

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS

- ❖ Evensong service is scheduled for the first Sunday of each month, Logos Auditorium, 6:00 pm.
- ❖ Heads of Households parish meetings: Usually held the second Tuesday of each month, 8:00 pm, locations to be announced on email.
- ❖ Family Psalm Sing is usually held the third Sunday evening of each month, 6:00-7:00 pm, Logos Auditorium.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ❖ No Sunday School classes are being held at this time.

NURSERY

- ❖ A nursing room is available for mothers only to use in the literature room (Room 2) out the west doors, down the stairs to the main building, first door on the left. If a father needs to take a crying baby or toddler out of the service, he may use the room down the hall next to the storage room. Dads, please don't go into the nursing room. Both rooms are sound wired, so the church service can be heard. Also, the sixth grade classroom is available for parents to use for disciplining their children.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ❖ Prayer requests: If you have a prayer request for the Sunday morning service or for the email prayer chain, please call the church office (882-2034) by Friday morning or contact Wes Struble (882-6163) or Ed Iverson (882-4848).
- ❖ Visitor cards are available on the back table. If you're visiting this morning, please fill one out and drop it in the offering box.
- ❖ The elders visit different homes on Tuesday nights, except for the Heads of Households meeting nights. If you'd like to receive a visit from an elder, please contact the office.
- ❖ The deacons fund is for needy families in our church. If you would like to donate toward this cause, please make your check to Christ Church, designating the Deacons Fund. Remember the Christian Education Fund, and the fact that some families are in need. Funds are available, and questions can be referred to the deacons.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 6

- ❖ Evensong: Logos Auditorium, 6:00 pm.

Tuesday, December 8

- ❖ Orchestra practice: Anselm House, 7:00-9:00 pm.
- ❖ Parish Heads of Household meetings: 8:00 pm. Watch your email for locations.

Wednesday, December 9

- ❖ Adult Choir: Logos Auditorium, 7:00-8:30 pm.

Thursday, December 10

- ❖ Precept-Romans Study: 9:00-11:00 am at the Crossing.
- ❖ "Heaven Misplaced" Ladies Book Study: Donna Grauke's home, 2:00 pm.
- ❖ NSA Christmas Concert: UI Admin. Auditorium, 7:30pm

Friday, December 11

- ❖ Men's prayer for reformation and revival: Anselm House, 6:30 am.
- ❖ Weekly ladies prayer meeting for outreach ministries: 8:15-8:45 am, Greyfriars' Hall.
- ❖ Festival of Lessons and Carols: UI Admin. Auditorium, 6:30pm & 8:30pm.

NEW NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Christmas Caroling in front of Ross at the Mall: Sunday, December 20, 4:00 pm. This event will replace the Family Psalm Sing this month.
- ❖ Winter Feast: Friday, January 22, 6:00-8:30pm, SEL.

COLLEGE MINISTRIES NEWS & EVENTS

Contact Matt Gray- 883-7903 (o), 596-9787 (c)

- ❖ Weekly meeting: Finished for the semester.
- ❖ College Girls Inductive Bible Studies:
 - Ephesians: Thursdays, Lisa Jackson's home, 730 E. 8th St, Apt I, 8:00 pm.
 - Philippians: Brooke Newman's home, 223 E. 7th #3, Tuesdays, 7:00 pm.
- ❖ NSA/UI/WSU Men's Bible Studies:
 - Tuesdays, 12:00 pm, Beza Classroom, (CJ Bowen).
 - Tuesdays, 8:30 pm, 110 Lilly Apt. 201, (Hans Leidenfrost).
 - Wednesdays, 7 am, 916 E. 7th St. (Sean Johnson).
 - Wednesdays, 8 pm, 406 "D" St., (Danny Ryan).
 - Wednesdays, 5:30 pm, 226 Circle Dr., (Brian Kohl).
- ❖ UI Guys' Study: Saturdays, 7:30 am, Bucer's Smoke Room. Contact: Tucker Douglas, (817) 694-1955.

