

Our Mission

Christ Church exists to lead people into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church, through community, for the city.

Connect to Christ Church

We are so happy you are worshiping with us and would love to connect with you! We invite you to the side yard immediately after the service for coffee hour.

If you are new, please complete the Connect Card in the pew rack and give the card to Pastor Andrew. Visit the Welcome Table in the foyer or our website, christchurcheastbay.org, to learn more about our church.

Worship Arts Opportunities

Do you sing or play an instrument? Are you interested in participating on our Sunday worship teams? Please contact our Worship Arts director Eric Gilbert (eric@christchurcheastbay.org) for more information.

Christ Church Kids & Youth

Come to the check-in table in the entrance of the Sanctuary for information on our wonderful programs and childcare for our toddlers, kids and youth on Sundays, and more!

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Gospels Reading Plan - Join Us!

It's not too late to start reading through the Gospels, the ancient biographical pictures of Jesus of Nazareth. Let's read and get to know Him together! Schedule and resources can be found at the Welcome Table and at christchurcheastbay.org/worship.

Week 9 - February 26

Sunday - Luke 9	Thursday - Luke 13
Monday - Luke 10	Friday - Luke 14
Tuesday - Luke 11	Saturday - Catch-up day
Wednesday - Luke 12	

Support Relief Efforts in Turkey and Syria

As rescue and relief operations continue in Turkey and Syria after massive earthquakes shook the region, EPC World Outreach (a ministry of our denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church) is developing plans to assist with long-term recovery and ministry efforts. Donations to the EPC's International Disaster Relief Fund will be directed toward earthquake aid efforts. Secure online donations can be made at epc.org/donate/internationaldisasterrelief.

Wednesday Fasting and Prayer During Lent

We invite you to a day of fasting and prayer on Wednesdays during Lent. Fast one meal or the whole day. Pray during that meal time for the revival of our souls, church, city, and world. Give to others what you would have spent on food. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

* Wonderful Wednesdays - March 1 & 15

1st & 3rd Wednesdays: Philippians with Jonathan

6:00 pm dinner, 7:00 pm program for all ages

Join us as we continue studying Paul's letter to the Philippians, which focuses on the love of Christ, the greatest love anyone can ever know, using the videos, handbook, and reading plan from Discipleship Explored. Please don't forget to * register for dinner and childcare by Monday each week.

* Prayer Vigil for Revival

This Friday, March 3, 6:00 am-6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Come and pray for an hour, seeking the Lord for revival of our church, our community, our world and, of course, our own souls. * Sign up for a one-hour slot between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Prayer guides will be provided.

* 2nd Wednesday Evensong & Prayer

March 8, 6:00 pm dinner, 7:00 pm program for all ages

All are welcome to gather with us for the monthly Evensong & Prayer service of Scripture, hymns, and prayer to seek more of the Lord's presence and power. Programing for children through 8th grade continues. Don't forget to * register for dinner and childcare by Monday.

Opportunities to Serve Our Neighbors

Saturday, March 11

* Loaves and Fishes, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Meet in the church kitchen with Bill Barnes to make and serve lunches to our unhoused neighbors.

Project Peace Day of Service, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Go to projectpeaceeastbay.org to sign up for a morning at Harbor House or elsewhere.

* Women's Health: Putting YOUR Oxygen Mask on First Saturday, March 11, 9:30-11:30 am

Join us for a fun morning of learning with Dr. Cheruba Prabakar, a member of Christ Church and an OB-GYN, who will lead a discussion of the top five things that women can do to optimize their health, especially at 40 and beyond. For more information, visit the *Events page or email Maria Francis (maria@christchurcheastbay.org). All women welcome!

* Women Reading Women

Monday, March 20, 7:00-9:00 pm

Since Lent is a season for spiritual reflection, we've chosen a book by the Christian author Rosaria Butterfield, *The Gospel Comes with a House Key: Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in Our Post-Christian World*. Join us for an evening of great conversation and encouraging fellowship. See details on the * Events page.

