

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

November 25, 2007

*Christ the King Sunday*¹

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

Call to Worship

Hebrews 10:19-24

Rev. Almquist

Minister: Beloved, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, and since we have a great Priest over the house of God,

All: Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Minister: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

All: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

*Song of Exultation (295)

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Elvey

*Prayer of Thanksgiving *(concluded by praying together):*

Mr. Richard Kurtz

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. Almquist

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 (261)

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Southern Harmony

Corporate Confession

Luther²

O Lord, merciful and mighty, we unworthy sinners, come to You 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. Almquist

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 (252)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Mason

*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

Mr. Richard Kurtz

After each petition:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Greeting and Announcements

Ms. Cynthia Setchell

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (insert)

Hebrews 4:11-16

Mr. Jim Mansfield

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

Redemptive Rest

Rev. Doug Warren

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 Catechism³

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*⁴

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:⁵

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.

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

All those who are prepared to come to the Lord’s Table may 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 consider the prayers below. Both wine & grape juice are available (juice is in the outer circle of the trays).

*Communion Song (246)

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

Bliss

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

John 14:27

Rev. Warren

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

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⁵ 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.

¹ Christ the King Sunday is the last of the season following Pentecost historically referred to as “Ordinary Time” as opposed to the various seasons like Advent or Lent. The church calendar is an attempt to work out how Christ’s work has not only altered time, but defines it. All of history reflects the wonders of what Christ has done and looks forward to its fulfillment when Christ comes again. This is the hope and glory of all who follow our great and glorious King.

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

² Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

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).

Reflections

“Who can estimate the value of God's gift, when He gave to the world His only begotten Son? It is something unspeakable and incomprehensible. It passes man's understanding. Two things there are which man has no arithmetic to reckon, and no line to measure. One of these things is the extent of that man's loss who loses his own soul. The other is the extent of God's gift when he gave Christ to sinners...Sin must indeed be exceeding sinful, when the Father must needs give His only Son to be the sinner's Friend!”

— J.C. Ryle

“Notice that the Scripture does not say merely that we shall one day enter that festival assembly. We are *now* come to it; when we worship God we draw near in Spirit to the heavenly Zion. Our praises blend with the song of the angels and the hallelujahs of those who have gone before....”

— Edmund P. Clowney

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; Dan MicKool, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Richard Kurtz.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....November 25, 2007

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Morning Prayer- <i>Park Ave Church of God-Portland</i>	Fridays at 6:30 AM
Sunday Morning Prayer- <i>Breakwater School</i>	Sundays at 8:30 AM
Women's Bible Study- <i>Margaret Pearson-774-0524</i>	<i>twice monthly</i> Thursdays at 5:00 PM
Word and Deed Ministry- <i>Jeanne Mansfield 647-8487</i>	<i>every other Thursday at Noon</i>
Home Fellowship Groups	
Casco, Windham, Gray Region- <i>Robert Crosby-657-2445</i>	<i>weekly</i> Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Gorham-@ <i>Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826</i>	<i>2nd and 4th</i> Sundays at 5:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Word and Deed Ministry

This group of women meets to encourage each other to serve Christ through prayer and using their gifts in the community. Their next meeting will be on November 29th at noon. It will be held at TGI Friday's in So Portland. Call Jeanne Mansfield if you have questions 647-8487.

Welcome to Christ the Redeemer Class

This is a class for those who want to learn more about CTR. It is being held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. and will run for four weeks (12/2-23). This is required for all new members, but open to all. Questions? Talk to Pastor Warren.

Teen Home Fellowship

The next meeting will be on December 2nd after the worship service. The meeting will be at the home of Nate and Sharie Pillsbury. Lunch will be pizza. Ask Linda Southwick how you can help with the food needs. Prepare for the meeting by reading pages 19-50 in the book *Case for Christ*.

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	Pillsbury Team	Woodward Team
Nursery	Joanne Crosby & Margaret Pearson	
Kid's Q	Joanne Crosby	Linda and Noah Southwick
Prayer	Dick Kurtz	Doug Tedder

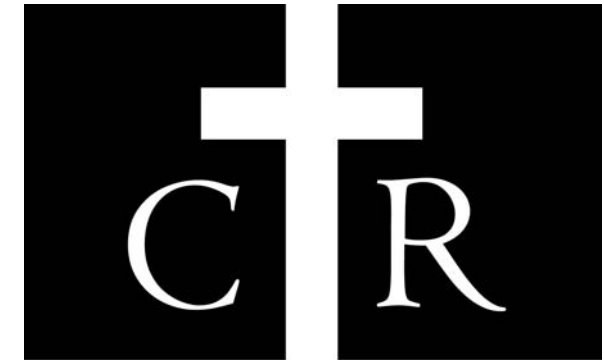
Finances: Last week our collection was \$6,900.27. Thank you for your donations to provide Thanksgiving baskets for the Root Cellar outreach. We were able to exceed our expected gifts due to your generosity.

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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