CHRIST CHURCH

Lord's Day Service - 2nd Sunday of Advent - December 6, 2009

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MEDITATION & PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP - God Summons His People

* SCRIPTURE READING OF PRAISE

Minister: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who are in awe of Him.

Congregation: He will hear their cry and save them. Amen.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, (Ephesians 1:3).

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Magnificat.....416-419 (416-419)

CONFESSION - God Cleanses His People

EXHORTATION

SCRIPTURE READING OF CONFESSION

Congregation is invited to kneel if able

... just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love ... In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace (Ephesians 1:4, 7).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory (Ephesians 1:11-12).

Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

CHRISTIAN, WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE? APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hades. On the third day He rose again from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

How does holy Baptism remind and assure you that the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross avails for you?..... Q. 69 (70)

In this way: Christ has instituted this external washing with water and by it has promised that I am as certainly washed with his blood and Spirit from the uncleanness of my soul and from all my sins, as I am washed externally with water which is used to remove the dirt from my body.

*** How Bright These Glorious Spirits Shine!.....306** (Rejoice, all ye believers handout)

CONSECRATION - God Equips & Prepares His People

* READING THE UNIVERSAL WORD

This week: Leviticus 24:1-9 & Matthew 25:1-13

Next week: Zephaniah 3:14-20 & Romans 15:4-13

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Christ Church - 205 E. 5th St, Moscow, ID - 208.882.2034 - office@christkirk.com

Elders:

Bill Church	Ed Iverson	Ralph Plaza	Gordon Wilson	Eric Burnett	Joe Myers
Dale Courtney	Mike Lawyer	John Sawyer	Fred Kohl	John Carnahan	Rusty Olps
John Grauke	Csaba	Wes Struble		Andrew	Marc Rust
Matt Gray	Leidenfrost	Matt Whitling		Crapuchettes	Marc Wintz
John Howell	Jim Nance	Douglas Wilson		Tom Garfield	

Deacons:

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS - Jim and Lynda Griffith, from Wellspring Church in VA (2nd Service)

Psalm 24.....**CS 4-5** (134-135)

OPENING PRAYER

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory (Ephesians 1:14-15).

THANKSGIVING

Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: (Ephesians 1:15-16).

PETITIONS

... that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe (Ephesians 1:17-19a).

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

★ *Why Do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage?*.....**4-5** (226)

PREACHING OF THE PARTICULAR WORD

Text: Isaiah 40
Concluding prayer, ending with the Lord's Prayer **411**

MEDITATION

Offertory-As with Gladness Men of Old.....**251 vs 3** (250 vs. 3)

★ *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*.....**242** (227)

COMMUNION - God Nourishes His People

THE BREAD & WINE

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star!.....**220-21** vs 1-3 (220-21 vs. 1-3)

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star!.....**220-23** vs 4-7 (220-230 vs. 4-7)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— AMEN

COMMISSIONING - *God Blesses & Sends His People*
The congregation may raise hands

★ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Savior of the Nations, Come.....**225 vs. 6** (225 vs. 6)

CHARGE & BLESSING

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work” (2Thess. 2:16-17) *Amen*.

MISSIONS UPDATE-PROJECT HOPE

Project Hope has three areas of ministry: Celebrate Recovery in Moscow, Jail Ministry at the Latah County Jail, and Celebrate Recovery inside. CR Inside happens at the North Idaho Correctional Institute in Cottonwood (NICI). At this minimum security facility, most inmates are serving what is called a “rider”, a sentence of 3-6 months during which they must successfully complete a New Beginnings course under the close supervision of a counselor. If successful, their judge may then elect to put them on probation for a number of years instead of serving their 3, 5, 7 or more year sentence in the “big house” in Boise.

