

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

November 26, 2006

The Lord's Day

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Douglas D. Warren

A Word About Worship and this time of Preparation: We have the incredible privilege of coming into the presence of the living God. Please take a few moments now to silently prepare your heart. As others around you are in prayer and contemplation, please consider their need for quiet.

*A Note to Parents: There is a **nursery** available at your discretion throughout the service. Please ask one of the greeters if you need help finding your way. There is also a class called **Kids' Quest** for children (3 and up) during the sermon. Children are welcome to come forward during communion to be prayed for by the pastor, but should not partake of communion until they have professed their faith publicly and been approved by the session.*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE REDEEMER

Prelude

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12

Rev. Warren

Minister: We will praise you, O Lord. Though you were angry with us, your anger has been turned away, and you have comforted us.

All: The Lord, the Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. We will trust and not be afraid. With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

All: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*Song of Exultation (53)

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Stralsund Gesangbuch

Prayer of Adoration

(concluded by praying together):

Rev. David Stewart

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

REPENTING TOGETHER BY GOD'S GRACE

Scriptural Call to Repentance

First John 1:8-9

Rev. Warren

God's Word warns us, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” It also provides the wonderful truth found only in Christ saying, “If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Song of Preparation (Insert)

“My Maker and My King”

*A. Steele*¹

Corporate Confession

Luther²

O Lord, merciful and mighty, we unworthy sinners, come to Thee in humble repentance and confess how we have transgressed Your holy Law. We are guilty of sins

of omission and commission, evil thoughts, improper words, and wrong deeds. Forgive our iniquity and short-comings for the sake of the suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let His obedience cover our disobedience, let His righteousness atone for our unrighteousness. Great God and Helper, You alone can forgive. With all our hearts we thank You for Your boundless mercy. Grant us grace with which we might accept Your gift of forgiveness with true faith and look upon the word of pardon as a message coming from You, assuring us and consoling our hearts before You. Let us treasure Your forgiveness and freely extend it to others by the power of Your resurrection. We pray in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 33:8

Rev. Warren

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

*Song of Renewal (Insert)

“Sing a New Song to the Lord”

*Dudley-Smith*³

*The Peace of God

This is an opportunity to extend the grace of Christ to one another.

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: *And also with you!*

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Praise

Requests

Rev. Warren

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Joanne Crosby

Children ages 3-9 are excused to **Kids' Quest** at this time.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Scripture Reading (page 143)

Deuteronomy 29: 1-30:20

Rev. Per Almquist

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Renewal of the Covenant”

Rev. Warren

God is our Covenant-Keeping King⁴

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism⁵

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Minister: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

People:

Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

*Creed Song

Rev 4 & 5

*Dudley-Smith*⁶

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship

Holy, holy, holy' cry;

He who is, who was and will be,

God Almighty, Lord most high.

Praise and honour, power and glory,

Be to him who reigns alone;

We, with all his hands have fashioned,

Fall before the Father's throne.

All creation, all redemption,

Join to sing the Saviour's worth;

Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us

Kings and priests, to reign on earth.

Wealth and wisdom, power and glory,

Honour, might, dominion, praise,

Now be his from all his creatures

And to everlasting days.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

A Word About Communion: This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, communion is a time to meet with Christ by faith to be strengthened and renewed as they eat bread and drink wine. All those who trust in Jesus alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and are at peace with their fellow Christians are welcome to come forward. For those not participating, we invite you to consider the prayers found below.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: God spoke these words, and said, “I am the Lord thy God:⁷

People: You shall have no other gods before Me.

Minister: You shall not make for yourself any graven image . . . you shall not bow down to them nor serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God.

People: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain.

Minister: Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy.

People: Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

Minister: You shall not kill.

People: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: You shall not steal.

People: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

All: Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: We come to this table as lawbreakers.

People: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Minister: We come to this table as the holy people of God.

People: Jesus the righteous One has made us a holy nation, God's own people.

Drawing Near in Community of Faith

Please listen carefully to the minister's explanation of communion.

