

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

February 17, 2008

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 “Great is Thy Faithfulness” *Chisholm/Rumyan*
“Lord, I Come to You” *Bullock*

Call to Worship Psalm 72 Rev. Warren

Minister: Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

All: He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

Minister: He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

All: He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Minister: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

All: Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

***Song of Exultation** (295) “Crown Him With Many Crowns” *Elvey*

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

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 (457) “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *Nettleton*

Scriptural Call to Repentance Hebrews 4:14-16 Rev. 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** (172) “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” *Gesangbuch*

***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 Rev. Warren
Praise Requests

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 835) Hebrews 11:17-40 Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon “A Better Resurrection” Rev. Warren
The Life of Faith—Rooted in God’s Promises, Running to the New Jerusalem

The Offertory “I Christ Alone” *Getty/Townend*

***Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed¹

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 catholic² 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** *Greatorex*

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 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** (706) “Jesus Lives, and So Shall I” *Cruger*

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***The Benediction** Second Corinthians 13:14 Rev. Warren

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 “Come Thou Fount” *Robinson*

Please stay and enjoy some refreshments together.

¹ 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.

² The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

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.

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

Reflections

“God’s wisdom is not first counsel on how to practice family values or to use common sense. It is the wisdom of His plan of grace, the wisdom of the Cross. That wisdom is foolishness to the calculations of prudence. Wise living is sacrificial living, giving up what it cannot keep to gain what it cannot lose. It is a thank-offering of praise, enabled by the mercy of God that has united us to Christ in his death and resurrection.”

— Edmund P. Clowney

“Is it not logical to believe that the only one who can recreate us is the One who created us in the first place? If your watch were out of order, you wouldn't take it to a blacksmith. If your car needed overhauling, you wouldn't go to a machine shop. Our spiritual problems can be solved only by the God who created us originally. He created us in His own image and likeness; today, by the grace of His son, He can recreate us in the likeness of His resurrection. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are recreated and become partakers of His life.”

— Billy Graham

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; Rebecca Helie, flute; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and John Hoeprich.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....February 17, 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
Home Fellowship Groups
 Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445* 2nd and 4th 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.

ABBA Baby Bottles

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 next Sunday, **February 24, 2008**.

Root Cellar Dinner

On March 13th we will be the host church to serve dinner at the Root Cellar. There is a sign up sheet in the back. You can help by being a server at the dinner or by donating a food item or cooking part of the meal. There is also a need for folks to come to the dinner and visit with the neighbors of The Root Cellar who attend. If you have questions talk to Joanne Crosby.

Installation Service

On February 24th during the Sunday worship service there will be an installation service to install Dick Kurtz and Tim Woodward as deacons and Nathan Pillsbury as an elder. We rejoice to have these fine men to serve as leaders in this community of faith.

Weekend to Remember

This weekend marriage conference sponsored by FamilyLife teaches God's design for marriage and family. The environment is fun, non-threatening, and sometimes hilarious. And it's a wonderful time for couples to refresh good marriages or heal troubled ones. There are more than 150 conferences in cities all across the U.S. each year including one here in Portland. Registration information is available on the greeter table in the back. Whether you're engaged, newlywed, or remarried, enrich your marriage and begin a godly legacy for your family by attending this rewarding conference.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 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

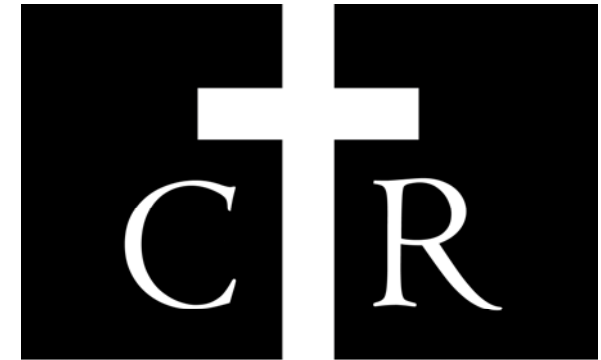
Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,259.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

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Douglas Warren	Pastor
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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, FEBRUARY 17, 2008

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