Personally (Mike Hall) I have been involved at NICI since March of 2008 and go up once a week. This month Steve Otto (my team teacher) and I will complete what will be my sixth class. (Three classes of 30 and a chapel service of 100+ go on simultaneously) Overall they have graduated over 1000 men the past 5 years. It has been an amazing privilege to share the gospel and the practical principles of CR with over 160 men this past year and change. After all the travail the Lord took me through this past decade, it's humbling to be used at all for His kingdom. I must say that I am filled with compassion and understanding for these guys and my life has been blessed beyond measure to see men come to Jesus Christ and begin to learn to live a new life. It's almost as if Someone had been setting this up. Weird huh?

If anyone is interested in visiting, please contact me. Also, if you would be willing to pray, we have a team that prays through the many cards the guys fill out. And last, if you would like to help cover the cost of gas, materials and other expenses for the ministry, contact me or Shari and we will point you in the right direction.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION

THANKSGIVING — FOR...

- ❖ The gospel and for our redemption.
- ❖ The ministry of Holy Trinity Church of Collville, WA and for Kenton Spratt.
- ❖ The ministry of Project Hope.

NEW REQUESTS, PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Christians who are persecuted in other countries, especially in India.
- ❖ The President of the United States, that his office would be established in righteousness.
- ❖ Trinity Baptist Church: Pray for their college students as the semester comes to a close and families at Trinity Baptist that are hurting as a result of the economy.
- ❖ Healing for Bruce Menadier's father.

REQUESTS FROM NOVEMBER 29, 2009

- ❖ Christians who are persecuted in other countries, especially in N. Korea.
- ❖ The United States Congress.
- ❖ The Local Church

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ CRE, *Credenda*, Canon Press, and the church mission plants.
- ❖ Education: NSA, Logos School, Montrose Academy, ACCS, Pullman Christian School, UI, WSU, LCSC.
- ❖ Eddie Gray, Jr., James Denham, Heather Casebolt Teston, Neil (Ray) Crawford, Emily Peterson, Jerry Langreder.
- ❖ Repentance of sin and salvation for Jon LaMoreaux and Daniel Miller.
- ❖ Pray for Douglas Wilson and the Christ Church elders as they seek to serve God in leading the church.
- ❖ Parents as they educate their children.
- ❖ Upcoming marriages of Ryan Handerman to Courtney Wright (12/18), Justin Spencer to Emily Gray (12/29), Timothy Van den Broek to Anna Davy. (12/30), Skyler Hoefst to Chelsey Bowes (1/1/10), Jordan Leithart to Jamie Van Till (1/9/10), Brad Belschner to Sara Field (1/23/10),

Isaiah Eyre to Leia Thomas(5/22/10), Drew Hicks to Samantha Ricketts (6/5/10), Eric Mabry to Hannah Benton.

- ❖ Pray for the Greyfriars' Hall students.
- ❖ Complete healing for Billy Amos, Evangeline Anderson, Betty Appel, Fran Atwood, Paige Atwood, Arie DeWinkle, Julie Garfield, Emmaline Handel, Lizzie Klier, Fred Kohl, Lisa Leidenfrost, Brady, Erin, and Sherry McIntosh, Brian Nuttbrock, Beza Qualls, Kalkidan Qualls, Lisa Qualls, Don Quist, Cecily Rathbun, Michelle Roise, Daniel Rosendahl, Nancy Rust, Morgan Schlect, Nesradine Schumaker, Layla Shaw, Andrew Stafford, Tovia Sumpter, Bessie Wilson.
- ❖ Colleen McGarry, who is working with Servant Group, Int'l. in northern Iraq.
- ❖ The Christ Church and Trinity Reformed Church expectant mothers: December-Katie Nuttbrock, Jennifer Bunch; January-Casey Griffith, Nancy Jacobs, Heather Wilson, Ruth Hill; February-Amber Myers, Jenny Story, Ashley Antkowiak; March-Lindsey Tollefson, Katie Grauke, Alberta Arrick, Beth Peterson; April-Rachel Jankovic, Mary Dowers; May-Kristen Telling, Emily Bartlett, Alexis Stevenson, Brooke Newman; June-Melissa Breese.
- ❖ Other expectant mothers who don't attend either church or have moved but are connected to the churches in some way through family members, etc.: December-Hannah Griffith; January-Christine Creason; May-Natali Rose (Greenfield); June-Elizabeth Nieuwsma.
- ❖ Ian Bloomsburg, as he serves in the U.S. Army in New York; Mike Fenimore as he serves in Germany; Kelly VanNuland, Sam Kimmell in the U.S. Navy in Spain; Daniel Klier in the Marines; Nate Atwood; Chilton Williams in the Navy on the USS Enterprise.

