

# CHRIST CHURCH

COPPERAS SPRINGS, ARKANSAS



*The Morning Worship Service  
Sample  
A Service of Covenant Renewal*

*In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who sin and need the Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; to all who are poor in spirit and desire the riches of the gospel; and to whomsoever will come to Jesus Christ in living faith and repentance, looking to him as Lord.*

## Welcome and Introduction

Christ Church exists because of God's grace and for the sake of his glory. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to join us in our highest privilege: worshipping the Triune God. In the Lord's Service, the Father renews covenant with his people in Christ and through the Holy Spirit. We receive God's gifts through Word and sacrament, and respond in faithful prayer and sacrificial praise, through our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ.

Please prepare your hearts for worship during the prelude. Jesus taught us that if our brother has something against us, we ought to be reconciled to him before any other act of worship. Please do so without delay if necessary.

Upon arriving please be quietly seated in the sanctuary and prepare for worship. The congregation will **stand** as indicated in the liturgy guide. Those who are able will **kneel** during the confession of sin. We also invite you to give a hearty "**Amen!**" after every time of prayer and each sung psalm or hymn and to **raise your hands** to our Father in heaven during the sung doxology. The service climaxes in the Lord's Supper/Communion/Eucharist. All baptized Christians not censured from the table by formal church discipline are welcomed to the table.

We enjoy having our covenant children worship with us. They are part of God's royal priesthood, just as much as their parents! Jesus singled them out as models for entering the kingdom because of their humble faith, saying "Of such is the kingdom of God!"

### The Lord Calls His People to Worship Him

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Family Prayer** (*please stand after concluding prayer*)

**Prayer of Invocation:** Pastor

**Call to worship:** Pastor

#### Salutation:

Pastor: Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit!

**People: Amen!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

**People: And with your spirit!**

Pastor: The Lord is your strength and song!

**People: He is our salvation!**

Pastor: He will be a God to you!

**People: And we shall be His children!**

Hymn of Procession: **Psalm 92**

It's good to thank the Lord, to praise Your name, most High  
To show your love at dawn, Your faith-ful-ness all night!  
The Ten stringed lyre with sweet voice lute and rip-pling harp Your  
praise in-spire

Your deeds, Lord, made me glad. I'll joy in what you've done.  
How great Your doing, Lord! How deep your thoughts each one!  
Fools won't be shown; the stupid can't accept this truth,  
To him un-known!

Though sin-ners grow like weeds, ill-do-ers blossom may,  
They're doomed to be de-stroyed. You, Lord, ex-alt-ed stay.  
Lord, Your foes fall. See! How Your foes,  
vain e-vil men, are scat-tered all!

You've raised, like ox, my horn, poured fresh oil on my head.  
You made me see the spies and hear what plot-ters said.  
Like thriv-ing palm the righteous grows, like ced-ars tall  
On Leb-a-non.

Those plant-ed by the Lord shall in God's courts be seen;  
When old they'll still bear fruit and flour-ish fresh and green,  
And loud pro-claim how up-right is the Lord, my Rock;  
No wrong in Him!

Corporate prayer: **O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Gloria Patria:

**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.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US  
~the Sin Offering~

Pastor: Let us write God's word upon our hearts

**Congregation: That we might not sin against God**

Pastor: Blessed are they that mourn:

**Congregation: For they shall be comforted.**

Pastor: Blessed are the meek

**Congregation: For they shall inherit the earth.**

Pastor: Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness

**Congregation: For they shall be filled.**

Pastor: Blessed are the merciful

**Congregation: For they shall obtain mercy.**

Pastor: Blessed are the pure in heart

**Congregation: For they shall see God.**

Pastor: Blessed are the peacemakers

**Congregation: For they shall be called the children of God.**

Pastor: Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake

**Congregation: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Pastor: Before Almighty God, all hearts are open, all desires known, and no secrets are hid. Our only hope of righteousness is found in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our only hope of purity is found in the renewing work of the Holy Spirit. Let us now magnify the grace of God by confessing our sins together. Let us kneel in all faith and humility.

