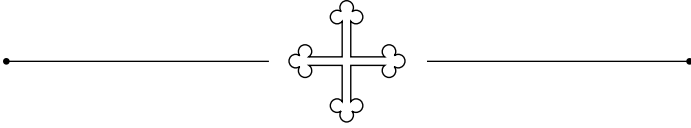


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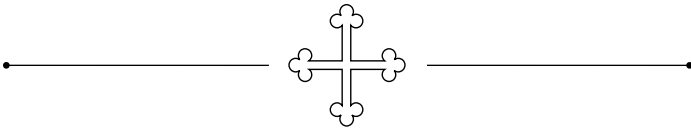
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in  
your sight, O Lord, my rock and redeemer.

Psalm 19:14 ESV



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
Who mourn and long for comfort;  
Who struggle and desire hope;  
Who sin and need a savior;  
Who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;  
Who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
And to whoever will come...

This church opens wide her doors and offers  
Welcome in the name of the risen  
Lord Jesus Christ



## Upcoming Events

### • January

- 12<sup>th</sup> Morning worship  
CE / SS  
Evening video service 6p
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bible Study 7p
- 19<sup>th</sup> Communion  
SS/CE  
Evening video service 6p
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bible Study 7p
- 26<sup>th</sup> Morning worship  
CE / SS  
Evening video service 6p
- 29<sup>th</sup> Prayer meeting 7p

See our online calendar at

<http://www.pcapalmdesert.org/calendar.html>

## Serving in the Church

### **Snacks**

- January
- 12<sup>th</sup> deHaas & Carron
- 19<sup>th</sup>
- 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Nursery**

- January
- 12<sup>th</sup> Hailey B. & Vivien W.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Adriana M. & Brianna B.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Kari S. & Lizzy W.

### **Greeters**

- January
- 12<sup>th</sup> Patrick B. & Kathy C.
- 19<sup>th</sup>
- 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Ushers**

- January
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dave M. & Joshua W.
- 19<sup>th</sup>
- 26<sup>th</sup>

# Family Worship Guide

## Daily Bible Readings (chronological)

Sunday, Jan 12: Job 32-34

Monday, Jan 13: Job 35-37

Tuesday, Jan 14: Job 38-39

Wednesday, Jan 15: Job 40-42

Thursday, Jan 16: Genesis 12-15

Friday, Jan 17: Genesis 16-18

Saturday, Jan 18: Genesis 19-21

## Prayer

Sunday, Pray for the parents in our congregation.

Monday, Pray for our sister church, Christ Presbyterian Church, in Temecula, CA.

Tuesday, Pray for our Missionaries as they proclaim the gospel.

Wednesday, Pray for those who are sick that God would bring them healing.

Thursday, Pray for our troops, especially those who are apart from their families.

Friday, Pray that God would equip and protect the elders and deacons.

Saturday, Pray for the pastor and elders and deacons of PPC, and for Sunday's worship service.

## Preparing to Receive the Lord's Supper

**WLC Question 171:** How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it?

**Answer:** They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance; love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation, and fervent prayer.

**WLC Question 172:** May one who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation, come to the Lord's Supper?

**Answer:** One who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account has it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labor to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and ought to come to the Lord's Supper, that he may be further strengthened.

# Preparation for Worship

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## Devotional Prayer

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Lord Jesus, I sin. Grant that I may never cease grieving because of it, never be content with myself, never think I can reach a point of perfection. Kill my envy, command my tongue, trample down self. Give me grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable, to live for Thee and not for self, to copy Thy words, acts, spirit, to be transformed into Thy likeness, to be consecrated wholly to Thee, to live entirely to Thy glory.

Deliver me from attachment to things unclean, from wrong associations, from the predominance of evil passions, from the sugar of sin as well as its gap; that with self-loathing, deep contrition, earnest heart searching I may come to Thee, cast myself on Thee, trust in Thee, cry to Thee, be delivered by Thee.

O God, the Eternal All, help me to know that all things are shadows, but Thou art substance, all things are quicksands, but Thou art mountain, all things are shifting, but Thou art anchor, all things are ignorance, but Thou art wisdom.

If my life is to be a crucible amid burning heat, so be it, but do Thou sit at the furnace mouth to watch the ore that nothing be lost. If I sin willfully, grievously, tormentedly, in grace take away my mourning and give me music; remove my sackcloth and clothe me with beauty; still my sighs and fill my mouth with song, then give me summer weather as a Christian.

