

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

March 9, 2008

*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*¹

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

Hebrews 10:19-24

Rev. Warren

Minister: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body,

All: And since we have a great Priest over the house of God,

Minister: Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

All: Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

*Song of Exultation (166)

“Wondrous King, All-Glorious”

Neander

*Prayer of Adoration (concluded by praying together):

Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

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

Isaiah 55:6-7

Rev. David Stewart

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.

Song of Preparation (193)

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

PICARDY

Corporate Confession

Psalm 51

Rev. Stewart

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. Amen.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Isaiah 55:12

Rev. Stewart

You will go out in joy and be lead forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

*Song of Renewal (Insert)

“The Wonderful Cross”

*Tomlin/Watts*²

*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. Stewart

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Sharie Pillsbury

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (Page 836)

Hebrews 12:18-29

Mr. Dana Perkins

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Fellowship with a Consuming Fire”

Rev. Warren

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

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism³

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

People: Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

Minister: What rule has God given to direct us in how to glorify and enjoy Him?

People: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us as to how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

*Creedal Song

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.⁴

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Minister: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;”

People: The Lord Almighty is with us; The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: God lives in a high and holy place,

People: But also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit,

Minister: To revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

People: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Approaching the Lord’s Table

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)

“We Will Glorify”

*Paris*⁵

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

Jude 24-25

Rev. Warren

Minister: To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Please stay and enjoy some refreshments following the service.

¹ The season of Lent runs from Ash Wednesday to Easter. During this time we seek to intentionally consider and confess our sinfulness before God and identify with Christ in His suffering.

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

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³ A catechism is a Question and Answer format for teaching the truths contained in Scripture. The Westminster Shorter Catechism was written in 1647 in England primarily as an aid for teaching children. It has been used by congregations and families in both worship and instruction for the past 350 years.

⁴ This communion litany is taken from Psalm 46. The themes of God’s presence with us and His power in conquering everything provide us hope. It is only in Him as our fortress that we can know His peace and rest. As we come to His table, let us look together to Him for our strength.

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Reflections

“The grand theme of the Old Testament is the final vindication of God’s glory in the salvation of His people.”
—Ed Clowney

“At the very heart of the Christian religion, at any rate, despite what is being said today, is the hope of heaven.”

J. Gresham Machen

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: Sharie Pillsbury, vocalist; Jake Paris, hand percussion; Mike Marchand, bass; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Per Almquist and Nathan Pillsbury.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....March 9, 2008

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Prayer-*Eggspectation Restaurant So Portland* Fridays at Noon
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

Good Friday Service

We will be having a joint service with Second Parish on Friday, March 21st at 7:00 pm.

Root Cellar Dinner

This Thursday March 13th we will be hosting a dinner at the Root Cellar. Please sign up in the back to help by serving dinner, donating a food item, or cooking part of the meal. We also need folks to eat and visit with the neighbors of The Root Cellar who attend. If you have questions talk to Joan Perkins. **Your help is needed for this event!**

Weekend to Remember

Registration information for this weekend marriage conference sponsored by FamilyLife 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.

NNE Missions Conference

The Manchester Church of the Redeemer will be hosting our presbytery’s mission’s conference on **April 18-19, 2008**. **Donald A. Carson** will be speaking about Missions in the 1st and 21st centuries. We will hear from a missionary to Spain and reports from our mission trips to Romania and New Orleans. Housing in Manchester is available. There will be a special program for the children. It will be a great time of learning, and a great time of fellowship with folks from the churches in our presbytery. Brochures are available on the greeter table. **Please register this month.**

Aletha Silvester Camp Scholarship

Aletha was a member of CTR and upon her death a fund was set up in her memory. Aletha loved summer camp and wanted to provide a way for other young ladies to attend Christian Camps. If you or someone you know is a young lady interested in this scholarship let us know at the church office. There is a one page application to complete to be considered for this scholarship.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.
VBS-Sports Camps July 28-Aug 1, 2008
Church Retreat September 19-20, 2008

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Second Week Team	Perkins Team
Nursery	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart	Doug & Gwen Tedder
Kid's Q	Paula & Alison Marchand	Steve & Katya Harmon
Prayer	Nathan Pillsbury	Jim Mansfield

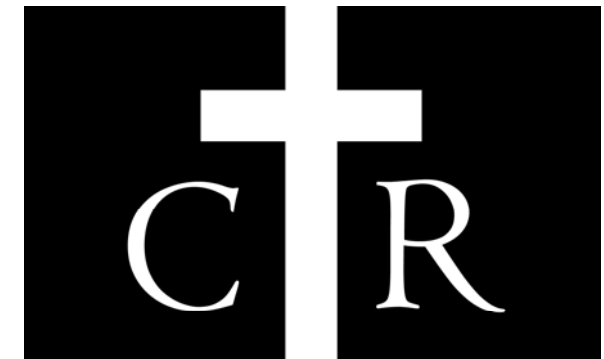
Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,509. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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David Stewart Associate Pastor
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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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