



CHRIST CHURCH

Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI, 48104

A Service of Worship

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Welcome to Christ Church Ann Arbor!

Thank you for joining us for worship. If this is your first time visiting, we extend to you a warm welcome. We have a QR code for our visitor form in the back pocket of the seat in front of you. Please fill it out to receive more info and let us know you were here. We also have visitor cards at the Welcome desk if you prefer. If you have any questions regarding the location of the nursery or restrooms, please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters.

Whether you are a committed believer, a skeptic, or somewhere in between, we are glad you are here. Please feel free to participate in worship, or to listen and observe.

A word about our worship

Our worship is designed to reflect God's wonderful good news in every part. Worship is a divine dialogue between God and his people. We gather not for a lecture but for an encounter with God. Our service follows a pattern designed to demonstrate the truth of the Gospel and reflect our praise to God. It is a pattern which God's people have followed for thousands of years.

Our worship bulletin has two major divisions beginning with "MINISTRY OF THE WORD" followed by "MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENTS." Under each of these divisions are God's actions and our responses related to the Ministry of the Word (Call to worship, Confession of Sin, Our Offerings and Proclamation of the Word) and Ministry of the Sacrament (Confession of Faith, Invitation, Words of Institution, Prayer of Consecration, Participation, Doxology and Benediction).

Christ Church Ann Arbor is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a biblically-based, Christ-centered denomination committed to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. For more information about the PCA go to pcanet.org.

To parents of young children

We offer a staffed nursery located at the back of the sanctuary for children ages 0 to 2, if you wish make use of it. However, we enjoy having children in our worship! Please do not feel that your children are unwelcome in our service. We believe that your children are a gift from God, rather than a distraction. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for such is the kingdom of heaven."

Keeping our children in worship as much as possible is one of the best gifts we can give them: They will learn the blessing of worship and grow in ways we cannot imagine. Feel free to sit up front where it is easier for kids to see and hear what is happening. Relax and take a deep breath! God put the wiggle in children and that wiggle is welcome in His house.

Our Mission

Christ Church Ann Arbor exists by the grace of God and for the glory of God. Our purpose is to know Christ and to make him known by loving God and our neighbors. We endeavor to bless our community by communicating truth and grace, showing mercy, and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Christ Church at a glance

As we seek to glorify God by loving Him, each other, and our neighbors, we invite you to join us throughout the week for the following events and ministries. More information, including contact information, is in the back of the bulletin.

- Community groups
- Women and men's ministries
- Mercy ministries
- Campus fellowship
- Sunday school

Visiting?

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A time to prepare
your heart and mind
to meet with a holy
God

Christ has given the
church His Word to
communicate to His
people the benefits of
their redemption.

God welcomes us into
His presence with
grace and mercy

God calls us to
worship Him in
response to our
salvation through
Jesus Christ

Welcome

Announcements

Pages 10 & 11

Silent Prayer of Preparation

“It is far more easy to begin a habit of prayer than to keep it up . . . thousands take up a habit of praying for a little season, after some special mercy or special affliction, and then little by little become cold about it, and at last lay it aside . . . let us resist this feeling, whenever we feel it rising within us. Let us resolve by God’s grace, that however poor and feeble our prayers may seem to be, we will pray on.” – J.C. Ryle

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Greeting

Galatians 1:3-5

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**Please rise if you are able.*

Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:1, 3, 4

Leader: *O Lord, you are our God;*

**People: We will exalt you; We will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things, plans
formed of old, faithful and sure.**

Leader: *Therefore, strong peoples will glorify you; cities of
ruthless nations will fear you.*

**People: For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a
stronghold to the needy in his distress, a
shelter from the storm and a shade from
the heat**

Prayer of Invocation

A prayer that exalts
God and asks for help
to worship Him

Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Trinity Psalter #244

**Please be seated.*

Opening hymn lifts
our hearts and voices
proclaiming the
greatness of God

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Prayer for Illumination

**Please rise if you are able.*

Asking the Holy
Spirit to help us
understand and apply
God's word

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 2:20-23

Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter."

