

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

October 26, 2008

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost¹

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Douglas D. Warren

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 12

Rev. Warren

Minister: We will praise you, O Lord. Though you were angry with us, your anger has been turned away, and you have comforted us.

All: The Lord, the Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. We will trust and not be afraid. With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

All: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*Songs of Exultation (Insert)

“Lord Most High”

Harris/Sadler²

“Great is the Lord”

Smith³

*Prayer of Adoration

(concluded by praying together):

Rev. David Stewart

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. Per 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 (Insert)

“Be Merciful to Me”

Jennings⁴

Corporate Confession

Luther⁵

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 (Insert)

“Isaiah 43”

*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. Almquist

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 105)

Numbers 16

Mr. Dana Perkins

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Standing Between the Living and the Dead”

Rev. Warren

Sermon Series on Numbers: In the Wilderness with God’s Perfect Presence

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism⁶

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.

*Barocha

Numbers 6:24

Card⁷

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 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:⁸

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.

Drawing Near in Community of Faith

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

“At the Cross”

Butler⁹

I know a place, a wonderful place

At the cross, (at the cross)

Where accused and condemned

He died for our sin.

Find mercy and grace,

At the cross, (at the cross)

Where the wrongs we have done

He gave us life again.

And the wrongs done to us

(repeat)

Were nailed there with Him,

(repeat all)

There on the cross.

I know a place, a wonderful place.

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

¹ Pentecost originated as the feast of weeks as a celebration and offering to God at the conclusion of the grain harvest. It served as the primary occasion for covenant renewal and God used this time to renew His promises to His people through the gift of the Holy Spirit recorded in Acts 2:1-13.

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

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⁵ Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

⁶ 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).

⁷ Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

⁸ 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.

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Reflections

“Deity indwelling men! That, I say, is Christianity, and no man has experienced rightly the power of Christian belief until he has known this for himself as a living reality. Everything else is preliminary to this. Incarnation, atonement, justification, regeneration; what are these but acts of God preparatory to the work of invading and the act or indwelling the redeemed human soul? Man who moved out of the heart of God by sin now moves back into the heart of God by redemption. God who moved out of the heart of man because of sin now enters again his ancient dwelling to drive out his enemies and once more make the place of his feet glorious.”
— A.W. Tozer

“Night and day I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement ‘the just shall live by his faith.’ Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through the grace and sheer mercy of God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise.”
— Martin Luther

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: David Stewart, vocalist; Mike Marchand, bass; Elizabeth Noonan, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Per Almquist.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....October 26, 2008

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Sunday Morning Prayer-*Breakwater School Library*

Sundays at 8:30 AM

Home Fellowship Groups

Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445*

2nd Sunday of each month-lunch

Gorham-*@ Marchand home-839-9877*

2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:30 PM

teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826-Study is on Hebrews

Portland-*@ Tedder home-774-2847*

2nd and 4th Saturdays at 5 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Sunday School is held each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. There are classes for all ages. Plan to join a class this school year. Please stay for refreshments after the service and get better acquainted with one another.

ABBA Walk Fair

On Saturday, November 1st from 9:00-11:00 a.m. you can participate in a Walk Fair for Life. This walk fair will be at the Portland Sports Complex @ 512 Warren Ave, Portland. Come and walk for two miles and help ABBA as they serve those in crisis pregnancies in this community. See Crystal Kepler to sign up to walk or to pledge your support for this project.

Reformation Sunday Service

There will be a special joint evening service on Reformation Sunday, November 2nd at the Second Parish Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 32 Neal St. Portland. Come out and join in worship and fellowship with another reformed congregation here in Portland. The Service will begin at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to contribute an item to the refreshment table let us know at the church office.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday November 9th, 2008 following the Worship Service. All members are asked to attend. Everyone is welcomed.

Thanksgiving Basket Needs

We will be helping provide items for 400 Thanksgiving baskets given out by The Root Cellar to the needy families in their area. This year we are asked to provide 100 (1 lbs bags) of carrots, 100 jars each of olives and pickles-any variety. Start to bring your donations to church now and we will store them here.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings

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

Root Cellar Dinner

December 11, 2008

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Pillsbury Team	Woodward Team
Nursery	Joanne Crosby & Margaret Pearson	April & Nathan Mathis
Kid's Q	Becky McKinnon & Karis Warren	Linda & Noah Southwick
Prayer	David Stewart	Doug Tedder

Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,051.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

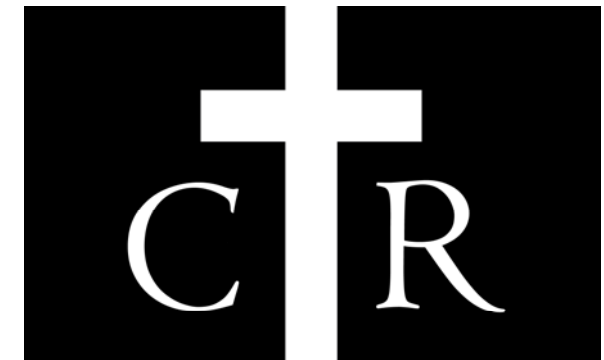
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Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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