

# October 2021 Worship Guide

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*This booklet contains the outline for each worship service during the month of October 2021.*

*As of the time of going to print, Sunday worship is in person, online and broadcast on the radio (you can listen in your car on FM 87.9, in the church parking lot). If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch online on our website and YouTube channel. Even if we are not worshipping in the same building, we are still one body, one family, we are brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Look up the scriptures referenced in the following pages; pray the words, and claim the promises for you and your family. - Pastor Jonathan*

## Should Christians Really Celebrate Halloween?

Traditionally, October 31, which is named Halloween or All Hallows' Eve, has been considered a pagan holiday. Although there are differing beliefs as to its origin, everyone seems to agree on a connection to the ancient Celts over 2,000 years ago. On All Hallows' Eve, it is said that the souls and spirits of the dead are given the ability to roam the Earth. All Saints' Day, or All Hallows' Day, was a religious feast day celebrated on November 1. The feasting was to honor the Saints. Many Christians now celebrate Reformation Day on November 1, in place of Halloween, because it is the day Martin Luther chose to nail his 95 theses to the church doors. Some church communities choose to host a Trunk-or-Treat, (members of the church decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out candy to children) which is considered an acceptable alternative to door-to-door Trick-or-Treating.

Other churches hold a Fall Festival on the evening of October 31. A fall-themed atmosphere and carnival-style booths help to mask the fact it is actually Halloween, except for all the people dressed in costume with children getting candy. Still, other Christians believe in ignoring the day altogether — they turn off their porch light to avoid Trick-or-Treaters and go about business as usual. Clearly, Halloween is a controversial topic for Christian communities. So, can a Christian celebrate Halloween in good conscience?

### ***Jesus Came to Bring Life and Conquer Sin***

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full (John 10:10). Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9).

We believe that Jesus can take what was intended for evil and flip it right around for good. History tells us that Halloween started out full of evil and fear, death, and torment. Those are things that our Lord has defeated. They no longer have a grip on us.

### ***Jesus Came to Redeem and Set Us Free***

He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:12).

The cross was not pretty. There was pain and suffering, blood, and violence. Do the people around you know that Jesus' life-giving sacrifice on the cross completely crushed death? That the agony and misery and terror celebrated every year on October 31 was already lived out by Jesus and it is finished?

Should Christians really celebrate Halloween? Yes, you can because the blood of Jesus has redeemed Halloween. "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One Who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). Blessings, Pastor Jonathan.

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## Worship October 3

### **Scriptures to read and meditate on**

Job 1:1; 2:1-10, Ps 26 & Ps 25, Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mk 10:2-16

### **Thought for the week**

“Faith is to believe what you do not yet see, the reward for this faith is to see what you believe.”

### **Call To Worship**

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We have ignored your many gifts; we have forgotten to give thanks in all things. We have taken for granted the air we breathe, the food that nourishes our bodies, even the love of family and friends. We have forgotten that all these gifts come from you. Forgive us and give us the eyes to see you in all things. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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## Worship October 10

### **Scriptures to read and meditate on**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Ps 22:1-15, Heb 4:12-16, Mk 10:17-31

### **Thought for the week**

“The best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it or to spend time denouncing it, but to lay a straight stick along side it.”

### **Call To Worship**

It was easy to come to worship this morning. We feel welcome and look forward to the worship service. But how hard it is to enter God’s kingdom. We have to be ready to let go of the things that tie us down. Get ready. God is waiting for you. Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to receive your word for us this day.

### **Prayer of Confession**

We hold on to our possessions expecting them to grant us security and peace only to find that they cause us to stumble in our walk with you. Forgive our materialistic approach to life. Break the bonds and chains of our oppression and enslavement to greed. Give us power to name those things that keep us from fully loving you, so that we can enter your Kingdom in this life and the life to come. Open our hearts to know that the riches of the kingdom are in service to you and that our lives are Your vessel in building up Your Kingdom. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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## Worship October 17

### **Scripture to read and meditate on**

October Job 38:1-7, 34-41, Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35, Heb 5:1-10, Mk 10:35-45

### **Thought for the week**

“Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask.”

### **Call To Worship**

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Praise the LORD!

### **Prayer of Confession**

We often fail to be still and know that you are God. We question your worthiness, rather than to humbly worship your greatness. Silence us as we trust in your unfailing love. May we see your magnitude in all things. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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## Worship October 24

### **Scriptures to read and meditate on**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Ps 34:1-8 19-22, Heb 7:23-28, Mk 10:46-52

### **Thought for the day**

“We turn to God for help when our foundations are shaking only to learn that it is God shaking them.”

### **Call To Worship**

O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Grace filled God, often we run from your presence knowing we have sinned and distorted your image in us. Instead of turning to you, we hide and make excuses for what we do while breaking relationship with you, with one another, and with all creation. Forgive us and open our eyes to your abundant mercy and grace, through Christ our Lord and Savior. Draw us deeper now, merciful Lord, into your amazing and extravagant grace. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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## Worship October 31 - Reformation Sunday

### Scriptures to read and meditate on

Ruth 1:1-18, Ps 146, Heb 9:11-14, Mk 12:28-34

### Thought for the week

"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go."