* Register and see details for events marked by an asterisk by using the Church Center app or this QR code:



Gathering

*Oh my love, you have grown so cold
To the world outside, to the house next door.
She who has been loved much, has so much to give;
Mercy is the fragrance of the broken.*

*Oh my child, I will be your light,
In your secret pain, in the dark of night.
No enemy, no conqueror, will steal your life from me.
I am your salvation, and your victory.*

Chorus
*Justice will roll down, oh justice will roll down.
From high upon those mountains with a mighty river sound,
It will roll down, it will roll down.*

"Justice Will Roll Down"
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Call to Worship - Psalm 4

*Answer me when I call to You,
my righteous God.*

**Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

*Many, Lord, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"
Let the light of Your face shine on us.*

**Fill my heart with joy
when their grain and new wine abound.**

*In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for You alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety.*

Lord Have Mercy (Kyrie)

Ever begotten and only Son,
Light in our darkness in prayer we come.
Teach us, dear Shepherd, our lives to dwell,
Deep in Your shadows we pass through hell.

Refrain
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Only say the word, and we shall be healed.

Blessed and hidden in love's delight,
Your Holy Spirit will voice our cry.
Life in the Father, exalted, the Son;
Sending Your Spirit, Your kingdom begun.

Words: adapted from Missal Prayer, Latin Mass
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Confession and Lament

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Lord Jesus, we humbly ask Your mercy and forgiveness.
You say, "Blessed are the poor in spirit,"
but we have been rich in pride and vain conceit.*

*You say, "Blessed are those who mourn,"
but we sorrow little for our wrongs, and envy those who have what we lack.*

*You say, "Blessed are the meek,"
but we are angry, harsh, impatient, and unforgiving, and we fail to love and pray for our enemies.*

*You say, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,"
but we slothfully fill ourselves with lesser goods.*

*You say, "Blessed are the merciful,"
but we greedily consume and hoard for ourselves.*

*You say, "Blessed are the pure in heart,"
but our hearts are polluted with lust of all kinds.*

*You say, "Blessed are the peacemakers,"
but we sabotage relationship and reconciliation.*

*You say, "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,"
but our gluttonous lives do not challenge the status quo of the world.*

*You say, "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me,"
but we have hardly made it known that we are Yours.*

We plead with You, Lord Jesus, to ask the Father to grant us forgiveness and give us the blessed and abundant life You offer.

Amen.

Silence is kept

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Fountain of life, Creator of all,
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Thou Breath of life, in whom are all things.
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Adapted from "Kyrie Eleison", Ancient Latin Mass
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Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*Children are dismissed at this time.

Doxology (Alleluia)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Refrain 1

Alleluia! Alleluia, Amen!

Blessing and honor belong to our God,

Alleluia, Amen! Amen, Amen.

Refrain 2

Alleluia! Alleluia, Amen!

Glory and power belong to our God,

Alleluia, Amen! Amen, Amen.

Glory to our God, Amen! Amen.

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The Lord’s Word

Gospel Lesson

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 18:1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” **2** He called a little child to Him, and placed the child among them. **3** And He said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. **4** Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. **5** And whoever welcomes one such child in My name welcomes Me. **6** If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in Me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. **7** Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! **8** If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. **9** And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell. **10** See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of My Father in heaven. **12** What

do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? **13** And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. **14** In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish. **15** If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. **16** But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ **17** If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. **18** Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. **19** Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. **20** For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated

Teaching

Series: The King's Church

Title: Becoming a Humble Community

Preacher: Rev. Jonathan St. Clair

The Lord’s Supper

Let us confess our faith from the Apostle’s Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended to the dead. On 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Preface (Prayer of Praise)

(Sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

He Took, Blessed, and Broke

Words of Institution

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

And now as our Savior taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

He Gave

Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us;
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ;
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?

I cannot give an answer,

But this I know with all my heart:

His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Let us offer our thanks to God, and ourselves to His service.

Living God, as we embark once more on this journey through Lent, we give thanks for the assurance of Your presence with us in Jesus Christ, Savior, Redeemer and Friend. We offer these gifts and our lives with the prayer that they will be used to proclaim the story of His sacrificial love in word and deed. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

My Jesus I Love Thee

My Jesus I love Thee, I know Thou art mine.

For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow.
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow.
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

Words: William R. Featherstone, 1864
Music: Adoniram J. Gordon, 1876

Blessing and Sending

Let us go in the name of Christ to love and serve the world.

Thanks be to God.