

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

a home for those who have found hope in Christ and a place where that hope is offered to all

Oxford, Mississippi

A Service of the Word and Prayer

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Clay Dabbs

*Song of Ascent¹

"Come People of the Risen King"

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1. Come, peo - ple of the ri - sen King, who de - light to bring Him praise. Come
2. Come those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing in the night. Come,
3. Come young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the faith. Come,

6 all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the
those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His
those with full or emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver

10 shift - ing sha - dows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, where
per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er cease, but
all the world His peo - ple sing; shore to shore we hear them call the

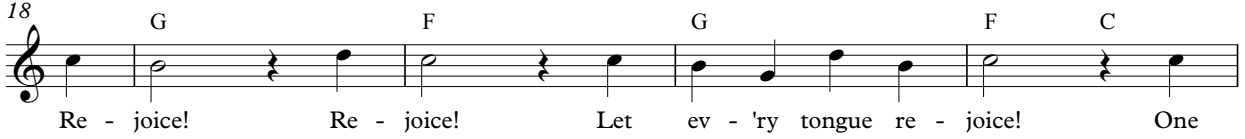
14 stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to ga - ther child - ren in.
fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace.
Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our God is all in all."

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* Please stand if able.

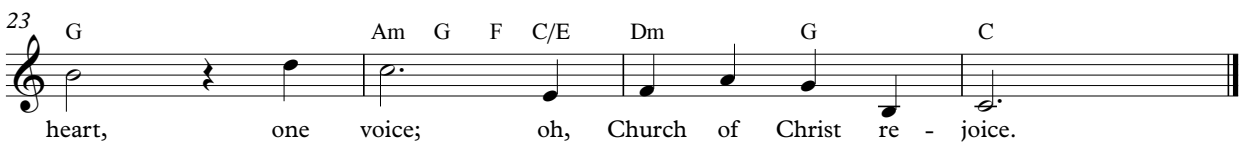
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Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One

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heart, one voice; oh, Church of Christ re - joice.

*Call to Worship²

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Congregation: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Leader: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

All: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Elder Clay Dabbs

*Hymn of Praise

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (TH 277)

Wesley



1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!

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sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell: Al - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - al - ted Head; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n; Al - le - lu - ia!

2 We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

* Please stand if able.

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 death in vain for - bids His rise; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Once He died, our souls to save; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 made like Him, like Him we rise; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now; *Al - le - lu - ia!*

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou! *Al - le - lu - ia!*

Call to Confession

Jeremiah 3:12 – 14

*I will not look on you in anger,
 for I am merciful,
 declares the Lord;
 I will not be angry forever.
 Only acknowledge your guilt,
 that you rebelled against the Lord your God...
 and that you have not obeyed my voice,
 Return, O faithless children,
 declares the Lord...*

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Fountain of All Good, Destroy in me every lofty thought, break pride to pieces and scatter it to the winds. Annihilate each clinging shred of self-righteousness; implant in us true lowliness of spirit. Break me, then bind me up, thus will my heart be a prepared dwelling for my God. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

*Offer of Forgiveness Through Christ

2 Timothy 2: 8, 11 – 13

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David...

The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful

for he cannot deny himself.

*Hymn of Rejoicing

“Up From the Grave He Arose” (TH 276)

Lowry

1.Low in the grave He lay-- Je - sus, my Sav - ior,
 2.Vain - ly they watch His Bed-- Je - sus, my Sav - ior;
 3.Death can - not keep his prey-- Je - sus, my Sav - ior;

wait - ing the com - ing day-- Je - sus, my Lord.
 vain - ly they seal the dead-- Je - sus, my Lord.
 He tore the bars a - way-- Je - sus, my Lord.

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Up from the grave He a - rose, with a might - y tri-umph o'er His foes. He a -

rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and He lives for - ev - er with His

saints to reign. He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - jah! Christ a - rose.

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Kevin Gardner

* Please stand if able.

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*Hymn of Praise

“Doxology”

Bourgeois/Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here be - low; praise
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Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Children’s Church Dismissal³

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Clay Dabbs

The Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN*

Sermon

John 11:25 – 27

Pastor Curt Presley

Children’s Church: Parents please note that your children will be escorted back to the sanctuary during this next hymn, please meet them at the back of the sanctuary and escort them back to your seats.

³ Children’s Church is a special opportunity we provide for children three to four years of age to help them and their parents make the transition from the nursery to “big church”. They are dismissed with the help of a parent after the collection of tithes and offering to the gym to where they will participate in the singing of the Doxology, praying the Lord’s Prayer, a Bible story, snack, and a brief play period to get some energy out. This is not a “babysitting” time, but to help them grow and mature as worshipers of God that He has created them to be. After Children’s Church they will be led back into the sanctuary to be with their parents for the closing hymn.

