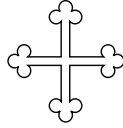


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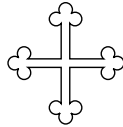
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
your sight, O Lord, my rock and redeemer.

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

• December

29th Morning worship

• January

5th Communion
SS/CE
Evening video service 6p

8th Bible Study 7p

12th Morning worship
CE / SS
Evening video service 6p

15th Bible Study 7p

See our online calendar at

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

Serving in the Church

Snacks

• December
- 29th

• January
-5th
-12th

Greeters

• December
- 29th

• January
-5th
-12th

Nursery

• December
-29th VonCile G. & Aubrey B.

• January
-5th
-12th

Ushers

December
-29th Calvin W.

• January
-5th
-12th

Family Worship Guide

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, December 29: Zech 6-9; Psalm 148; Rev 18-19

Monday, December 30: Zech 10-14; Psalm 149; Rev 20-21

Tuesday, December 31: Mal 1-4; Psalm 150; Rev 22

Wednesday, Jan 1: Genesis 1-3

Thursday, Jan 2: Genesis 4-7

Friday, Jan 3: Genesis 8-11

Saturday, Jan 4: Job 1-5

Prayer

Sunday, Pray for the parents in our congregation.

Monday, Pray for our sister church, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, in Newport, CA.

Tuesday, Pray for our Chaplains as they minister to our soldiers.

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

Devotional Prayer

Thou blessed Spirit, Author of all grace and comfort, come, work repentance in my soul; represent sin to me in its odious colors that I may hate it; melt my heart by the majesty and mercy of God; show me my ruined self and the help there is in him; teach me to behold my Creator, his ability to save, his arms outstretched, his heart big for me. May I confide in his power and love, commit my soul to him without reserve, bear his image, observe his laws, pursue his service, and be through time and eternity a monument to the efficacy of his grace, a trophy of his victory. Make me willing to be saved in his way, perceiving nothing in myself, but all in Jesus: Help me not only to receive him but to walk in him, commune with him, be conformed to him, follow him, imperfect, but still pressing forward, not complaining of labour, but valuing rest, not murmuring under trials, but thankful for my state. Give me that faith which is the means of salvation, and the principle and medium of all godliness; may I be saved by grace through faith, live by faith, feel the joy of faith, do the work of faith. Perceiving nothing in myself, may I find in Christ wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption.

If there be ground for you to trust in your own righteousness, then all that Christ did to purchase salvation, and all that God did to prepare the way for it is in vain.

~ Jonathan Edwards
(1703-1758)

Notes on Worship

Assurance of Pardon: After confessing our sins to God, both publicly and privately, we rest on His promise to us in 1 John 1:9 and wait to hear His proclamation of our forgiveness based on the perfect sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. We use the words of Scripture, usually from Romans 8:1 or 1 Peter 2:24, to convey that assurance of pardon to those who have freely confessed their sins to God. After hearing the proclamation of our forgiveness, and our right standing before God, we can then continue our worship of the most holy God.

The Public Worship of God

December 29, 2013; 9:30am

Prayer for Illumination

* Greeting

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

People: Amen!

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

People: Let all the peoples praise You!

*Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples
with equity,*

People: And guide the nations upon earth! Amen!

* Blessing

* Call to Worship

Psalm 8 (Trinity Hymnal p. 786)

* Song of Adoration

Hymn 196 -- Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

* Reading of the Law

Deuteronomy 5:6-7

First Commandment

*'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out
of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no other gods before me.'*

Exposition of the Law

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A #46 & 47. Trinity Hymnal p.872

Corporate Confession of Sin

*Leader: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess
before you our sinful nature; prone to evil and slow to do good.*

**People: We confess that we have not believed in You, our one God
and Father, but have put our faith and trust more in creatures
than in You, our God and Creator.**

*Leader: Be pleased to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, for
the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**All: Father, forgive us and remember our sins no more for the
sake of the Lord Jesus, our righteousness. Make us joyful
people this morning, boasting throughout the week in your
holy Son. In his name we pray. Amen!**

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Congregational Response

Hymn 211 — God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

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 2 -- The Apostle Paul defends his ministry in Thessalonica employing four metaphors: steward, father, mother, herald.

Psalm of the Month

Psalm 145 -- (bulletin)

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

Pastoral Prayer

Proclamation of the Word

Hebrews 10:19-25 -- *Equipped for Life* -- *Pastor Clayton Willis*

* Song of Thanksgiving

Hymn 200 -- It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

* Benediction

* Congregational Amens (*Trinity Hymnal 740*)



* Please stand if you are able

Psalm 145

1. ¹ I'll give You praise, my God, O King,
 2. ³ Great is the LORD, de - serv - ing praise;
 3. ⁵ I'll con - tem - plate Your won - drous works,
 4. ⁷ Call - ing to mind Your good - ness great,

I will for - ev - er bless Your name;
 His great - ness none can com - pre - hend.
 Your splen - dor and Your glo - ry great.
 Its fame they ea - ger - ly ex - press;

² I will ex - tol You ev - ery day,
⁴ One gen - er - a - tion to the next
⁶ Men will de - clare Your awe - some acts;
 And they sing prais - es joy - ful - ly,

And ev - er - more Your praise pro - claim.
 Will all Your might - y works com - mend.
 Your pow'r and great - ness I'll re - late.
 Tell - ing of all Your righ - teous - ness.

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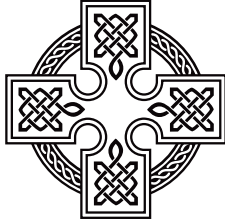
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