossians 1:15-20

Hymn of Praise\*

O Worship the King

O Worship the King, all glorious above  
O gratefully sing His wonderful love  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

**Chorus:**

*You alone are the matchless King  
To You alone be all majesty  
Your glories and wonders what tongue can recite?  
You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life*

Frail children of dust and feeble and frail  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and friend

O measureless might, ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship above  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

# Cleansing

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## The Law of God

Colossians 3:5-17

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## Silent Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

*Almighty God and eternal Father, having been confronted with your Law we confess that we have failed-both to "put away" sin and to "put on" holiness. We have lived as we once were and have failed to live as ones who are holy and beloved. Forgive us, Father, for rejecting our true identity in favor of the old self. Enable us, Lord, to do all things in this life with thanks and in peace. Continue to renew in us the image of Christ. Amen.*

## The Gospel

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## Absolution

## Response

## Not By the Laws of Innocence

Not by the laws of innocence  
Can Adam's sons arrive at heav'n  
New works can give us no pretense  
To have our ancient sins forgiv'n.  
Not the best deeds that we have done  
Can make a wounded conscience whole;  
Faith is the grace, and faith alone,  
That flies to Christ and saves the soul.

Lord, I believe thy heav'nly word,  
Fain would I have my soul renewed;  
I mourn for sin and trust the Lord  
To have it pardoned and subdued  
O may thy grace its power display,  
Let guilt and death no longer reign;  
Save me in thine appointed way,  
Nor let my humble faith be vain.

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# Charter

Hearing God's Voice in the Bible

Exodus 35

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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A Debtor to Mercy Alone

The Scripture Reading\*

Genesis 39:1-23

The Sermon

Rev. Eric Landry

**God's Unseen Hand: Genesis Part III  
"The Accused"**

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

Song of Preparation

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing  
I come with Your righteousness on my humble off'ring to bring  
The judgment of Your holy law with me can have nothing to do  
My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view

The work which your goodness began the arm of your strength will  
complete

Your promise is yes and amen and never was forfeited yet  
The future or things that are now no power below or above  
Can make You Your purpose forego or sever my soul from Your love

My name from the palms of Your hands eternity will not erase  
Impressed on Your heart it remains in marks of indelible grace  
Yes I to the end will endure until I bow down at Your throne  
Forever and always secure  
Forever and always secure  
Forever and always secure a debtor to mercy alone.

# Communion

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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

## How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us; how vast beyond all measure  
That He would give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss: the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross; my guilt upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r's, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom

# Commission

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## 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

## 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

## Benediction\*

God's Unseen Hand: Genesis Part III  
"The Accused"  
Genesis 39:1-23

Presence

Power

Promise

# Taking Worship Home

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## **Introduction:**

The Bible's pattern of suffering then glory, humiliation then exaltation, is in full view in this story of Joseph. Through the painful experience of gaining power and prestige only to lose it under the shadow of a false accusation, Joseph (and we) learn that God's presence is an essential part of blessing, no matter what circumstances seem to suggest.

## **Discussion:**

Recent books by both secular authors (Rhonda Byrne's "The Secret") and religious authors (Joel Osteen's "Your Best Life Now") seem to suggest that all that is lacking for success and prosperity in life is a healthy dose of optimism. But can optimism be mindless? That is, how should optimism and realism interact in the way we look at life?

## **Explanation:**

1. Joseph has been abandoned by his brothers, cut off from his father, and sold as a slave. His alone. Who does Genesis 39:2 say was with Joseph and what is the implication?
2. The chapter seems to be split into two sections: verses 2-6 is the first section and verses 7-20 are the second section. What distinguishes these two sections from each other?
3. Where else in Scripture do we read of a man being described like Joseph is at the end of 39:6? Why does the writer make this point?
4. What irony do you see in the interaction between Joseph and Potiphar's wife in verses 7-10? Who is enslaved to what?
5. Compare 39:13-18 with 37:31-33. What role does the robe play in each episode?
6. Attempted rape (especially of a noble woman by a slave) was a crime punishable by death in Egypt. Why do you think Joseph is sent to prison, instead?

## **Application:**

1. Why is it easy to associate God's good favor toward you with how well life seems to be going?
2. What is the obvious danger of such an association?
3. Does Scripture support such an association? If you say no, how do you understand Psalm 1 and many of the Proverbs?
4. Joseph refuses to sleep with Potiphar's wife because her husband (his master) has bestowed on him many favors. It is the kindness of Potiphar that establishes the limit for Joseph. Is this how you think of God's dealings with you in your own life? Why or why not?
5. Once again, Joseph finds himself in prison at the end of chapter 39. Has doing the right thing ever cost you? What did you lose? Your freedom, your reputation, your money, your time? If you had to do it over again, would you still do the right thing even knowing what you would lose? Why or why not?
6. What kind of God allows Joseph to sink to the depths even after Joseph refused to commit a great sin against God? Your answer will tell you quite a lot about how you really conceive of God.

# Announcements

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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."

**Church Dinner:** Sunday the 27th at 6pm at the Landry home. Church provides the main dish and drinks, you bring a side dish or dessert. Please rsvp to Eric at elandry@christpca.net.

**First Friday:** Our next youth fellowship is Friday, October 2 at 6pm at the Landrys. Come hungry, we're making tacos. Come pumped, we're playing Rock Band.

**Andy Richards** has a new email address. You can now reach him at andrewrichards3.0@gmail.com. Drop him a line, he'd love to hear from his church family.

**Womens Retreat:** Ladies, you are invited to a mini-retreat on Saturday, October 10 at New Life PCA in Escondido from 9am-3pm. The topic this year is "Becoming a Woman of Prayer" with guest speaker Janet Morris. Cost is \$12 and includes lunch.

## Volunteer Schedule:

	13-Sept	20-Sept	27-Sept	4-Oct	11-Oct
Trailer Team	Castle	Castle	Castle	Vazzana	Vazzana
Hospitality	Dilworth Mallon Medina	Gunnerson Merchant Landry	Castle Vazzana Recio	Carter Burkhard Misi	Marsh Avila Bernard
Ushers	Avila Gunnerson	Avila Gunnerson	Avila Gunnerson	Castle Merchant	Castle Merchant
Nursery	Cuevas	Lund	Misiti	Shear	Jenson Hammond
Preschool	Landry Felden	Recio Freeman	Weaver Marsh	Bernard Dilworth	Recio Freeman
Getting Ready	DeWit	DeWit	DeWit	DeWit	DeWit

# 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, 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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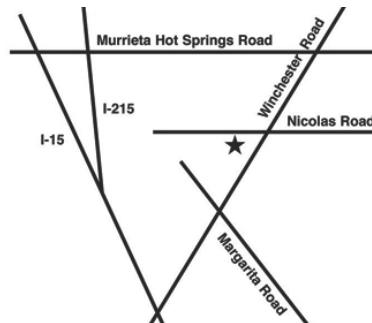
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