

Reflections

“Saving faith is the heartfelt conviction not only that Christ is reliable, but also that he is desirable. It is the confidence that he will come through with his promises *and* that what he promises is more to be desired than all the world.”

— John Piper

“The promises of God's love and forgiveness are as real, as sure, as positive, as human words can [describe] them. But, like describing the ocean, its total beauty cannot be understood until it is actually seen. It is the same with God's love. Until you actually possess true peace with God, no one can describe its wonders to you.”

— Billy Graham

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.

Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Doug Tedder.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....December 3, 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. 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. This is a great way to get better acquainted with each other.

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 **today**, following the worship service. Chapter eight of the study book will be discussed.

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
Session Meetings (*monthly*)

Park Avenue Church of God, Fridays, **6:30-7:30 am**
First and Third Tuesday nights 6:00-9:00

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Woodward	Soyster
Food	Team	Team
Usher		
Nursery	Sarah Peters & Trisha Scribellito	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart
Kid's Q	Linda & Dan Southwick	Paula & Alison Marchand
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Doug Tedder	Robert Crosby

Finances: Last week our collection was \$2,142.50. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

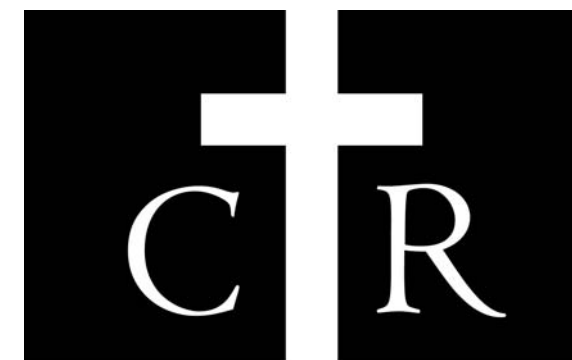
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