All those who are prepared to come to the Lord's table can come forward. If you are not yet prepared to come, with all the responsibilities that entails, this is a loving environment within which to consider your estate before a holy and merciful God. Please use the prayers below as an aid. Both wine and grape juice are available (juice is in the outer circle of the trays).

*Communion Song (585)

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Malan

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

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⁷ The Ten Commandments have been used in conjunction with the Lord's Supper for centuries. It is especially appropriate as we understand that it is only through Christ's sustaining grace that we are able to keep God's perfect law. May He strengthen us to walk in the light as He is in the light.

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⁴ This series is on the book of *Deuteronomy*. Be sure to get your copy of *Taking Gathered Worship Home* at the back table or on-line at www.MainePCA.org.

³ Catechisms are a question and answer format used for teaching in the church. The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563 and approved by the Church at the Synod of Dort (1618-1619).

* **Please stand, if you are able. Thank you.**

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² Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

***The Benediction** John 14:27

Minister: Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

If you would like to use this time to speak silently to God, we hope that the prayers below will be a help to you.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the Life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

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

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Worship Christ in Community,
As We Celebrate and Extend His Grace
to Portland, New England, and the world.**

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination committed to the historic Christian faith.

***Congregation Stands**

Musicians: Evan and Kathryn Pillsbury, vocalists; Jake Paris, hand percussions; Mike Marchand, bass; Matthew Pillsbury, piano.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and David Stewart.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....November 26, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Please stay for refreshments after the service and get better acquainted with one another.

Home Fellowship

Home Fellowship Groups are one of the most important parts of life here at Christ The Redeemer. We have four groups meeting regularly. If you are interested and need information here is some basic contact information. This is a great way to get better acquainted with each other. Portland-@ Warren's home-phone 797-6384, Teen group @ Pillsbury's home-phone 883-2460 Gorham-Marchand's home-phone 839-9877, Gray,Windham,Casco region-Crosby phone 657-2445.

Christmas Party

Ladies of CTR, you are invited to a Christmas Party being hosted by Sarah Peters at her new home. It will be held on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. **December 13th**. A cookie swap is planned so choose your favorite recipe. Got some good holiday party ideas? Sarah is open to suggestions.

Teen Events

The Senior High Sunday School class will be meeting at the N. Pillsbury home for lunch and their book study on Dec. 3rd, following the worship service. Please see Sharie if you can help with food and please read Chapter 8.

AND

Jr. High and Sr. High students and families: Please plan to attend a Christmas Party on **Dec. 17th** at the Hoehner's for lunch and ice-skating. More details will be following.

Root Cellar Dinner

On Thursday, **December 14th** we will be the host church to serve the dinner for the neighbors. There are sign up sheets in the back. If you can help serve the meal, cook or buy something for the dinner please indicate this on the sign-up sheet. Keep this ministry in your prayers that we might be a blessing and be pleasing to God.

Dates to Remember

CTR Prayer Meetings Park Avenue Church of God, Fridays, **6:30-7:30 am**
Session Meetings (*monthly*) *First and Third Tuesday nights* 6:00-9:00

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Pillsbury	Woodward
Food	Team	Team
Usher		
Nursery	Margaret Pearson & Becca Ballada	Sarah Peters & Trisha Scribellito
Kid's Q	Kathryn Pillsbury, _____	Linda and Dan Southwick
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	David Stewart	Doug Tedder

Finances: Last week our collection was \$1,816.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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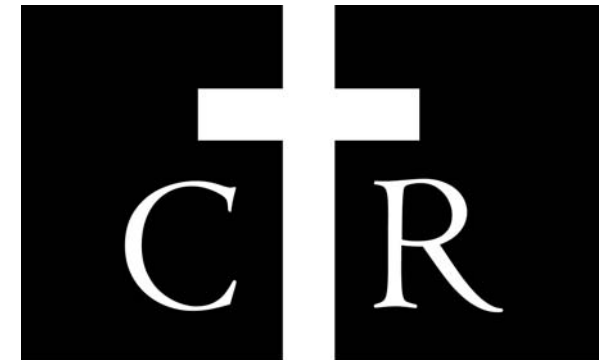
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Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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