Please note that Children’s Church is an *option* for you and your child. If you would choose to keep your child with you for the entire service and not have them participate in Children’s Church we support that as well!

* Please stand if able.

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength— my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this Sol - id
 God in help - less Babe! This Gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ— in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought— and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came— to save. 'Til on the
 day, up from the grave He rose— a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the
 hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the

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love of Christ I stand.
 death of Christ I live.
 pre - cious blood of Christ.
 pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

(Repeat Verse 4 from to end.)

*Benediction⁴

*Hymn of Praise

"Threefold Amen" (TH 740)

Anonymous

A - men, a - men, a - - - - men.

Postlude

⁴ Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

* Please stand if able.

*25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”
27 She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”*

Sermon Notes

John 11: 25 – 27

The Gospel

So what exactly is the Gospel? The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome, “The gospel is...the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.” (Romans 1: 16) This Gospel power is not simply about sharing a message, doing better or being nicer, but about a God-generated renovation of all of life. In so doing He gives us a new object of worship, new fuel for life and a new purpose for the future.

The Gospel does this because it is first and foremost outside of us. Out of this fountain of power flows mercy, forgiveness and love—in essence transformed lives. Moreover, this fountain is not generated from within us—from our efforts, experiences or knowledge. This fountain is found outside of us in the amazing and historical work of Jesus—his life, crucifixion and resurrection. His finished work alone restores, forgives and empowers sinners in a God-directed life.

So how do we embrace the Gospel?

There is something to *admit*. Christians are people who admit that they are weaker, more guilty and sinful than they would have ever dared admit. By nature and by choice we are not in a relationship with God—even though we were created for such a relationship. Instead, naturally we live a self-centered rather than a God-centered lifestyle, which is characterized by all sorts of misdeeds and deceptions. Left to ourselves we are helpless to break this pattern. (Jeremiah 17: 9, 10; Romans 3: 10 – 18, 23)

There is something to *believe*. Christians are people who believe that God loves people so much that he sent his only Son to earth to become a man, Jesus Christ, and that Jesus dies on the cross as our *substitute* and was raised from the dead in order to offer us complete forgiveness. Through Christ, we are more loved, valued and accepted by God than we would have ever dared imagine. (John 3: 16; Ephesian 2: 8 – 10)

There is something to *consider*. Christians are not naïve, but they have counted the cost of following Jesus. Being a Christian involves acknowledging Jesus’ authority and Lordship *in every area of life*, welcoming his work to change us from the inside out, and rejoicing to spend time with him and with his followers in the life of the church. (Matthew 10: 34 – 39; Luke 9: 23)

There is something to *do*. We receive Christ as Savior and Lord by self-consciously turning away from our sin and our sinful self (which the Bible calls *repentance*) and turn toward Jesus as he is offered to us in the Gospel. We look to him because he alone offers the forgiveness, acceptance with God and the power for a new life that we so desperately need. The Bible calls this *faith*. (Matthew 3: 2; Mark 1: 15; Romans 10: 9, 10)

We welcome any questions you may have about the Gospel or anything else you may have seen or heard here at Christ Presbyterian Church today. If you have any questions or need anything else, please speak to one of our pastors, officers, or staff. It is our privilege to serve you in any way we can!

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-Brown Bag Theology: Tuesday, 12:10-12:50 p.m., in the CPC Conference Room. In our study church sacraments: *Baptism & Its Recipients*. Who can be baptized? Why do some churches baptize infants, and others don't? What's different about Roman Catholic baptism? Join the discussion--all are welcome to attend.

- A group of men and women from CPC and other area churches will be going on a mission trip to Parchman Penitentiary, April 27-30. John & Miriam Hobson will lead this team and covet your prayers. There is a prayer sign-up sheet in the foyer; please add your name to this list (first name and last initial plus hometown) and your name will be placed on a paper chain that will be displayed in the Parchman gym for the inmates to see. Other ways you can support this mission trip: *make posters or placemats that we will put up around the Parchman gym; *coffee, sugar, creamer, cookies and chips are needed (these can be dropped off at the church office), *monetary donations. Our greatest need is your prayers! Please contact Wayne Irby or Brian Simmons for further details.

- VBS - VBS registration opens, Monday, April 17th! Be on the lookout for a congregational email regarding registration that day. Dates are June 5th – 9th. Interested in helping this year? Contact Beth Chamblee at bethanielynn19@yahoo.com.

- Catechism - Do you have a heart for children's memory work? We are looking for volunteers that would be willing to help us reboot our Catechism Club this fall. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please email Whitney Reese at whitney@christpresoxford.org.

-Men's Prayer Lunch - Join us for our mid-week prayer fellowship. Lunch is provided.

- Prayer Room (available each Sunday) - Sunday at 8:30 a.m. We'll meet in Scott Byrd's office, across the hall from the coffee pot. If you're an early riser and don't have small children, but do have a heart for the church, this may be right up your alley. All you need to do is show up.

