

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

January 28, 2007

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Per Almquist

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 “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” *arr. T. Jennings*

Call to Worship Rev. Almquist

Minister: The earth is the Lord’s, for he made it:
People: Come, let us adore him.
Minister: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People: Come, let us adore him.
Minister: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
People: Come, let us adore him.
Minister: Lord, open our lips.
People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

***Song of Exultation** (Insert) “Here in This Place” *C. Davis¹*

Prayer of Adoration *(concluded by praying together):* Mr. Richard Kurtz

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 Psalm 32:5-6 Rev. Almquist

Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. Therefore, let all the godly confess their rebellion to you while there is time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment.

***Song of Preparation** “Amazing Love” *Kendrick²*

My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly;
That I, the guilty one may go free.

Chorus

Amazing love, O what sacrifice,
The Son of God, given for me;
My debt He pays and my death He dies,
That I might live, that I might live.

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away, live again.

Corporate Confession based on Psalm 6

Holy God, Lord most gracious, you are holy and we can not stand in your presence. Yet you have called us to come to you. We feel unworthy, for we have failed you again and again. We feel like running away, yet you keep calling us. Have mercy on us, O God. Have mercy!

Holy God, Father most gracious, heal us from our sin for we are troubled. Deliver us for the sake of your steadfast love. Our sins trouble us. We are troubled by how they have hurt others; we are troubled by how they have hurt us. O God, have mercy on us for the sake of your Son who died to free us from our sins.

Silent Reflection/Confession *Please take a few moments to pray privately*

Proclamation of Forgiveness Isaiah 1:18 Rev. Almquist

"Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD: “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

***Song of Renewal** (44) “How Great Thou Art” *Swedish Folk Melody*

***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 Mr. Richard Kurtz

After each petition:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Greeting and Announcements Miss Sue Miller

Children ages 3-9 are excused to **Kids’ Quest** at this time.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (insert) Acts 4: 23-31 Mr. Jim Mansfield

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon Speaking the Word with Boldness: Rev. Almquist

the Mission of the Church

The Essence of the Church: A Study of Acts

The Offertory “How Great Thou Art” *arr. C. Rice*

***Affirmation of Faith** The Westminster Confession of Faith³

All saints—who are united to Jesus Christ their head by his Spirit and by faith—have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. And, being united to one another in love, they participate in each other's gifts and graces and are obligated to perform those public and private duties which lead to their mutual good, both inwardly and outwardly.

It is the duty of professing saints to maintain a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God and in performing such other spiritual services as help them to edify one another. It is their duty also to come to the aid of one another in material things according to their various abilities and necessities. As God affords opportunity, this communion is to be extended to all those in every place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus.

***Creed Song** (Insert-vs. 1 & 2) “The Church’s One Foundation” *S. Stone*

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 Christ by faith to be strengthened and renewed as they eat bread and drink wine. All those who trust in Jesus 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 participating, we invite you to consider the prayers found below.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: God spoke these words, and said, “I am the Lord thy God:⁴

People: You shall have no other gods before Me.

Minister: You shall not make for yourself any graven image . . .you shall not bow down to them nor serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God.

People: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain.

Minister: Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy.

People: Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

Minister: You shall not kill.

People: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: You shall not steal.

People: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

All: Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: We come to this table as lawbreakers.

People: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Minister: We come to this table as the holy people of God.

People: Jesus the righteous One has made us a holy nation, God’s own people.

Drawing Near in Community of Faith

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** (296 vs. 1-2, 6) “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!” *Holden*

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Almquist

***The Benediction** Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude “Here in This Place” *C. Davis*

⁴ The Ten Commandments have been used in conjunction with the Lord’s Supper for centuries. It is especially appropriate as we understand that it is only through Christ’s sustaining grace that we are able to keep God’s perfect law. May He strengthen us to walk in the light as He is in the light.

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³ Chapter 26 – The Westminster Confession of Faith was written in London in 1647 as a statement of belief for the church. It is both careful in its theology and deeply pastoral in its discussion of that theology.

Reflections

If you've inhaled God's love and God's power and forgiveness and salvation, you've got to exhale God's love into a broken world.

— John Wesley

The ugly truth is that we tend to avoid suffering by compromise. Our moral standards are often not noticeably higher than the standards of the world. Our lives do not challenge and rebuke unbelievers by their integrity or purity or love. The world sees in us nothing to hate. As for the Church, in many places the world hardly notices it. It makes little impact on society; its discipline is in many ways lax and its commitment halfhearted... We are seldom bold to rebuke vice. We mind our own business lest anyone should be offended. We hold our tongue so that nobody is embarrassed... We are respectable, conventional, inoffensive and ineffective.

— John R.W. Stott

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: Evan & Katherine Pillsbury, vocalists; Mike Marchand, bass, Jake Paris, hand percussion; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Richard Kurtz.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....January 28, 2007

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today!

Please stay for refreshments after the service and get better acquainted with one another.

MOPS

The local Mothers of Pres-Schoolers has grown and needs more caregivers for the children. The meetings are held on the first and third Wed of each month during the school year. This is a ministry that some of our CTR moms attend. Compensation is available. If you are interested please contact Gwen Tedder at 774-2847.

The Truth Project

The 8:15AM class will be held **ONLY** if you call Dick and Ginny before Saturday noon to indicate that you would like to attend. They would be happy to show the preceding week's program class for any one! The 9:15AM class will continue to be held weekly. The class meets on the 3rd floor of the school building. An elevator is available.

Teen's Small Group

Please come to the Pillsbury's home on Sunday, Feb 4th for a pizza lunch. See sign up on back table to bring your favorite toppings. Also please come prepared to discuss Chapter 9 in our book. Any questions? See Sharie or Nate Pillsbury.

Super Bowl Prayer

The next prayer meeting for the daughter church in Lewiston will be on Sunday, Feb. 4th. Come at **5:15 PM** to pray for the daughter church and then stay for the Super Bowl on the Tedder's legendary big screen. Please see Per or Beth Almquist for details and to let them know you will be there.

Feb. 11th Meeting Place

On **Sunday, February 11, 2007** we will meeting at **Lyseth Elementary School** for the worship service. There will be no Sunday School that morning. Directions will be available on the web site (<http://www.MainePCA.org>) and at church on February 4th.

Dates to Remember

Dinner & Dessert Auction to benefit the GPCS Missions Trip **Feb 10th-see flyer on back table.**

CTR Prayer Meetings Fridays at **6:30 am**
Session Meetings (*monthly*) *First and Third Tuesday nights 6:00-9:00*

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Marchand	Woodward
Food	Team	Team
Usher		
Nursery	Margaret Pearson & Joanne Crosby	Sarah Peters & Trisha Scribellito
Kid's Q	Kathryn Pillsbury	Linda & Noah Southwick
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Dick Kurtz	Doug Tedder

Finances: Last week our collection was \$2,461.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

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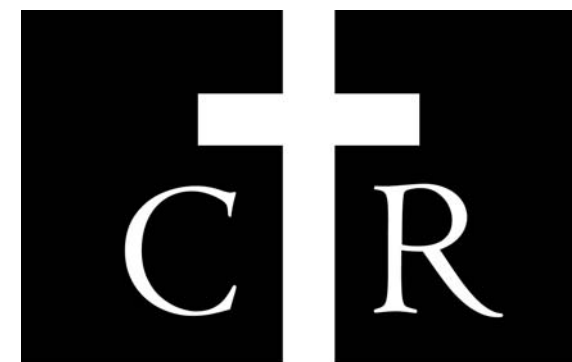
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Per Almquist
Evan Pillsbury
Joanne Crosby

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Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM

Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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