

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

January 20, 2008

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend 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

Isaiah 53

Rev. Stewart

Minister: Jesus took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows.

All: Our Lord was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

Minister: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

All: Lord Christ, just as You have born our sin and made intercession for us, meet us now we pray. By Your Holy Spirit enliven our hearts and allow us to worship You together with all of our lives.

*Song of Exultation (164)

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Glaser

*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) “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

Newton/Reinagle¹

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Hebrews 4:14-16

Rev. Doug Warren

Knowing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. *In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

Corporate Confession

Rev. Warren

Gracious Lord, we confess now that we dishonor You in our words and thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength we stumble; proclaiming our own goodness, we sin; glorying in our own righteousness we corrupt everything we touch. Turning our faces from You, Lord, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards You. We pray these things in the name of Your most precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

Rev. Warren

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Song of Renewal (247)

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Hassier

*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. Kristen Warren

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (page 833)

Hebrews 10:1-18

Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Once For All”

Rev. Stewart

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

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed²

Minister: Christian, what is it that we believe?

People: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic³ and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Creatorex

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.

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: Behold, the Lamb of God⁴

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 (308)

“Jesus Paid It All”

Grape

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Stewart

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*The Benediction

Second Corinthians 13:14

Rev. Stewart

Minister: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Please stay and enjoy some refreshments and get to know some of the folks you don’t already know.

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

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² The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

³ The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

⁴ 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.

Reflections

“Christ Jesus has true excellency, so great that when it comes to see it, the mind rests there. It sees a transcendent glory and an ineffable sweetness in him; it sees that till now it has been pursuing shadows, but that now it has found the substance; that before it had been seeking happiness in the stream, but that now it has found the ocean. It is an infinite excellency in which the mind can find no bounds. Every new discovery makes this beauty appear more ravishing; there is room enough for the mind to go deeper and deeper, and never come to the bottom. The soul that comes to Christ, feeds upon this and lives upon it. It is impossible for those who have tasted of this fountain, and know the sweetness of it, ever to forsake it.”

— Jonathan Edwards

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: Sharie Pillsbury, vocalist; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.
Serving Communion: David Stewart and Jim Mansfield.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....January 20, 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.

Lenten Service

We will hold a special service on Ash Wednesday, February 6th, here at Breakwater.

Congregational Meeting

Our regular quarterly Congregational Meeting will be on February 10, 2008. The meeting will follow the morning worship service at Lyseth Elementary School. 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.

ABBA Baby Bottles

Today is Sanctity of Life Sunday. You can support our local crisis pregnancy center, ABBA, by collecting loose change in the baby bottle provided for you on the back table, praying for the center, or by volunteering. Please return the bottles to the church by the date written on the bottle.

Word and Deed Ministry

The Word and Deed Ministry will be meeting on Thursday, January 24th, at 12:30 at the Weathervane in South Portland for a lunch/meeting. We have started making a quilt to donate to a local ministry so bring needle, thread, and material. Donations of cotton fabric for this project would be helpful. All interested in joining in can call Jeanne Mansfield at 647-8487.

Teen Home Fellowship

The next meeting will be on 2/3 at Southwick's home following Sunday service. Please read chapters 5-6. RSVP sixsouthwix@roadrunner.com or 892-7539.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Root Cellar Dinner March 13, 2008
NNE Presbytery Missions Conference-Manchester, NH April 18-19, 2008
VBS-Sports Camps July 28-Aug 1, 2008
Church Retreat September 19-20, 2008

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

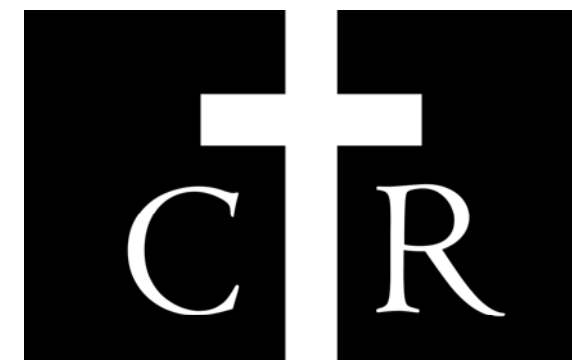
	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Perkins Team	Pillsbury Team
Nursery	Doug & Gwen Tedder	Joanne Crosby & Margaret Pearson
Kid's Q	Steve & Katya Harmon	Joanne Crosby
Prayer	Jim Mansfield	Dick Kurtz

Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,571.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

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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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SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2008

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