- ❖ The unmarried men and women in the church.

STANDING PRAYER REQUESTS — PRAY FOR...

- ❖ Cultural stability, that we might live quiet and peaceable lives.
- ❖ State and local authorities as well as UI/WSU/NSA Presidents.
- ❖ The Bakwe' in the Ivory Coast and for stability and peace in the country.
- ❖ Reformation and revival in the church.

“MAY I COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE?”

The Lord's Supper is observed every Lord's Day at Christ Church. We warmly invite to the Lord's table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the elders of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being active in a congregation which is covenantally bound to the triune God through Word and sacrament. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to the elders before or after the service.

Isaiah 40:27-31

27Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD and my right is disregarded by my God"?

28Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

29He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

30Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

31but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40

Comfort has been announced (prophetically) to the exiled people of God: they've done their time, vv.1-2; God's word of promises stands, vv.3-5; just look at him, vv.9-11; he is sovereign and wise – over the nations, vv.12-17; the living God (contrast the idols), vv.18-20; the sovereign creator – over the rulers, vv.21-24; incomparably holy – over the powers.

Isaiah 40:27

And yet in the face of this they are despondent and doubting as if the LORD doesn't care or understand (v.27).

Isaiah 40:28

So the prophet challenges them to remember their creed, their history, and the prophetic word already given. (v.28a)

The LORD is the everlasting God who is sovereign in and over time – there is no doubt that he will keep his promise. (v.28b)

The LORD is the creator of the ends of the earth – his arm can reach there and bring his people back to the centre. (v.28c)

The LORD's living power is limitless – he is not tired of ruling the universe or exhausted by caring for his people. (v.28d)

The LORD's wisdom is immeasurable – he knows precisely what is going on and can't be tricked into missing his purpose. (v.28e)

His rule, his reach, his resources, his regard are boundless and indubitable.

Isaiah 40:29

Perhaps, then, the problem is that he meanly withholds what his people need? No, the LORD is a generous God, tirelessly munificent, abundant in goodness. (v.29)

Isaiah 40:30

Wind it up, Isaiah. Set up the contrast. Young men, choice men have limited resources and fall to the ground.

Isaiah 40:31

Bring it home, Isaiah. But ... While they wait and because they wait, those who wait for the LORD to act / those who wait on the LORD in trust exchange one worn-out strength-garment for a new one (v.31a).

Far from falling to the ground, they soar to the sky (v.31b). As the LORD arrives to lead and accompany his people on the journey from exile to home, he energizes those who walk with him.

A couple of summaries:

a) 28-30 are true so stop occupying 27 and occupy 31 instead.

b) the flow:

27 – despondency amongst God’s people is groundless

28-29 – because God is great and wise and generous

30-31 – so wait for the LORD to act and wait on the LORD in trust and you will find strength for the journey

Keep in mind:

You and your circumstances – one trustful step at a time.

You and your sin – “consider Him ... so that you may not grow weary”

Our persecuted brothers and sisters – pray for them to prove Isaiah 40.31.

The church in history – walk upright in bold confidence.

But most of all ...

What Jacob-Israel calls out faithlessly (v.27), the Lord Jesus Christ calls out faithfully: Never was a man more faint and weary. Never did a man more wait on the LORD. Surely, surely, he must rise.

And he does.

And we find in him, both the Jacob-Israel who truly looks to the LORD and the LORD whose advent (coming) is renewal and redemption for those who look to him.