**Confession of Sin** (Kneeling if able)

**All: Almighty and most merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We ask of You, O Lord, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and of Your mercy to direct what we shall be; So that we may hereafter walk in the way of your commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Declaration of Absolution**

Pastor: Arise and hear the good news of God's forgiveness!

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to live, suffer and die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

**Congregation: Amen!**

Pastor: Let us raise our voices in praise of the One who has forgiven us.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King, Page 326 - **Amen!**  
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People, Page 226 - **Amen!**  
(congregation will be seated)

**THE LORD CONSECRATES US**  
**~the Ascension Offering~**

Pastor: Open our eyes, Lord.

**Congregation: That we may behold wondrous things in your Word.**

Lesson from the Old Testament: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 25:3-9

Lesson from the Epistles: Colossians 1:1-14

Reader (A.J. Genco): The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

(congregation will stand)

The Son of God Goes Forth to War, Page 282 - **Amen!**

Psalm 56, Page 88 - **Amen!**

Pastor: The Word became flesh

**Congregation: And Dwelt Among Us**

Lesson from the Gospels: Luke: 10:25-37

Pastor: The Gospel of Christ

**Congregation: Praise be to Christ**

Response to the Gospel (all sing)

**I bind unto myself this day the strong name of the Trinity,**

**By invocation of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.**

The Sermon

**THE LORD COLLECTS OUR GIFTS**  
**~the Tribute Offering~**

Pastor: What gifts have you brought for your Lord?

**Congregation: That which the Lord has first given to us. We offer ourselves in Christ through confession, praise and thanksgiving; we give our prayers and alms for the sake of the world; and we participate in the Lord's Supper as the thanksgiving meal of communion with Jesus Christ. Amen!**

Collection of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Prayer

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US IN THE  
COMMUNION MEAL

~the Peace Offering~

*(please stand)* Passing of the Peace: Greeting among the saints

One: **The Lord is risen**

Another: **Christ is risen indeed**

Pastor: Let us make our requests known unto the Lord our God.

Prayers of the Congregation (Gil Gildner) and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Confession of Faith

Pastor: Christians, what do you believe?

**All:** The Nicene Creed (381 A.D.)

**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 living 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 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.**

Preface and Sanctus (sung)

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**Congregation: And with thy spirit**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

**Congregation: We lift them up unto the Lord**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

**Congregation: It is meet and right so to do**

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and singing:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

(congregation will be seated)

Invitation to the Table

The Eucharist / Lord's Supper / Communion Meal

Prayer of thanksgiving, breaking bread, distribution, eating together.

Prayer of thanksgiving, distribution, drinking together.

Communion Hymn: **Come Ye Disconsolate**

(the congregation will stand)

### **Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior**

Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,  
Turned away God's wrath forever;  
By His bitter grief and woe  
He saved us from the evil Foe.

Thou shalt hold with faith unshaken  
That this food is to be taken  
By the sick who are distressed,  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.

As His pledge of love undying  
He, this precious food supplying,  
Gives His body with the bread  
And with the wine the blood He shed.

Christ says: "Come, all ye that labor,  
And receive My grace and favor;  
They who feel no want nor ill  
Need no physician's help or skill.

Whoso to this Board repaireth  
May take heed how He prepareth;  
For if he does not believe,  
Then death for life he shall receive.

"Useless were for thee My Passion,  
If thy works thy weal could fashion.  
This feast is not spread for thee  
If thine own Savior thou wilt be"

Praise the Father, who from heaven  
Unto us such food has given,  
And, to mend what we have done,  
Gave into death His only Son.

If thy heart this truth professes  
And thy mouth thy sin confesses,  
His dear guest thou here shalt be,  
And Christ Himself shall banquet thee.

Pastor: The body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you all steadfast in the true faith and in unity until life everlasting, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen!

**Congregation: Amen!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**THE LORD COMMISSIONS US**

Pastor: Now look up and receive the Lord's commission and blessing.

The Commission

The Benediction: (the pastor will raise his hands in a blessing)

The Doxology: (the congregation will raise their hands and sing)

**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.**