Old Testament books
prepare for the
coming of Christ in
"promises,"
anticipating His
person and work of
salvation

Leader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament
books reveal the
fulfilled promises in
Christ who
accomplished the
salvation of God's
people

A hymn to prepare
our hearts to confess
our sin, and our need
for forgiveness in
Jesus Christ

New Testament Reading

Luke 18:1-8

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Leader: *The grass withers and the flower fades,*

People: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Hymn of Confession

He Will Hold Me Fast

Christ Church Hymnal #22

**Please be seated.*

Corporate Confession of Sin

Our heavenly Father, you never tire of persistent prayer from us. You answered the persistent prayer of Hannah. You upheld Daniel in his faithful prayers throughout the day. You gave justice to the widow who cried to you day and night. You heard the eighty-four year-old widow who fasted and prayed night and day. But we confess that we do not pray as we should. We pray with doubts and are easily distracted. We give up praying when answers are delayed. Our prayers are more self-centered than God-centered. As we confess, hear and forgive us. Change our attitude and behavior when we pray. In Christ's name. Amen.

God's presence and His Word exposes our sins, compelling us to lament and confess before a merciful and forgiving God. We encourage a posture of prayer, sitting or kneeling as you are led.

Personal Confession of Sin

Having confessed our sin as a church, we also have need to repent and seek forgiveness for our personal sins

Declaration of Pardon

Acts 13:38

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you

After confessing our sin before a holy God and seeking His forgiveness, we hear and believe His promise that our sins have been forgiven through Jesus Christ

**Please rise if you are able.*

A traditional hymn of
thankfulness we offer
to the Triune God for
His work of salvation
in our lives

Gloria Patri

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.

**Please be seated.*

THE GIVING OF OFFERINGS

Prayer of Intercession

This prayer is an
offering
acknowledging our
dependence on Christ
as we offer our several
needs before Him

We give our tithes and
offerings as an act of
worship that reflects
our gratitude to God
and desire to advance
God's kingdom on
earth through the
church

Tithes and Offerings

If you prefer to give via cash or check, our deacons pass a plate each Sunday at this time in the service. However, we also welcome you to give online. Scan the QR code on the card in the seat back pocket to be directed to our secure online platform.

**Please rise if you are able.*

A hymn to express our
heart's gratitude for
God's blessings upon
our lives

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)

*Christ Church
Hymnal #21*

**Please be seated.*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon: “Pray As If God Could Not Refuse”,
Luke 11:5-13 p. 816

*Rev. Steve
Gonzales*

God’s Word read,
explained and applied
for knowing and
obeying Christ

Sermon Notes:

**Please rise if you are able.*

A hymn responding to
God's Word calling us
to live for Christ

Hymn of Response

Amazing Grace

Trinity Psalter #433

**Please be seated.*

Christ has given the
church two Sacraments,
Baptism and the Lord's
Supper, to symbolically
represent Him wherein
all His benefits are
sealed and applied to
His people.

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENTS

Confession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

Confession of Faith
connects us not only to
those in our church but
to the universal church

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

** catholic means universal*

Leader: *Let us declare the mystery of our
faith.*

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

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: *Let us give thanks to our Lord and
God.*

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

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

*Wine is in the clear cups and grape juice in the purple cups.
Please hold the elements after returning to your seat so that we
can participate together as one congregation of God's people.*

Explanation of the
Lord's Supper and
invitation to
participate for those
who are trusting in
Jesus Christ, members
in a gospel believing
church, and baptized
in the name of the
triune God

Words of Institution

Scriptural words
describing the
sacrament of the Lord's
Supper as representing
the Body and Blood of
the Lord

Prayer that sets apart
the bread and wine
from common use to
their spiritual use to be
a means of grace to
strengthen and
encourage Christians

In the Supper we see
and taste the visible
gospel as Christ's body
and blood. We
remember His death
and our faith,
strengthened to greater
trust and obedience

Having worshiped
together with the
Triune God in worship,
we praise Him for how
He has blessed us with
His grace

Depart into the world
with the provision and
protection of God's
blessing

Prayer of Consecration

Participation in the Lord's Supper

**Please rise if you are able.*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through
grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work
and word.

Prayer Requests

Share your prayer requests and updates with the session only or for the whole congregation by scanning the QR code on the card in the seat back pocket and submitting the form.

Announcements

Next Session Meeting Dates will be September 22, October 6, October 27, and December 8. All members are welcome to attend. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the church (2301 S. Industrial Highway).

