

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

November 18, 2007

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Rev. David Stewart

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

Psalm 84

Rev. Stewart

Minister: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

All: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Minister: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

All: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

*Song of Exultation (382)

“God Himself Is With Us”

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*Prayer of Adoration

(concluded by praying together):

Mr. Jim Mansfield

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

Song of Preparation (Insert)

“My Goal Is God Himself”

Giacobbe¹

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Isaiah 55:6-7

Rev. Almquist

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Corporate Confession

Rev. Almquist

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, n now and forever. Amen. (Adapted from John Knox's Liturgy of 1560)

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

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Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-12

Rev. Almquist

The LORD is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

*Song of Renewal

“Isaiah 43”

1. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. And the waves will not overcome you. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are Mine.

2. When you pass through the fire, You’ll not be burned. And the flames will not consume you. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are Mine.

Chorus

Men:

For I am the Lord your God
I am the Lord your God
I am the Holy One of Israel,
Your Saviour.

(repeat)

I am the Lord.
I am the Lord.
I am the Lord.
I am the Lord.

I am the Lord.

Women:

I am the Lord your God.

I am the Holy One of Israel,
Your Saviour

Do not fear.
Do not fear.
Do not fear.
Do not fear.

*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!

Extending Christ’s Grace

New Orleans Mission Trip

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Mr. Jim Mansfield

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Joanne Crosby

Children ages 3-6 are excused to **Kids’ Quest** at this time.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (insert)

Psalm 95

Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Approaching the Throne of God”

Rev. Stewart

Sermon Series on the Book of Hebrews

The Life of Faith—Rooted in God’s Promises, Running to the New Jerusalem

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism²

Minister:

Why art you called a Christian?

People:

Because I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus am partaker of his anointing; so that I may confess his name, and present myself a living

sacrifice of thankfulness to him: and also that with a free and good conscience I may fight against sin and Satan in this life, and afterwards I reign with him eternally, over all creatures.

*Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father

And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning

Is now and ever shall be

World without end.

Amen. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF 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:

Behold, the Lamb of God³

People:

Who takes away the sin of the world!

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister:

Believe in the Lord, and give Him eternal praise and thanks!

People:

Lord Christ, help us to believe in You and always give You thanks and praise.

Minister:

Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

People:

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast.

Minister:

Christ said, “I am the bread of life.”

People:

He is our portion and our life.

Approaching Christ’s Communion Together

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 (100)

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Stewart

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*The Benediction

Romans 16:25-27

Rev. Stewart

Minister:

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ!

People:

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

³ This communion litany is based on the one used in Strassburg, Switzerland in the dawning of the Protestant Reformation. The Scriptural quotations are from Hebrews and the Gospel of John.

² 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).

Reflections

"It is in the process of being worshipped that God communicates His presence to men."
C. S. Lewis

"The first element in worship is adoration. The Hebrews expressed this by their posture and not alone by their word. For they prostrated themselves before God. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. They did not come with an easy familiarity into the presence of God, but were aware of his greatness and majesty, and came with a sense of privilege to His house."
H.H. Rowley
Worship in Ancient Israel p.257

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: Cynthia Setchell, vocalist; Jonathan Bauer, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Per Almquist and Jim Mansfield.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....November 18, 2007

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Morning Prayer-*Park Ave Church of God-Portland* Fridays at 6:30 AM
Sunday Morning Prayer-*Breakwater School* Sundays at 8:30 AM
Women's Bible Study-*Margaret Pearson-774-0524* twice monthly at 5:00 PM
Home Fellowship Groups
Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445* weekly Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Gorham-*@ Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826* 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Root Cellar Dinner

On December 6th we will be the host church to serve dinner at The Root Cellar. There are sign up sheets on the back table. Please consider cooking part of the meal or buying part of it. There is also opportunity to help serve the food and visit with the neighbors who come.

Cookies for College Students

There are quite a few students from CTR who are in college at this time. We want to give them all a care package to help them through their studies. If you want to help provide homemade cookies for them bring your donation to church on Dec 2nd so that the packages can be prepared and sent.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Installation Service for David Stewart December 9, 2007-4:00 p.m.

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Woodward Team	Pillsbury Team
Nursery	Doug and Gwen Tedder	Joanne Crosby & Margaret Pearson
Kid's Q	Steve & Katya Harmon	Joanne Crosby
Prayer	Jim Mansfield	Per Almquist

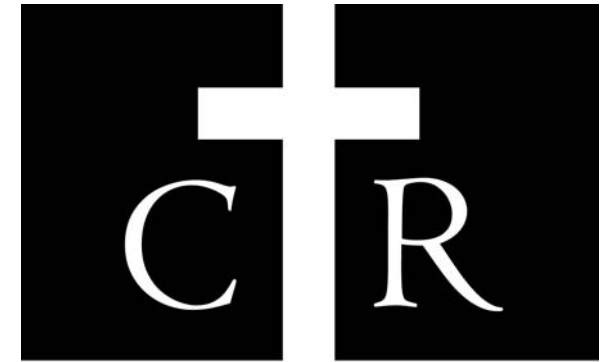
Finances: Last week our collection was \$6,506.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

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Douglas Warren	Pastor
Per Almquist	Associate Pastor
David Stewart	Associate Pastor
Joanne Crosby	Office Manager

Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM
Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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