

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

February 4, 2007

The Lord's Day'

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Per Almquist

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 "All Hail the Power" *Arr. Curnow*

***Call to Worship** Psalm 133 Rev. Almquist

Minister: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

All: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

Minister: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

All: For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

***Hymn of Exultation** (115) "All Creatures of Our God and King" *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Prayer of Adoration *(concluded by praying together):* Mr. Doug Tedder

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 Jeremiah 10:23-24 Rev. Almquist

I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps. Correct me, O LORD, but in justice; not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing.

Song of Preparation (597) "Though I May speak With Bravest Fire" *American Folke*

Corporate Confession Rev. Almquist²

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits

of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Silent Reflection/Confession *Please take a few moments to pray privately*

Proclamation of Forgiveness 2 Corinthians 5:21 Rev. Almquist

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

***Song of Renewal** (263) "Lift High the Cross" *Nicholson*

***The Peace of God** *This is an opportunity to extend the grace of Christ to one another.*

Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made the heaven and earth. Grace and peace be to you from God our Father and from Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Minister: And now as our Lord gives to us his peace, so let us pass the peace to each other, saying: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World Rev. Almquist

Praise

Requests

Greeting and Announcements Mrs. Terry Cosgrove

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (page 759) Acts 4:32 – 5:11 Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon "Unity of the Faith" Rev. Stewart

The Offertory "Be Thou My Vision" *Arr. Curnow*

***Affirmation of Faith** Rev. Almquist ³

Minister: What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of salvation?

People: The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Minister: How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

People: The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

*** Doxology** *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Alleluia, alleluia

Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 their Savior by faith to be strengthened and renewed as they eat bread and drink wine. All those who trust in Christ 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 taking communion, we invite you to consider the prayers found below.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is worthy and right so to do.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us!

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

People: Grant us your peace!

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Approaching the King's Feast

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** (347) "The Church's One Foundation" *Wesley*

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Stewart

***The Benediction** Ephesians 6:23-24 Rev. Stewart

Minister: Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

¹ Each Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection from the dead by Jesus. His triumph over death is the basis for our hope. The first day of the week now points us forward to the certainty of His return.

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

² Adapted from John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543

³ Westminster Confession of Faith, Shorter Catechism Q. 88, 89

Reflections

"Nothing is more central or basic than union and communion with Christ. ...**Union with Christ**...in its broader aspects underlies every step of the application of redemption. Union with Christ is really the central truth of the whole doctrine of salvation not only in its application but also in its once-for-all accomplishment in the finished work of Christ. Indeed the whole process of salvation has its origin in one phase of union with Christ and salvation has in view the realization of other phases of union with Christ."

John Murray *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*

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.

**Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church exists to
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.

Musicians: Eric Mathis, vocalist; David Stewart, trumpet; Beth Almquist, French Horn; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
Serving Communion: David Stewart and Doug Tedder.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....February 4, 2007

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today!

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

Super Bowl Prayer

A prayer meeting for the daughter church in Lewiston will be held **Today**. Come at **5:15 PM** to pray for the daughter church and then stay to watch the Super Bowl on the Tedder's legendary big screen. Please see Per or Beth Almquist for details and to let them know you will be there.

Feb. 11th Meeting Place

On **Sunday, February 11, 2007** we will be meeting at **Lyseth Elementary School** for the worship service. There will be **no** Sunday School that morning. Directions are available on the web site (<http://www.MainePCA.org>) or on the handout on the greeter table.

Teen's Small Group Today

Please come to the Pillsbury's home this afternoon for a pizza lunch. We will be having a discussion on Chapter 9 in our book. Any questions? See Sharie or Nate Pillsbury.

MOPS

The local Mothers of Pres-Schoolers has grown and needs more caregivers for the children. The meetings are held on the first and third Wed of each month during the school year. This is a ministry that some of our CTR moms attend. Compensation is available. If you are interested please contact Gwen Tedder at 774-2847.

The Truth Project

The 8:15AM class will be held **ONLY** if you call Dick and Ginny before Saturday noon to indicate that you would like to attend. They would be happy to show the preceding week's program class for anyone! The 9:15AM class will continue to be held weekly. The class meets on the 3rd floor of the school building. An elevator is available.

Dates to Remember

Dinner & Dessert Auction to benefit the GPCS Missions Trip **Feb 10th-see flyer on back table.**
CTR Prayer Meetings Fridays at **6:30 am**
Session Meetings (*monthly*) *First and Third Tuesday nights 6:00-9:00*

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Woodward	Guliani
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 \$3,724.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

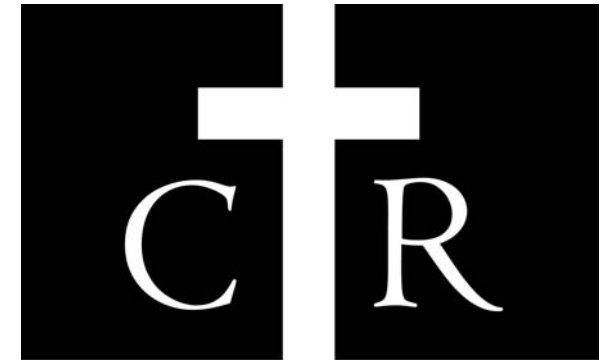
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Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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