-Spring Adult Sunday School

***Parables in the Gospel of Matthew**

Come join us for a study of the parables in the Gospel of Matthew as we will explore what difference Jesus has made and should make in our lives. Taught by Clay Dabbs; meets in first room on the left of the annex.

***The Gospel according to Elijah & Elisha (1& 2 Kings)**

Walk through the Elijah and Elisha stories, which animate the good news of Jesus for us. They portray God's people (mostly unflatteringly) and the God who confronts sinners and preserves the faithful. Taught by Steve Redding & Melvin Manickavasagam; meets in the sanctuary.

SUNDAY - April 16

9:15 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship

TUESDAY - April 18

9:00 pm - Staff Meeting

12:10 pm - Brown Bag Theology

WEDNESDAY - April 19

11:45 am - LOL group

12:00 pm - Men's Prayer lunch

5:30 pm - Youth group

6:00 pm - Session meeting

THURSDAY - April 20

12:00 pm - Campus Lunch Bunch

FRIDAY - April 21

6:00 am - Men's breakfast & Bible study

8:00 am - BOYB (*Breakfast Over Your Bible*)

9:30-11:30 am - ELL

SUNDAY - April 23

9:15 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship

4:00 pm - Sr. high girls' Bible study

5:00 pm - "An Afternoon of Worship"

(at North Oxford Baptist Church)

April 16, 2017

Members of the week:

- Foster & Laura Gullett

- Donald & Mary Jim Harper

Missionary/Ministry of the Week

Tony and Tracy Boyd – *Southeast Asia* - Praise God for the group of young men and women who are meeting weekly with plans to start a new church. The Boyds will be in the U.S. this summer. Pray that they will have a safe trip and a profitable time in the U.S. TonyB@worksmail.net.

Sunday School teacher(s) of the week:

4 & 5 year olds - Jay & Rachel Atkins; Matt & Dolly McClendon

Today: No evening service.

-LOL will meet on Wednesday, April 19 at 11:45. There will be no Bible Study with a break for spring, so plan to come straight to Charlotte Tynes's (312 Windsor Drive North), bring a sandwich, and some good news.

- "**An Afternoon of Worship**" – a community wide worship service will be held on Sunday, April 23, beginning at 5:00 p.m., in the sanctuary of North Oxford Baptist Church. In lieu of CPC's regular evening activities, we will join together with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ for this worship service.

- **Ladies!** Mark your calendars and invite your friends to our first **EVER** concert on Thursday, April 27, featuring Lori Sealy. Doors open at 6:30, concert is at 7:00. Lori is a Christian singer/songwriter who will include us on her "Stories and Songs of Grace" tour. For more info on Lori and our Women's Spring Concert, visit our webpage or call Susan at the church office. **Needed:** your favorite homemade pick up desserts to serve at our first ever concert! Please sign up at edenwflora@gmail.com.

- **Christ Presbyterian will participate with other churches and organizations in a 24-hour prayer vigil on the National Day of Prayer, which falls this year on Thursday, May 4.** Our time slot in the vigil is 1 to 2 p.m., meeting in the small courtroom on the first floor of the Lafayette County Courthouse in the middle of the Square. Lists of local, state, and national public servants will be on hand, and participants may pray for any other community and national concerns.

Immediately before our time slot, organizers will host a light lunch at First Baptist Church at 11:15 a.m., followed by a public prayer rally on the south lawn of the courthouse at 12:15 p.m.

-If you would like to be added to the **CPC newsletter**, please call the church office at 662-234-3399 or send your email address to: office@christpresoxford.org.

NURSERY- Today - Supervisor: Elizabeth Weatherall **SS:** Webb Lewis, Joey Jones, Molly Knight, Thomas Pierce, Portia Fountain, **Worship:** Tiffany Lewis, Gwen Jones, Jim Knight, Frances Pierce, Will Fountain, Kevin Gardner, Anne Toler; **4/23 - SS:** Lauren Jones, Robert Clark, Grace Anne Byrd, George Keenan, Maggie Miller, **Worship:** Wes Jones, Ashley Clark, Scott Byrd, Glenda Keenan, Andy Miller, Nadine Ramsey.

Sunday Evening worship: 5/7 - Curt & Kathy Presley
5/21- Andy & Dana Edwards

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 4/16 - **3 year olds:** Nadine Ramsey (*Noah's Ark room*); **4 year olds:** Brandon & Emily Grace Ames, Errol Castens (*gym*)

Deacon of the week: 4/17 - Peyton Atchley

Ushers for the month of April: Daniel Spears, Hugh Stephens, Keith Stewart, Matt Still, Burke Stockett, Earl Stubblefield, Rhea Tannehill, Allen Thigpen

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