

# 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

*Lord's Day, May 14, 2017, 10:30 a.m.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Ward Toler

Recognition of Graduating High School Seniors

*Virginia Coleman*

*Ruth Hogue*

*Francie Stewart*

*Laurel Tollison*

*Kenard Harris*

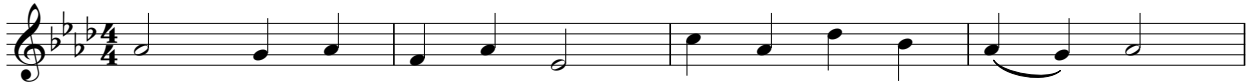
*Joshua McClurg*

*Jared Redding*

\*Song of Ascent<sup>1</sup>

*"Come, Christians Join to Sing" (TH 302)*

Bateman/Evans



1. Come, Christ - ians, join to sing     *Al - le - lu - ia!*     *A - men!*  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high,     *Al - le - lu - ia!*     *A - men!*  
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain,     *Al - le - lu - ia!*     *A - men!*



loud praise to Christ our King;     *Al - le - lu - ia!*     *A - men!*  
let prais - es fill the sky;     *Al - le - lu - ia!*     *A - men!*  
life shall not end the strain;     *Al - le - lu - ia!*     *A - men!*

<sup>1</sup> All songs covered by or used under CCLI License #1098613

\* Please stand if able.

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;  
He is our Guide and Friend; to use He'll con - de - scend;  
on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness we'll a - dore,

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praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
His love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

\*Call to Worship<sup>2</sup>

Psalm 28:6, 8 – 9

*Blessed be the Lord!**For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**The Lord is the strength of his people;**he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!**Be their shepherd and carry them forever.*

## \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Elder Ward Toler

## \*Hymn of Praise

"Jesus Shall Reign" (TH 441)

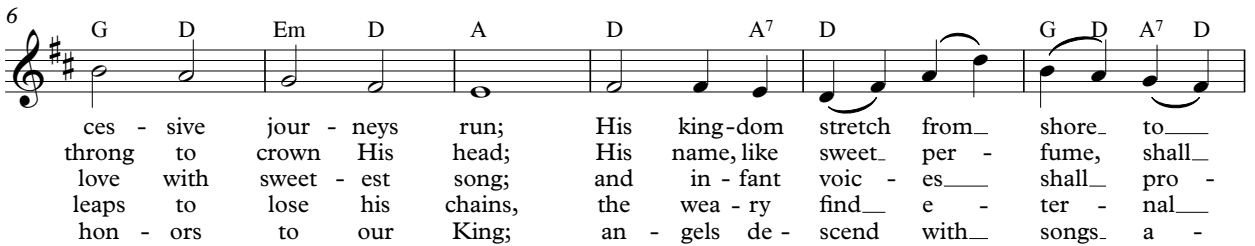
Watts/Hatton

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -  
2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on His  
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; the pris - 'ner  
5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

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.

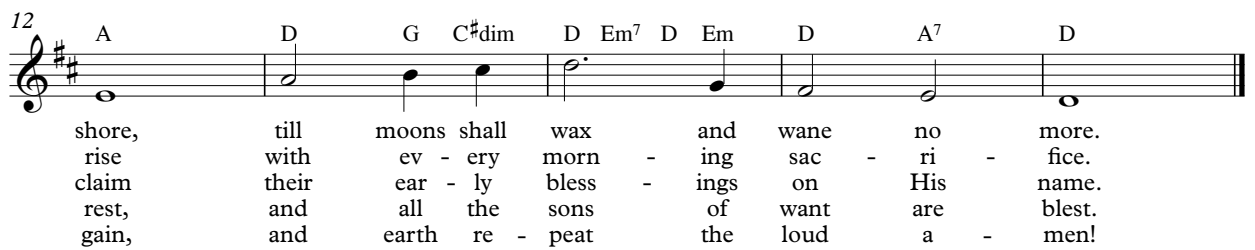
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ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from shore to  
through to crown His head; His name, like sweet per - fume, shall  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -  
leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal  
hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

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shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
claim their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
rest, and all the sons of want are blest.  
gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

## Call to Confession

I Peter 5:5 – 6

*Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you...*

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

Daniel 9: 4 – 5, 7, 9 – 10

*O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules... To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame... To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God...*

## \*Offer of Forgiveness Through Christ

I Peter 2: 21, 24 – 25

*To this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps... 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. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

\* Please stand if able.

\*Hymn of Rejoicing

*"Jesus, With Thy Church Abide"*

Polluck/Miner

5 Cm Ab Eb Bb

1. Je - sus, with Thy church a - bide;  
 2. Keep her life and doc - trine pure;  
 3. May she one in doc - trine be,  
 4. May she guide the poor and blind,

7 Cm Ab Eb Bb

Be her Sav - ior, Lord, and Guide,  
 Grant her pa - tience to en - dure,  
 One in truth and char - i - ty,  
 Seek the lost un - til she find

9 Ab Eb Cm Bb Abmaj7

While on earth her faith is tried;  
 Trust - ing in Thy prom - ise sure;  
 Win - ing all to faith in Thee;  
 And the bro - ken heart - ed bind;

12 Bb Abmaj7

We be - seech Thee, hear us,  
 We be - seech Thee, hear us,  
 We be - seech Thee, hear us,  
 We be - seech Thee, hear us,

14 Bb Cm Ab Eb Bb

We be - seech Thee, hear us.  
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Offertory Prayer

Deacon Andy Edwards

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

\* Please stand if able.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures 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 Dismissal<sup>3</sup>

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Ward Toler

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

Titus 1:5 – 9

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.*

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

\*Hymn of Response

"For All the Saints"

How/Miner



1. For all the saints who from this la - bor's rest to Thee by  
 2. Thou wast their Rock, their For tress, and their Might; Thou, Lord, their  
 3. O may Thy sold - iers faith - ful, true, and bold, fight as the  
 4. The gol - den even - ing bright ens in the west; soon, soon to  
 5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glor - ious day; the saints tri -  
 6. From earth's wide bounds, from oc - ean's far - thest coast, through gates of



faith be - fore the world con - fess Thy Name O Je - sus be for -  
 Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their  
 saints who nob - ly fought of old, And win with them the vic - tor's  
 faith - ful war riors comes their rest; Sweet is the calm of par - a -  
 um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The King of glo - ry pas - ses  
 pearl streams in the count - less host, Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and



e - ver blessed. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu.  
 one true Light. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu.  
 crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu.  
 dise the blessed. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu.  
 on His way. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le lu.  
 Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -



lu - - - - - ia.

\*Benediction<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> 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.

\*Hymn of Praise

*"Threefold Amen"* (TH 740)

Anonymous

A musical score for a hymn in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple, with a long note on the word 'men' in the third phrase. The lyrics are: A - men, a - men, a - - - - men.

Postlude

\* Please stand if able.

*5 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—6 if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. 7 For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, 8 but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. 9 He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.*

## Sermon Notes

Titus 1:5 – 9



# 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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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.

- **VBS** - **Registration for CPC's VBS 2017: Upward Bound - An Epic VBS Expedition, is now open!** VBS will be held June 5<sup>th</sup> - June 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9 to 12 each day.

You may register your children (*four years old by September 1, 2017 to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the fall of 2017*) for our upcoming VBS by the link provided in the congregational email sent April 17 or you can register using the paper registration forms located on the VBS table near the CPC nursery. Didn't receive this email Let Whitney Reese know at [whitney@christpresoxford.org](mailto:whitney@christpresoxford.org)

**Registration will be posted online via our website and social media on May 1st, so register early as space is limited!**

- **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](mailto:whitney@christpresoxford.org).

- Any checks/contributions given to **Rooted (Building campaign)** should be made payable to Christ Presbyterian Church with "**Rooted**" on the Memo line of the check.

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

-**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 - May 14**

9:15 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship

5:30 pm - Shepherding groups,  
Kids' Cafe, Youth Fellowship

**TUESDAY - May 16**

9:00 am - Staff meeting

**WEDNESDAY - May 17**

12:00 pm - Men's Prayer lunch

6:00 pm - Session meeting

**THURSDAY - May 18**

12:00 pm - Campus Lunch Bunch

**FRIDAY - May 19**

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

**SATURDAY - May 20**

8:00-12:00 - Church work day

**SUNDAY - May 21**

9:15 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship

11:45 am - Congregational meeting

5:30 pm - Evening worship &  
the Lord's Supper

May 14, 2017

**Members of the week:**

- Steve, Lynndy, & Ella Beth Hurdle
- Wayne, Sara, & J.Ferrill Irby

**Missionary/Ministry of the Week**

**Roger and Abi Lowther** – *Japan* - Praise God for the growth of Grace City Church Tokyo which celebrated 11 baptisms in 2016. They have expanded to two worship services. Pray that God will provide that the additional \$3,000 a month support that the Lowthers need. roger@communityarts.jp

**Sunday School teacher(s) of the week:**

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade - Gray & Amanda Tollison;  
Rob & Linda Coleman

**Today: 5:30-7:00 p.m.** - Kids' Cafe (*nursery - 6<sup>th</sup> grade*),  
Shepherding and Youth groups.

**Sanford** - picnic in the Grove  
contact number: 202-5095

**Barrett** - joining with the Sanford group  
contact number: (Johnny) 816-8893

**Tyner** - Tyners' home (*112 Orrwood Dr.*)  
contact number: (Lee) 801-3881

**Griggs** - meeting after morning worship service (gym)  
contact number: (Toby) 801-0853

**Dabbs** - Dabbs' home (*13005 Lake Pointe Cove*)  
contact number: (Clay) 816-4325

**Peterson** - will have nursery and Kids' Cafe this week.  
*Please be at the church by 5:00 p.m.*

**KIDS' CAFE** - Mothers' Day craft

**MENU:** sandwich bar, chips & capri-suns.

**Youth: Jr. & Sr. High** - Byrds' home (*1400 Melanie Dr.*)

- **Spring Cleaning at CPC** next Saturday 8-12. Specific tasks and materials will be provided as well as donuts and coffee. More details to follow. Contact Mark Levy or the church office for more info.

-The **benevolence committee** is in need of volunteers. If you are interested in serving in this essential local ministry, please contact Brian Simmons at 801-3869.

-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.

- **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.

**NURSERY - Today - Supervisor:** Anna Sayre **SS:** Meta Ginn, Micah Everett, Peyton Atchley, Andy Paney, Beth Chamblee, **Worship:** Micah Ginn, Jennifer Everett, Emily Atchley, Lois Paney, Luke Chamblee, Cindy Fernandez, Keith Stewart;  
**5/21- SS:** Lee Dearing, Preston Lee, Rhos Low, Alan Grafton, Katie Anderson, **Worship:** Donna Dearing, Elise Lee, Lynndy Hurdle, Pamela Grafton, Lindsey Anderson, Alden Low.

**Sunday Evening worship:** 5/21- Andy & Dana Edwards

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** 5/14 - **3 year olds:** Nadine Ramsey (*Noah's Ark room*); **4 year olds:** Mark & Susanna Levy (*gym*)

**Deacon of the week:** 5/15 - Joey Jones

**Ushers for the month of May:** Gray Tollison, Luke Toler, Heath Weatherall, Josh White, Steve Wood, Gerald Allison, Brandon Ames, Lindsey Anderson.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to know more about Christ Presbyterian Church  
\_\_\_\_\_ I am a member and would like to update my contact information.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me.

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Comments or prayer request \_\_\_\_\_