Missed TouchPoint? Handout and bookmark on Welcome Desk. Stay informed.

Worship Guide Please use the guide on the back of the bulletin each week for your personal, couple or family devotions. The guide is based on our recently presented biblical values describing a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Two 4-Week Sunday School Classes on Missions for all ages from Sept. 13-to Nov. 1. Postcard invitations with more details are available on the welcome desk. Please plan now to attend. Teachers will be Steve and Becky Summers and Pastor Chad. Theme: “Called to Send – Called to Go”

Tuesday Night Theology Next class September 15 (Doctrine of Soteriology or Salvation). All are welcome. Very beneficial for teachers and leaders. Class notes available upon request.

Women’s Bible Study starting on Thursday, Sept. 17, 9:30-11:30 AM. We’re meeting every Thursday in our homes. We will be studying *The Word of the Lord: Seeing Jesus in the Prophets* by Nancy Guthrie. We’ll start with brunch and hand out books at church. If you’re interested or have any questions, contact Beti Lopez betiglopez99@gmail.com or Jean Holland jmhol926@gmail.com.

New Fall Small Group starting at the Burdick’s house in Ypsilanti in September. It will be the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. If you are interested, please get in touch with Laura (laura.a.burdick@gmail.com).

Greeter Training We will have a greeter’s training after church on September 27. If you are on the greeting team, please plan to stay for about 30 minutes. Contact Laura Burdick (laura.a.burdick@gmail.com) with any questions.

Volunteer at Hope Clinic on Saturday, September 12th serving a meal from 4-6 pm. No cooking or prior experience required. We're looking for 3-5 volunteers. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/4gx1m1z>

RUF Opportunities Pick up international students at airport AND/OR provide rides to the worship service during the year. To see more students come to Christ Church, we need to provide transportation. If you would like more info, please see Pastor Steve asap.

A Paper on the Discipling Ministry at Christ Church is available upon request from Pastor Steve. This Session approved paper addresses the biblical basis for and practice of discipleship in the covenant community (church). Included is a prudent approach on how elders disciple women at Christ Church.

Have a Bulletin Announcement? Get it to Jillian at
jillian@christchurchof2.org by 11am Wednesday.

Grow and Connect with Us

Sunday School: No Sunday school at this time.

Women's Bible Study: Study will resume on Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the fall.

Contact: Beti Lopez — betiglopez99@gmail.com or Jean Holland — jmhol926@gmail.com

Virtual community group: Wednesday evenings, 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Contact: Jim Miller — millerjt.m@gmail.com

Salem community group: Thursdays (second and fourth), 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Contact: Leah Hamilton — leahhamilton1066@gmail.com

Ypsilanti community group: Thursdays (second and fourth), 6:30–8 p.m.

Contact: Laura Burdick — laura.a.burdick@gmail.com

Men's Bible Studies: Twice monthly on Sundays, 5pm or Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

Contact: Ryan Arnold — ryarnold77@gmail.com or Chad Burrow — burrowcl@gmail.com

Today's Volunteers

Communion Set Up:

Jim and Beti Lopez

Greeting:

Laura Burdick

Nursery:

Hannah Rozsa, Angela Miller, and
Sharon Krueger

Children's Training Time:

On break for summer

Contact Us

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Family Worship

Focus on a Christ-Centered Attitude

What would it look like for us to be shaped daily by the attitude of Christ?

Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer 86:

Q. Since then we are redeemed from our misery by grace through Christ, without any merit of ours, why should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

If Christ is renewing us after his own image, what should increasingly characterize the way we speak, respond to disagreement, bear with weaknesses, forgive offenses, and serve one another?

Monday: Colossians 1:15–20

What does this passage teach us about who Jesus is, and why should Christ have first place in every part of our lives?

Tuesday: Philippians 2:3–8

How does Jesus' humility challenge the way we think about ourselves and treat others?

Wednesday: Colossians 3:12–15

Which of these Christlike qualities—compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness, or love—do we most need God to grow in us?

Thursday: John 13:12–17, 34–35

Jesus shows his greatness by serving. What is one practical way we can serve someone else this week?

Friday: Ephesians 4:29–32

How should belonging to Christ change the way we speak, respond when we are hurt, and forgive one another?