

CHRIST CHURCH

LORD'S DAY SERVICE
DECEMBER 31, 2006

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and 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 men and for our salvation, came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost 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 sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church; acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meditation and Preparation
For Worship

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest friend to me, ah, how long in anguish shall my spirit languish, yearning, Lord, for thee. Thine I am, o spotless Lamb, I will suffer naught to hide Thee, naught I ask beside Thee.

Hence with earthly treasure! Thou art all my pleasure, Jesus, all my choice. Hence, thou empty glory! Naught to me thy story, told with temping voice. Pain or loss or shame or cross shall not from my Savior move me, since He deigns to love me.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God Summons His People
(The congregation stands.)

Minister: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who are in awe of Him.

Congregation: He will hear their cry, and save them.

SCRIPTURE READING OF PRAISE

"Sing, O Heavens, for the Lord has done it! Shout, you lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel." Isaiah 44:23

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CORPORATE RESPONSE

Sanctus, page 407

CORPORATE RECITATION:

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" 286-287

CONFESSION

God Cleanses His People

EXHORTATION

SCRIPTURE READING OF CONFESSION

"Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other."
Isaiah 45:22

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near," says the Lord, "And I will heal him." Isaiah 57:19

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Psalm 92 pg.121
Psalm 22 pg. 31

CONSECRATION

God Equips & Prepares His People
(The congregation stands.)

READING OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:6-11
New Testament: Romans 14:14-23

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - AMEN

OPENING PRAYER

"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near."
Isaiah 55:6

THANKSGIVING

"I will mention the loving kindnesses of the Lord and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, according to the multitude of His loving kindnesses." Isaiah 63:7

PETITIONS

"But now, O Lord, You are our Father, we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand." Isaiah 64:8

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Psalm 76 pg. 115

PREACHING OF THE PARTICULAR WORD

Sermon: Maurice Hagar "Living Wise Among the Foolish"
Various passages from Proverbs

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(The congregation stands.)
Psalm 1 pg. 2

COMMUNION

God Nourishes His People
(The congregation is seated.)

Communion is warmly offered to all who are baptized and are not under church discipline.

THE BREAD & THE WINE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Author of Life Divine" 205

COMMISSIONING

God Blesses & Sends His People
(The congregation stands.)

GLORIA PATRI

(The congregation may raise their hands.)

BENEDICTION

"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen." Jude 24-25

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Amen



Prayers

- ◆ Praise God... for He is near to all who call upon Him in spirit and truth. Praise God... for He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; that He hears their cry and saves them. Psalm 145:18-19
- ◆ Thank God for the confidence we find in His word... “that He who began a good work in us will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6
- ◆ Thank God for the way he continues to grow the number of worshippers at Christ Church. Pray that God would be pleased to do the same at Providence Church (Greenville, NC) and Holy Trinity Church (Greenville, SC).
- ◆ Thank God for the ministry of Langley Reformed Evangelical Church in Langley, British Columbia and their pastor Gary Vanderveen. Pray that God would bless our brothers in the north according to their faithfulness.
- ◆ Pray God’s protection upon our soldiers fighting in Iraq, Afghanistan, and various other spots around the globe. Pray for Sean Larson and Ryan Harper as they prepare for service abroad.
- ◆ Pray for the Kevin Tillett family in Waxhaw, NC as they invest their lives in the training-up of bush pilots for Wycliffe.
- ◆ Pray for the work of Blake Purcell and the Slavic Reformation Society in St. Petersburg, Russia. Pray especially for the upcoming Eurasia-Wide Theological Conference from March 2-4.
- ◆ Pray for Christians who are persecuted in other countries, especially in Iran. Last week, Iranian secret police began a series of raids, arresting, interrogating, and holding Christian home-church leaders in cities throughout the country.
- ◆ Pray for the members of the United States Supreme Court
- ◆ Continue to pray for the sale of the Rensch’s coffee business in Goldsboro and the Mitchell’s home in Greenville.
- ◆ Pray that our great physician would heal those who suffer physically. Pray that He would be a rock and fortress, a shield, a stronghold and a deliverer for Lynn McBurnett, Micheal Crater, Laurie Pate, Lyn Rogers, Willie Bates, Rocky Wells (Alaina Oliva’s brother), and Cynthia Soderberg.
- ◆ Pray for the elders of Christ Church as they seek to serve God in leading the church.

Worship Music

Music for next week’s worship service will include the following Psalms and Hymns:

Psalm 122
pg. 160

Psalm 25
pg. 42-43

Psalm 12
pg. 13

Psalm 94
pg. 124-125

“Be Thou My Vision”
pg. 342

“Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal”
pg. 216

Welcome Visitors

If you are visiting with us today for the first time, please complete a visitor card on our welcome table so we can provide you with more information on Christ Church. We welcome you and are blessed to have you worship with us today.

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Sermon Notes
"Living Wise Among the Foolish"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday, December 31 - New Year's Eve Fellowship, 7 pm (Cross home)

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, January 7 - Head of Household Meeting, 6:30 pm, Men's Forum following (Church office)

Monday, January 8 - Choir practice, 7:15 pm (Church sanctuary)

Sunday, January 14 - Psalm Sing and Fellowship Meal (following service)

Be sure to consult the Christ Church monthly calendar for updates on our website at www.christkirknc.com.

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Christ Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon.