

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

February 24, 2008

The Third Sunday in Lent¹

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. 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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

Rev. Warren

Minister: Come bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord, our Maker.

All: We will worship our Lord, for we are His people and His is our God.

*Songs of Exultation (53)

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Gesangbuch

Awesome God

Mullins²

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow’r and love – Our God is an awesome God.

REPEAT

*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

First John 1:8-9

Rev. Warren

God’s Word warns us, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” It also provides the wonderful truth found only in Christ saying, “If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Song of Preparation (Insert)

“Jesus, I Come”

Thompson³

Corporate Confession

O Lord, our God, we confess that we do not worship you as we should. We are distracted by so many lesser things and do not offer you the reverence and devotion that you deserve. Forgive us our failings at this most basic responsibility to worship you with our every breath and enable us to call upon Your great name with reverence.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 33:8

Rev. Warren

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

*Song of Renewal

“Forever Grateful”

Altrogge⁴

You did not wait for me to draw near to You, And I'm forever grateful, to You.
But You clothed Yourself with frail humanity. I'm forever grateful, for the cross.
You did not wait for me to cry out to You, I'm forever grateful, to You.
But You let me hear Your voice calling me. That You came to seek and save the lost.

*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. Kurtz

After each petition:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Greeting and Announcements

Ms Cynthia Setchell

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (Page835)

Hebrews 12:1-3

Mr. Jim Mansfield

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“The Race of Faith”

Rev. Warren

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

The Offertory

“Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

Pegott/Hampton⁸

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed⁵

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning God, the Father?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: What do you believe concerning Jesus?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit and His work?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic⁶ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Creed Song

Rev 4 & 5

Dudley-Smith⁷

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship

Holy, holy, holy’ cry;

He who is, who was and will be,

God Almighty, Lord most high.

Praise and honour, power and glory,

Be to him who reigns alone;

We, with all his hands have fashioned,

Fall before the Father’s throne.

All creation, all redemption,

Join to sing the Saviour’s worth;

Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us

Kings and priests, to reign on earth.

Wealth and wisdom, power and glory,

Honour, might, dominion, praise,

Now be his from all his creatures

And to everlasting days.

INSTALLING OUR OFFICERS

Vows of Ordination

Mr. Jim Mansfield

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?

Do you accept this office in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?

Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?

Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Question to Members

Mr. Robert Crosby

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as officers, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

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: Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life.”

People: This is the bread which comes sown out of heaven so that one may eat it and not die.

Minister: For this is God’s will, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I myself will raise him up on the last day.

People: Jesus is the Holy One of God who will raise us up on the last day!

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

People: We are fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Minister: This Jesus who for the joy set before Him endured the cross.

People: And we together with Him will scorn its shame until He comes for us.

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 (Insert)

“Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

Pegott/Hampton⁸

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

⁸ Lyrics Jean S. Pigott, public domain. Music David B. Hampton © 1998 NewSpring Music CCLI # 1958155

¹ Lent is a season of collective fasting and repentance preparing for our celebration of Easter. While not mandated in Scripture as such, God’s Word clearly teaches us that times of fasting and repentance will characterize Christ’s followers until He returns. As much as you are able, we encourage you to enter into this season focusing on Christ and rightly grieving over our sin and the fallen world in which we live.

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

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⁵ The Apostles’ Creed is a concise summary of the teachings of the apostles. Originally used as a baptismal confession in the second century, it was developed into its current form by the sixth or seventh century.

⁶ The term “catholic” is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

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Reflections

“The church is to be a new society in which the world can see what family dynamics, business practices, race relations, and all of life can be under the kingship of Jesus Christ. God is out to heal all the effects of sin: psychological, social, and physical.”

— Timothy J. Keller

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: David Stewart, vocalist; Mike Marchand, bass; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Richard Kurtz.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....February 24, 2008

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
Home Fellowship Groups
 Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445* 2nd and 4th 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.

Installation Service

Today during the Sunday worship service we will be installing Dick Kurtz and Tim Woodward as deacons and Nathan Pillsbury as an elder. We rejoice to have these fine men to serve as leaders in this community of faith. Keep these men and all our officers in your prayers as they lead this church.

Teen Small Group

The Teen Small group will meet at the Pillsbury Home in Scarborough next Sunday for lunch -please read the next assignment. And RSVP to the Pillsbury's to see what to bring!

Root Cellar Dinner

On March 13th we will be the host church to serve dinner at the Root Cellar. There is a sign up sheet in the back. You can help by being a server at the dinner or by donating a food item or cooking part of the meal. There is also a need for folks to come to the dinner and visit with the neighbors of The Root Cellar who attend. If you have questions talk to Joanne Crosby.

Weekend to Remember

This weekend marriage conference sponsored by FamilyLife teaches God's design for marriage and family. The environment is fun, non-threatening, and sometimes hilarious. And it's a wonderful time for couples to refresh good marriages or heal troubled ones. There are more than 150 conferences in cities all across the U.S. each year including one here in Portland. Registration information is available on the greeter table in the back. Whether you're engaged, newlywed, or remarried, enrich your marriage and begin a godly legacy for your family by attending this rewarding conference.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 NNE Presbytery Missions Conference-Manchester, NH April 18-19, 2008
 VBS-Sports Camps July 28-Aug 1, 2008
 Church Retreat September 19-20, 2008

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Pillsbury Team	Woodward Team
Nursery	Joanne Crosby & Margaret Pearson	April & Nathan Mathis
Kid's Q	Joanne Crosby	Linda and Noah Southwick
Prayer	Dick Kurtz	Doug Tedder

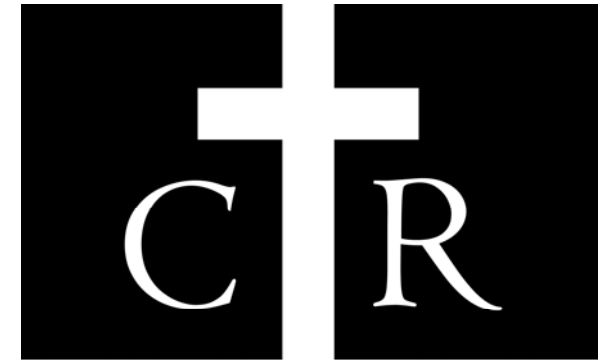
Finances: Last week our collection was \$2,145.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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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