

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

November 23, 2008

### Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend David Stewart

*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

WSC #1 and Psalm 100

The Reverend Per Almquist

Leader: What is man’s primary purpose?

**People: To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.**

Leader: So shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God.

**People: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

**People: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues to all generations.**

#### \*Songs of Exultation (115) “All Creatures of Our God and King”

*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

#### \*Prayer of Adoration *(concluded by praying together):*

Rev. 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

First John 1:8-9

Rev. Stewart

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, with Thy Church Abide”

*Pollock/Miner<sup>1</sup>*

### Corporate Confession

Rev. Almquist<sup>2</sup>

O Lord, great and awesome God who is filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before You for we have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways. We have sinned and done wrong, turning aside from Your law. We have rebelled against Your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble. We have failed to hear the voice

of our Lord and God and deserve Your wrath. To You belongs righteousness, O Lord. Forgive us, not because of our righteousness, but because of Your righteous acts, because of Your great mercy in the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers, O Lord, and for Your own sake, make Your face to shine upon us.

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

#### Proclamation of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 33:8

Rev. Stewart

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 (535) “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

*EBENEZER*

#### \*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. Robert Crosby

### Greeting and Announcements

Ms Cynthia Setchell

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

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

#### \*Scripture Reading (Page 433)

Numbers 25

Mr. Dana Perkins

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### The Sermon

“A Jealous God”

Rev. Almquist

*Sermon Series on Numbers: In the Wilderness with God’s Perfect Presence*

### The Offertory

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

*Wesley/Twit<sup>3</sup>*

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism<sup>4</sup>

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

Minister: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

**People: Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.**

#### \*Creed Song

Rev 4 & 5

*Dudley-Smith<sup>5</sup>*

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.

## 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:<sup>6</sup>

**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 (648)

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

*Gordon*

## COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

### \*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Almquist

#### \*The Benediction

Romans 15:13

<sup>5</sup> USA©1978 by Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188 World outside USA © 1972 Timothy Dudley-Smith. CCLI License No. 1958155.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Words :Charles Wesley, alt: Kevin Twit, © 1996 Kevin Twit Music CCLI License No. 1958155.

<sup>4</sup> Catechisms are a question and answer format used for teaching in the church. The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563 and approved by the Church at the Synod of Dort (1618-1619).

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

<sup>1</sup> © 1997 Christopher Miner Music. CCLI License No. 1958155.

<sup>2</sup> Based on Daniel 9:4-19

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

**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.

**\*Congregation Stands**

Musicians: David Stewart vocalist; Mike Marchand, bass; Elizabeth Noonan, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: Per Almquist, David Stewart, Nate Pillsbury, Robert Crosby.

**CHRIST THE REDEEMER**

**Highlights.....November 23, 2008**

**OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER**

Sunday Morning Prayer-Breakwater School Library Sundays at 8:30 AM

**Home Fellowship Groups**

Youth Group-@Kinney's home; Jolene Kinney 885-0100 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month-lunch and study  
Casco, Windham, Gray Region-Robert Crosby-657-2445 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month-lunch  
Gorham-@ Marchand home-839-9877 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5:30 PM  
teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826-Study is on Hebrews  
Portland-@ Tedder home-774-2847 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 5 PM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today**

Sunday School is held each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. There are classes for all ages. Plan to join a class this school year. Please stay for refreshments after the service and get better acquainted with one another.

**Youth Group**

On Friday November 28<sup>th</sup> the Cosgrove's will host a dinner and bonfire at their home in Casco. The dinner is at 6 p.m. If you have questions speak to the Cosgrove's or to the Kinney's. The December Bible study and luncheon will be at the Kinney's on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. Taco shells and meat will be provided. For those attending, donations of tomato, lettuce, other veggies, shredded cheese, chips, salsa, any other toppings, dessert, and drinks are needed. Please contact Linda Southwick 892-7539 or [sixsouthwix@roadrunner.com](mailto:sixsouthwix@roadrunner.com) to let her know what you'd like to bring!

**Student Christmas Boxes**

It's time to let the college students know we're thinking of them during finals! We'll be collecting Christmas home baked goodies on Sunday November 30 which can include cookies, homemade candy, dipped pretzels, candied nuts, etc. We also need shoeboxes. There are 13 students plus Dan Southwick that we'll be sending to this year!! So, please make sure you provide enough of your item for 14 boxes. We will also have cards available for you to sign. Bring shoeboxes any week in November. If you would like to help with the mailing cost give your donation to Andrea Stultz as well as any questions you may have. You can reach Andrea at 892-4563.

**Root Cellar Dinner**

CTR will be serving the Root Cellar neighbors dinner on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. There are sign-up sheets on the back table. Could you donate some of the food for this meal, come help serve the meal, or sit and visit with the neighbors? We will be having some special music and a message after the meal. Come and join us in this fun event. If you have any questions talk to Joanne Crosby.

**Dates to Remember**

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**SERVICE AND OFFERINGS**

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Set Up</b>	Pillsbury Team	Woodward Team
<b>Nursery</b>	Joanne Crosby & Margaret Pearson	April & Nathan Mathis
<b>Kid's Q</b>	Joanne Crosby	Linda and Noah Southwick
<b>Prayer</b>	David Stewart	Doug Tedder
<b>Sound</b>		

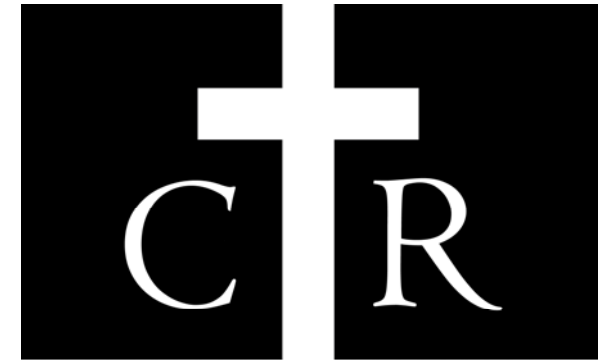
**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$3,172.28. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

**MINISTRY STAFF**

**(207) 878-1211 www.MainePCA.org**

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



**CHRIST *the*  
REDEEMER**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2008**

*Worshipping Christ in Community  
As We Celebrate and Extend His Grace  
To Portland, New England and the World*