

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

December 30, 2007

*The First Sunday after Christmas Day*

### Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Douglas D. Warren

*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 in room #11. 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 OUR REDEEMER

### Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

*Psalm 86*

Rev. Warren

Minister: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our whole hearts; we will glorify your name forever. For you have delivered us from the power of death.

**All: Bring joy to your servants, O Lord, for to you we lift up our souls. There is none like you; no deeds can compare with yours.**

Minister: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you. They will bring glory to your name, for you alone are God.

**All: Teach us now your way, O Lord, and we will live in your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise your great name.**

### \*Song of Exultation (229)

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

*Cantiones*

### \*Prayer of Adoration

*(concluded by praying together):*

Rev. David Stewart

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

Matthew 1:21

Rev. Warren

Minister: She will give birth to a son, and you will give him the name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

**All: Lord we acknowledge we need your forgiveness. Hear us we pray.**

### Song of Preparation (Insert)

“Before the Throne of God Above”

*Cook<sup>1</sup>*

### Corporate Confession

Psalm 51

Rev. Warren

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when you judge.

### Silent Reflection/Confession

*Please take a few moments to pray privately*

### Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 130

Rev. Warren

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

### \*Song of Renewal (226)

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

*Kocher*

### \*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

*Praise*

*Requests*

Rev. Warren

### Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Joanne Crosby

Children ages 3-6 are excused to **Kids’ Quest** at this time.

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

### \*Scripture Reading (Page 832)

Hebrews 9:1-10

Rev. Per Almquist

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### The Sermon

**Shadows and Symbols of Sanctuary**

Rev. Warren

Sermon Series on the Book of Hebrews

*The Life of Faith—Rooted in God’s Promises, Running to the New Jerusalem*

### The Offertory

### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed<sup>2</sup>

Minister: Christian, what is it that we believe?

**People: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, 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 and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 is seated at 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 we believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### \* Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3

*Prince<sup>3</sup>*

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts (*sing 2x*)

The whole earth is full of His Glory (*sing 3x*)

Holy is the Lord

## 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 their Savior by faith to be strengthened and renewed as they eat bread and drink wine. All those who trust in Christ 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 taking communion, we invite you to consider the prayers found below.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

Minister: Believe in the Lord, and give Him eternal praise and thanks!<sup>4</sup>

**People: Lord Christ, help us to believe in You and always give You thanks and praise.**

Minister: Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

**People: This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast.**

### Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Christ said, “I am the bread of life.”

**People: He is our portion and our life.**

### Partaking the Means of Grace Together

*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 (100)

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

*NICAEA*

## COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

### \*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

### \*The Benediction

John 14:27

Rev. Warren

Minister: Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Postlude

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<sup>4</sup> This communion litany is based on the one used in Strassburg, Switzerland in the dawning of the Protestant Reformation. The Scriptural quotations are from Hebrews and the Gospel of John.

<sup>2</sup> The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

**\* Please stand, if you are able. Thank you.**

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## Reflections

“If we are to better the future we must disturb the present.”

— Catherine Booth

“Our entire Christian life is to be lived in the light of the tension between what we already are in Christ and what we hope some day to be. We look back with gratitude to the finished work and decisive victory of Jesus Christ. And we look forward with eager anticipation to the Second Coming of Christ, when he shall usher in the final phase of his glorious kingdom, and shall bring to completion the good work he has begun in us.”

— Anthony Hoekema

### 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: Jonathan Bauer, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and David Stewart.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....December 30, 2007

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Morning Prayer-*Park Ave Church of God-Portland* Fridays at 6:30 AM  
Sunday Morning Prayer-*Breakwater School* Sundays at 8:30 AM  
Women's Bible Study-*Margaret Pearson-774-0524* *twice monthly* Tuesdays at 5:00 PM  
**Home Fellowship Groups**  
Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445* *varies* Wednesdays at 6:30 PM  
Gorham-*@ Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826* *2nd and 4th* Sundays at 5:30 PM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Today

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

#### Officer Nominations

We are accepting nominations for candidates for elder and deacon through the end of this month. Please prayerfully consider who in the congregation has been demonstrating God's gifts in these areas of servant leadership, speak to them, and place their names in nomination. If you have any questions, please ask one of the pastors. Thank you.

#### End of Year Giving

Any financial gifts that you want to be included in the year of 2007 must be put in the offering no later than 12/30/07. If the gift is mailed, it must be postmarked no later than 12/31/07.

#### Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
NNE Presbytery Meeting January 19, 2007  
Root Cellar Dinner March 13, 2007  
Church Retreat September 19-20, 2007

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Fifth Sunday Team	Woodward Team
Nursery	Doug & Gwen Tedder	April & Nathan Matthis
Kid's Q	Terry & Katherine Cosgrove	Linda and Noah Southwick
Prayer	David Stewart	Doug Tedder

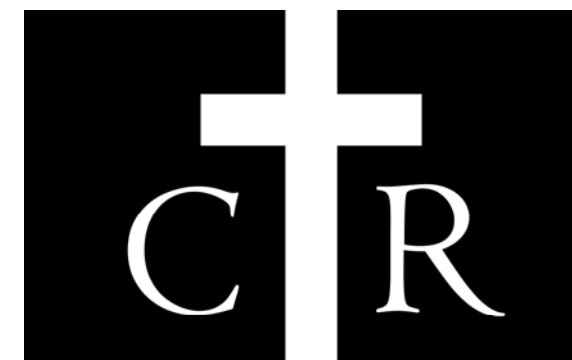
**Finances:** Last week the total of our two collections was \$8,595.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

### MINISTRY STAFF

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Douglas Warren Pastor  
Per Almquist Associate Pastor  
David Stewart Associate Pastor  
Joanne Crosby Office Manager

Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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