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As grace led me to faith in the first place, so grace will keep me believing to the end. Faith, both in its origin and continuance, is a gift of grace.

~ J.I. Packer  
(1926- )

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## Notes on Worship

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**Confession of Faith:** The confession of faith (we use either the Apostle's Creed or Nicene Creed) reminds us that we stand in a long line of men and women who by grace through faith are united to Christ as their Lord and Savior. We are not the end of the so-called 'great commission' found in Matthew 28:18-20, but rather in our confession of faith we recognize that we stand as part of it, and are part of something bigger than ourselves individually, bigger than our congregation, bigger than our denomination--we are part of the church universal (or catholic), true members of the Body of Christ who believe and confess the timeless truths contained in the creed.

# The Public Worship of God

January 12, 2014; 9:30am

## Prayer for Illumination

### \* Greeting

*Leader: In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit;*

**People: Amen!**

*Leader: Serve the Lord with gladness!*

**People: Come into his presence with singing!**

*Leader: Know that the Lord, He is God!*

**People: We are His people; and the sheep of His pasture. Amen!**

### \* Blessing

### \* Call to Worship

*Psalm 11 (Trinity Hymnal p. 787)*

### \* Song of Adoration

*Hymn 30 -- Our God Our Help In Ages Past*

### \* Reading of the Law

*Deuteronomy 5:8-10*

*Second Commandment*

‘You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

### Exposition of the Law

*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 50,51 (Trinity Hymnal p.873)*

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*Leader: O Lord, we miserable sinners come before you and confess that we have sinned against You.*

**People: We confess that we have erected idols in our hearts, and bowed down and served them**

*Leader: O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You.*

**All: Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen!**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Congregational Response

*Hymn 455 — And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

## Reception of New Members & Sacrament of Baptism

*Marty & Robin McCullah; Baptism of Jonah, Ethan & Lucas McCullah*

## Confession of Faith

*Apostles' Creed (Trinity Hymnal p. 845)*

## Tithes and Offerings

If you are visiting with us, please do not feel obligated to give. Our church depends upon the generous gifts of those who partner with us in seeking to pursue Christ in their lives.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### \* Doxology (*Trinity Hymnal 731*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \* Lord's Prayer

### \* Reading of Scripture

1 Thessalonians 4 -- The Apostle Paul now exhorts the Thessalonian Christians to become that for which he prayed in chapter 3, providing instruction in holiness, love, and the Second Coming.

## Psalm of the Month

*Psalm 72 -- (bulletin)*

Children ages five and under may be dismissed to the nursery.

## Pastoral Prayer

## Proclamation of the Word

Luke 14:12-24 -- *The Great Banquet* -- *Pastor Clayton Willis*

### \* Song of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 345 -- Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken*

### \* Benediction

### \* Congregational Amens (*Trinity Hymnal 740*)



\* Please stand if you are able

# Psalm 72

1. <sup>1</sup>O God, be - stow Your judg - ments on the king,  
 2. <sup>4</sup>The poor a - mong the peo - ple he will judge,  
 3. <sup>6</sup>He will come down like rain up - on the grass,  
 4. <sup>9</sup>The des - ert dwell - ers then will bow to him,

Your righ - teous - ness up - on the roy - al son.  
 And save the chil - dren of the in - di - gent.  
 As show - ers wa - ter - ing the thirst - y ground.  
 Be - fore him all his foes will lick the dust.

<sup>2</sup>With righ - teous - ness Your peo - ple he will judge,  
 The strong op - pres - sor he will break a - part.  
<sup>7</sup>Through - out his reign the righ - teous ones will thrive,  
<sup>10</sup>The kings of Tar - shish and the coast - al lands

Your poor af - flict - ed ones with eq - ui - ty.  
<sup>5</sup>And they will look to You with god - ly fear  
 And peace will flour - ish while the moon en - dures.  
 Will come to him and bring an of - fer - ing;

<sup>3</sup>So let the moun - tains bring Your peo - ple peace,  
 While sun and moon con - tin - ue to en - dure;  
<sup>8</sup>And he will rule from sea to farth - est sea,  
 She - ba's and Se - ba's kings give pre - cious gifts.

And hills bring forth the fruit of righ - teous - ness.  
 Through ev - ery gen - er - a - tion they re - main.  
 And from the Riv - er - to the ends of earth.  
<sup>11</sup>All kings will bow, all na - tions wor - ship him.



## Sermon Notes

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