

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

January 13, 2008

*The Lord's Day*¹

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

Psalms 47 and 66

Rev. David Stewart

Minister: Clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

All: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Minister: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

All: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

*Song of Exultation (38)

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

JOANNA

*Prayer of Adoration

(concluded by praying together):

Mr. Robert Crosby

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

Isaiah 59

Rev. Stewart

Your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. But the Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins, declares the Lord.

Song of Preparation

“Change My Heart, O God”

*Espinosa*²

Change my heart, oh God, You are the potter, Change my heart, oh God,
Make it ever true. I am the clay. Make it ever true.

Change my heart, oh God, Mold me and make me, Change my heart, oh God,
May I be like You. This is what I pray. May I be like You.

Repeat

Corporate Confession

Psalm 51

Rev. Stewart

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when you judge. Amen.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 130

Rev. Stewart

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

*Song of Renewal

“Shout to the Lord”

*Zschech*³

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord there is none like You,
All of my days, I want to praise,
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am,
hands.
Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing,
Power and majesty praise to the King.
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar,
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your

Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You.

(Repeat all)

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

*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. Sharie Pillsbury

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Scripture Reading (Page 833)

Hebrews 9: 15-28

Rev. Almquist

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

Into Heaven Itself

Rev. Warren

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

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism⁴

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

People:

Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

Minister:

What rule has God given to direct us in how to glorify and enjoy Him?

People:

The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us as to how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

*Barocha

Numbers 6:24

*Card*⁵

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord be gracious to you

The Lord make His face shine upon you

The Lord turn His face towards you

And give you peace

And give you peace

And give you peace

And give you peace

And give you peace, forever

And give you peace, forever.

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: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.⁶

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Minister: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;”

People: The Lord Almighty is with us; The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: God lives in a high and holy place,

People: But also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit,

Minister: To revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

People: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Approaching the Lord's Table

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 (310)

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Darvall

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

Jude 24-25

Rev. Warren

Minister: To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

¹ Sunday is more than just the first day of the week. Each Sunday is a celebration of Jesus' victory over death in His resurrection Easter Sunday. The Lord of Creation has entered our world and changed everything. Just as God's people rested from work on the last day of the week to commemorate God's creative work, we now rest from worldly concerns on the first day of the week to celebrate His redeeming work.

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

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⁴ A catechism is a Question and Answer format for teaching the truths contained in Scripture. The Westminster Shorter Catechism was written in 1647 in England primarily as an aid for teaching children. It has been used by congregations and families in both worship and instruction for the past 350 years.

⁵ Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

⁶ This communion litany is taken from Psalm 46. The themes of God's presence with us and His power in conquering everything provide us hope. It is only in Him as our fortress that we can know His peace and rest. As we come to His table, let us look together to Him for our strength.

Reflections

If you've inhaled God's love and God's power and forgiveness and salvation, you've got to exhale God's love into a broken world.

— John Wesley

The ugly truth is that we tend to avoid suffering by compromise. Our moral standards are often not noticeably higher than the standards of the world. Our lives do not challenge and rebuke unbelievers by their integrity or purity or love. The world sees in us nothing to hate. As for the Church, in many places the world hardly notices it. It makes little impact on society; its discipline is in many ways lax and its commitment halfhearted...We are seldom bold to rebuke vice. We mind our own business lest anyone should be offended. We hold our tongue so that nobody is embarrassed... We are respectable, conventional, inoffensive and ineffective.

— John R.W. Stott

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

Highlights.....January 13, 2008

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
Home Fellowship Groups
Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445* varies 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.

Gorham Home Fellowship

You are invited to come to the Gorham Home Fellowship meeting this evening at 5:30 pm at the home of Mike & Paula Marchand. For more details talk to the Marchand's or to Dave Stewart.

New Adult Sunday School Class

The new class is an exploration of what it means to think and act ethically from a biblical worldview. It is team taught by Dr. Paul Hoehner and Doug Warren and will include historical, theoretical, and biblical overviews.

Congregational Meeting

Our regular quarterly Congregational Meeting will be on February 10, 2008. The meeting will follow the morning worship service. Election of officers will take place at that time, as well as other items of business. All members should make an effort to attend this important meeting.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.
NNE Presbytery Meeting January 19, 2008
Root Cellar Dinner March 13, 2008
Church Retreat September 19-20, 2008

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Warren Team	Perkins Team
Nursery	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart	Doug & Gwen Tedder
Kid's Q	Paula & Alison Marchand	Steve & Katya Harmon
Prayer	Robert Crosby	Jim Mansfield

Finances: Last week our collection was \$1,353.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

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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



SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2008

*Worshipping Christ in Community
As We Celebrate and Extend His Grace
To Portland, New England and the World*

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As We Celebrate and Extend His Grace
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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; Mike Marchand, bass; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Robert Crosby.