

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

November 2, 2008

*The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost<sup>1</sup>*

### 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

First Chronicles 16

Rev. Stewart

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done.

**All: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Minister: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods.

**All: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.**

Minister: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name.

**All: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.**

#### \*Hymn of Exultation (64)

“God, the Lord, a King Remaineth”

*REGENT SQUARE*

#### \*Prayer of Adoration

*(concluded by praying together):*

Mr. Doug Tedder

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 30:15-18

Rev. Doug Warren

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is God of justice. Blessed are those who wait for Him!

#### Song of Preparation (662)

“As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams”

*Harkins*

### Corporate Confession

Rev. Warren

Holy Father, we long to have you change our hearts. We confess to You that we do not obey You as we should. We love little, speak not the truth, harbor resentment, and

leave the oppressed with no defender. We break Your holy law, leave undone what You command, and delight in what You have forbidden. Merciful Lord, we humbly ask that You would forgive us and change our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your Son. Holy Spirit, work in us we pray, that we might be like You.

### Silent Reflection/Confession

*Please take a few moments to pray privately*

### Proclamation of Forgiveness

Hebrews 2:18

Rev. Warren

Because Jesus Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

#### \*Song of Renewal (172)

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

*Newton*

#### \*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. Terry Cosgrove

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

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

#### \*Scripture Reading (Page 107)

Numbers 19:1-9; 17-20

Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### The Sermon

“Death’s Stinking Shadow”

Rev. Warren

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

### The Offertory

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed<sup>2</sup>

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning God, the Father?

**People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

Minister: What do you believe concerning Jesus?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit and His work?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>3</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### \*Doxology

*OLD HUNDREDTH*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost 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: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

**People: Have mercy upon us!**

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

**People: Grant us your peace!**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

### Approaching the King’s Feast

*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 (253)

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

*Mason*

## COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

### \*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

#### \*The Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Rev. Warren

Minister: Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Postlude

*You have heard the Word of God read, sung, prayed, and preached.*

*You have seen the glory of Christ put on display for all the world at His feasting table.*

*Now you must decide if you will live this Word out in your thoughts, words, and actions.*

*There is a community of believers here to assist you, stay after the service to get to know some of them.*

*Make plans to get together with one another this week and encourage and strengthen one another.*

*Determine to tell others in your circle of friends and associates with whom you will share this good news.*

*This same Word we have participated in today will not return to Christ void,*

*but will accomplish either blessing or curse.*

*Pray that He works it in you and us for blessing and let us praise Him for it together.*

<sup>1</sup> 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.**

<sup>2</sup> The Apostles’ Creed is a concise summary of the teachings of the apostles. Originally used as a baptismal confession in the second century, it was developed into its current form by the sixth or seventh century.

<sup>3</sup> The term “catholic” is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

## Reflections

“God is the God who is holy and the God who is love. We must not choose between love and holiness, for to forget either is equally vicious...Both God's holiness and His love must be exhibited simultaneously, or we have fallen off one cliff or the other.”

— Francis A. Schaeffer

“In the person of Christ do meet together infinite majesty and infinite meekness. These are two qualifications that meet together in no other person but Christ. It is he that is terrible out of his holy place; who is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea: before whom a fire goeth; at whose presence the earth quakes, and the hills melt; whose eyes are as a flame of fire, and of whose dominion there is no end. And yet he was the most marvelous instance of meekness, and humble quietness of spirit that ever was; when he was reviled, he reviled not again; he had a wonderful spirit of forgiveness, was ready to forgive his worst enemies, and prayed for them with fervent effectual prayers. Thus is Christ a lion in majesty, and a lamb in meekness.”

— 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: Eric Mathis, vocalist; Elizabeth Noonan, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: David Stewart, Doug Warren, Nathan Pillsbury, and Doug Tedder.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....November 2, 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  
Gorham-@ Marchand home-839-9877

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month-lunch  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5:30 PM

teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826-Study is on Hebrews

Portland-@ Tedder home-774-2847

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### New Web site

Go on-line and visit CTR's new cyber home at [www.ctrportland.org](http://www.ctrportland.org) and give us your feedback. We want this to be a welcoming and useful resource to encourage community and outreach.

#### Reformation Sunday Service

There will be a special joint evening service on Reformation Sunday, **This Evening** at the Second Parish Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 32 Neal St. Portland. Come out and join in worship and fellowship with other reformed congregations here in Portland. The Service will begin at 6:00 p.m.

#### Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Root Cellar Dinner

First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
December 11, 2008

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Woodward Team	Lane Team
Nursery	April & Nathan Mathis	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart
Kid's Q	Linda & Noah Southwick	Paula & Alison Marchand
Prayer	Doug Tedder	Robert Crosby

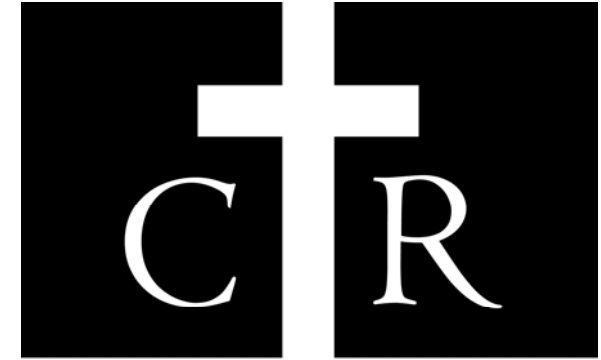
**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$4,213.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

### MINISTRY STAFF

(207) 878-1211 [www.MainePCA.org](http://www.MainePCA.org)

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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