### Call To Worship

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

### Prayer of Confession

Majestic Lord, You indeed are our rock, our mighty fortress that will not fail. You keep us steadfast in times of trouble, and protect us from the eternal plague of Sin and Death. Forgive us for the times that we are not trusting in your eternal power and wisdom. Forgive us for the times in which we have not lived into that eternal power and wisdom, as you have taught us to live by loving you with our entire being and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Teach us to live in your unbounded grace and eternal love, each day, so that your love will flow in us and through us to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Coats for Kids

During the month of October, the District will be collecting coats for children, new or used, any size.

Please have the coats to the church by the last Sunday in October. From there they will be delivered to the District Coordinator for distribution.

Thank you and Blessings!

Bonnie Reeves

Save the date!

Charge Conference

Saturday, October 23 @ 9:00 am

at Christ UMC

Choir practice

Tuesday

Oct 12 @ 7pm

## Verona Food Pantry

The food pantry has requested the following for October:.

Toilet Tissue

Facial Tissue

Baby Diapers

Baby Wipes

Paper Towels

Feminine supplies

If you are not able to drop of these donations, you can always make a monetary donation. Mark your check 'food pantry' and mail to the church. All donations are tax deductible.

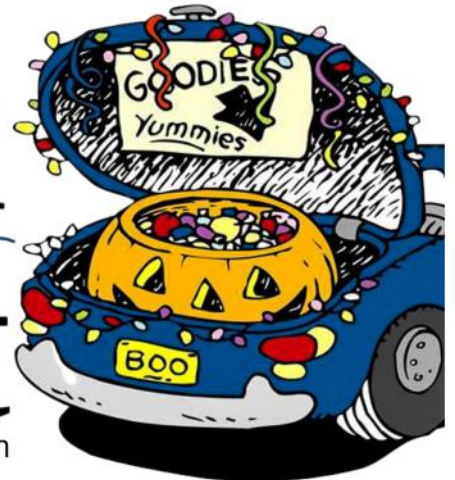


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October 31st @ 5pm

Sunday Service is now available on a DVD. If you would like a copy delivered to your home, please call the church office and we will take care of getting one to you.

# Mark Word Search

Just for fun, or use as a teaching aide with your younger family members.

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Find the **27 bold** words or phrases from Mark 12: 28-34

## The Greatest Commandment

<sup>28</sup> One of the *teachers* of the *law* came and *heard* them *debating*. Noticing that Jesus had given them a *good answer*, he asked him, “Of all the *commandments*, which is the *most important*?”

<sup>29</sup> “The most important one,” *answered Jesus*, “is this: ‘*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.*’ <sup>30</sup> *Love* the Lord your God with all your *heart* and with all your *soul* and with all your *mind* and with all your *strength*.’ <sup>31</sup> The *second* is this: ‘Love your *neighbor* as *yourself*.’ There is no commandment *greater* than these.”

<sup>32</sup> “*Well said, teacher*,” the man replied. “*You are right* in saying that God is one and there is *no other but him*.” <sup>33</sup> To love him with all your heart, with all your *understanding* and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all *burnt offerings* and *sacrifices*.” <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had *answered wisely*, he said to him, “You are not far from the *kingdom of God*.” And from then on *no one dared* ask him any more *questions*.



Cherryvale is participating in Operation Christmas Child again. Last year we packed almost 100 boxes. We would like to exceed that this year. Boxes will be available in the church for pick up around the 2nd week of October.

All packed boxes need to be in the church by November 11 for blessing during service that weekend. We will take care of getting your boxes to the drop off location. If you need help with shoeboxes, call the office or Joyce Swisher or Mary Perkins. Thanks and happy packing.

## How to Pack a Shoebox

- a. Pick up an empty shoebox from the church.
- b. Label your box with a label to indicate on your shoebox whether it was packed for a boy or girl and which age category: 2–4, 5–9, or 10–14.
- c. Fill with gifts. Select a medium to large "wow" item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Don't forget to also include a personal note and photo—sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive!
- d. Pray. Most importantly, "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17) for the child who will receive your shoebox gift.
  - Please also pray for:
  - Their family to also be receptive to the Good News of Jesus Christ.
  - The pastor of the church who delivers your shoebox gift.
  - Their community to be transformed by the Gospel.
- e. Return your shoebox to Cherryvale before November 11.

## What Goes in My Shoebox?

**A Wow Item:** • Doll • Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.) • Stuffed animal • An outfit of clothing to wear • Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)

**Craft Items:** • Pencils • Small manual pencil sharpener • Colored pencils • Pencil case • Crayons • Markers • Pens • Coloring pads • Coloring books • Picture book • Notebooks • Glue stick (Do not include liquid glue.) • Small adhesive tape • Crayons/markers, canvas or paper • Make-it-yourself craft items or kit • Stickers • Skipping rope/Jump rope

**Toys:** • Foam ball • Kickball • Finger puppets • Slinky • Small kite • Etch a Sketch.

**Personal Items:** • Comb • Hairbrush • Toothbrush • Washcloth • Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.) • Blanket • Shirts and pants • Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress) • Underwear • Shoes and socks • Flip-flops • Hat/scarf/mittens • Sunglasses • Tote bag/purse • Hair bows • Friendship bracelets

***For more suggestions, call the church office for an extensive list. Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.***