



Together In Christ

By His Grace

For His Glory

July 5, 2026

10:30 AM Sunday Mornings

Words of Reflection

“Corporate worship is designed to stimulate your hunger for the one thing that has the power to satisfy your heart; relationship with God.”

Paul Tripp

Order of Worship

The story of redemption unfolded in the different elements of our worship service every Lord's Day.

Welcome/Invocation

We ask God's Spirit to make the presence and promises of God real to us.

Call to Worship

God invites and calls us into His presence to worship Him. He enters our busy lives to speak to us.

I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High. Psalm 7:17

Song of Praise

We sing praises to God and proclaim His glory for what He has done for us through the ministry and work of Jesus Christ. Singing helps us feel the reality of God, connect with Him, and express His truth.

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

Chorus

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed – my ransom paid
At the cross

Chorus

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Corporate Confession of Sin

God cleanses us and restores us through Jesus' death and resurrection. We willingly acknowledge our sin openly to God, considering God's grace that is ours in Jesus Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Hide Your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through the shed blood of our Savior Jesus. Amen.

Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 1 Timothy 1:15-16

Intercessory Prayer

We lift up our requests to God knowing that He hears us when we pray. The Lord's prayer is our model.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Confession of Faith

We join the church in history by confessing the basic statements of what Christians believe.
(Second through Fourth Sundays)

Song of Response

We respond with thanksgiving and praise for God's redemptive work through Jesus Christ.

The Gospel

This is the word, the gospel truth
In which we stand
The perfect life, the saving death
Of just one man.

Oh oh, look what God has done
Oh oh, through his son

Christ died for our sins,
Met death in his grave,
Then rose to life again;
By this we are saved
By this we are saved

So Jesus' death has conquered death
And killed our sin
And Jesus' life, has brought us life
We live in him

This is good news,
The Father shows us grace
This is the truth
The Spirit gives us faith
Jesus is King

And by this we are saved
By this we are saved
By this we are saved

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Family Time

We celebrate how God is working in and through us in our families, community, and world.

The Reading of God's Word

God speaks to us primarily by His Word through the power of the Holy Spirit.

26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. 27 What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. 28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:26-28

Preaching from God's Word

The truth of God's Word is explained and proclaimed so that we can respond, delight in it, and seek to be more fully shaped into God's image.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (See Page 9 for Details)

The Lord's Supper is not a meal for good people. It's a meal for desperate people who trust in Jesus alone for salvation, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully with Jesus. Those who receive the Lord's Supper in the right way share in His body and blood with all His benefits, not physically but by faith, and become spiritually stronger and grow in grace.

The Offering

Generosity and stewardship are two of the ways that we respond to God's Word and grace. We invest in God's Kingdom as a step of faith, trusting that He will supply all of our needs. You are also invited to give to Christ Church online through your "Church Center" application or at <https://christchurchsanford.churchcenter.com>. Feel free to use our offering box in the foyer for direct giving on Sunday mornings.

Departing Song of Worship

God blesses us and sends us out to be a part of His mission to Lee County, surrounding areas, and the World.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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Announcements

Our announcements remind us of ways that we can connect and support one another as we go.

The Benediction

The people of God are sent out into the world to love God and love others where we live, work, and play.

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25

The Sending and Doxology

We close our service with the Doxology, which means "glory words.", a short hymn of praise to God, as we are sent out to where we live, work, and play.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

Sermon Notes
Imagining Our Destiny
Considering the Reality of Death

Heaven is a real place perfectly suited for our desires for adventure, work, relationships, and the fulfillment of having a righteous, holy, generous King!

*“The **potential of death** was in the creation from the beginning. But the potential of eternal life was also there. Sin, in the case of Adam and each of us, means that **death is no longer merely potential but actual.**”*

Millard Erickson, Christian Theology

First, who are we?

²⁸ *And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

Secondly, what is going to happen to us?

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Lastly, what should we do?

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Conclusion:

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

⁶ *So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.*

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OCC T-Shirt Decoration Party---July 18th, 5:00-7:30 PM. Location to TBD. Bring your creative gifts to personalize T-shirts for Operation Christmas Child boxes. Pizza dinner & Drinks included. Bring dessert. If weather permits, we will set up the inflatable.

Congregational Meeting---Please mark your calendar for July 19th immediately following the service for a congregational meeting. The meeting will cover an update on Tom Buitter and also the possibility of nominating and electing a new Pastoral Search Committee. Plan for 11:30-12:30 for that meeting.

Church-wide Cookbook---Email Sandra at: 2014msmills@gmail.com.

Operation Christmas Child---Please check out the Operation Christmas Child page in the church center app for more information, monthly donation link, as well as an Amazon Wish list link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/VYRSTLL93TXO?ref_=wl_share

Men's & Women's Bible Studies---Off for the summer. We will relaunch in August.

LIFE Groups---Off for the summer. LIFE group leaders, plan on August 16th from 4:00-6:30 PM for planning and training. Childcare will provided.

Anchor Student Ministry--- Our Middle and High School students will continue to meet for special events during the summer including a T-shirt decorating party on July 18th from 5:00-8:00 PM for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. We will also be heading to the beach July 27-30th. See Kate for an updated calendar with monthly events.

Church Wide Prayer---We will meet for prayer at 10:00 AM every Sunday morning before church. Feel free to join us! All are invited.

Church Center App---To access more information about Christ Church, view calendar/events, announcements, giving, join groups, volunteer sign-ups, directory, etc. please scan the Church Center QR code at the information table. Questions about the Church Center App or Webpage please contact Melanie (910)366-4452.

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For more information about Christ Church Sanford: Check out our webpage at www.christchurchsanfordpca.com. Contact Ralph Johnston at rwjtarheel@gmail.com or 770-530-2714.

Last Week's Attendance: 36---Last Month's Giving: \$11,837 Year to Date: \$76,148

Children in Worship

¹³ Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:13-14

We value worship.

We value worshipping as a whole family together.

We value worship in the context of a community of families known as the local church.

We believe in additional training and discipleship for our children which begins in the home and is supplemented by the church through worship, special events, and children's membership.

Feel free to utilize our nursery (0-3) until your children are ready and able to sit quietly in the worship service.

For those of us who have small children, how can we include our children in worship while respecting others who may or may not have children?

7 Steps to help your children worship well on Sundays.

1. Train and teach your children about the value of worship and clarify your expectations for them ahead of time. Saturday evenings are a great time to rehearse these values and get prepared as a family.
2. Arrive early enough to get to the bathroom and snack breaks out of the way before worship begins.
3. We ask that kids arrive on Sunday mornings with an attitude of worship. We want them to connect with their friends, but we ask that they be respectful in anticipation of the beginning of the worship service.
4. Please escort younger children when using the bathrooms for the safety and security of our kids.
5. We know that sometimes children need to wiggle and cry. If your child becomes distracting towards others, please use the nursery or front foyer as a way for you to continue to enjoy and care for your child while being respectful of others as they worship.
6. We are grateful that God has given us a wonderful facility. We encourage our kids to run, jump, and play, but we ask that they be respectful of others and the building. Children need to stay in the area around the worship space and should not wander the halls at any time. Parents, please enjoy great conversation and a second cup of coffee while keeping an eye on your kids.
7. We value honest and open communication, and this is a wonderful area of community where we can work together as families and love one another. If you have any questions or concerns, let's apply Matthew 18:15-17, the Peacemakers Pledge, and feel free to contact Ralph at any time.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Scripture

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Prayers during the Lord's Supper

A 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. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

A prayer of belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared 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 and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin: Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith: Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.