

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 13, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Toby Griggs

Recognition of Graduating High School Seniors

Andrew Gardner

Cole Grafton

Georgia Hogue

Brookes Kevin

Anna Grace Newsom

Evelyn Smith

Julia Swords

Maggie Tannehill

*Call to Worship¹

Jeremiah 31:6 – 7

*... 'Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God.'"*

For thus says the Lord:

*"Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'O Lord, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.'*

¹ 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.

*Song of Ascent²

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (TH 529)

Wesley/Zundel



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all Thy life re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:



5
 fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:
 let us all in Thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see Thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee;



9
 Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
 take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,



13
 vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray, and praise Thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

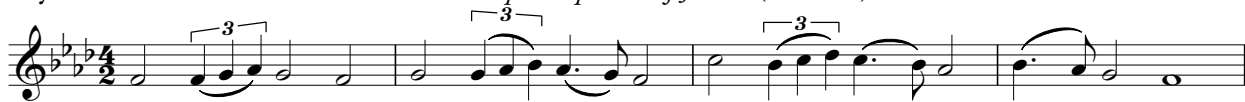
*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Elder Toby Griggs

*Hymns

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!" (TH 535)

Francis/Williams



1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured, bound - less, free;
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry love the best:



5
 roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me.
 how He lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, chang - eth ne - ver, ne - ver more;
 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.

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Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, is the cur - rent of Thy love;
 how He watch - es o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

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lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward, to Thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
 how for them He in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
 and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to Thee.

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Townend

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure. That
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

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He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

6

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way. As
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

8

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran -

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*This people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men...
Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"
You turn things upside down!
Shall the...thing formed say of him who formed it,
"He has no understanding"?*

Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalm 38, *selected verses*

O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath! There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. My wounds stink and fester because of my foolishness. But for you, O LORD, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!

Silent Confession of Sin

*Offer of Forgiveness Through Christ

Psalm 103:10 – 13

*He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

*Hymn of Rejoicing

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

Gabriel



1. I stand a - mazed in the pres - ence of Je - sus the Naz - a - rene, and
2. For me it was in the gar - den He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine;" He
3. He took my sins and my sor - rows, He made them His ver - y own; He
4. When with the ran - somed in glo - ry His face I at last shall see, 'twill



won - der how He could love me, a sin - ner, con - demned, un - clean.
had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.
bore the bur - den to Cal - v'ry, and suf - fered and died a - lone.
be my joy through the a - ges to sing of His love for me.

REFRAIN



How mar - vel - ous! How won - der - ful! And my song shall ev - er be;



How mar - vel - ous! How won - der - ful! Is my Sav - ior's love for me!

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Peyton Atchley

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*Hymn of Praise

"Doxology"

Bourgeois/Ken



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise



Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

* Please stand if able.

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

I John 3:1 – 10

Rev. Ed Hartman

"Deeply Loved; Radically Transformed"

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.

*Hymn of Response

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Habershon/Merker

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; when the tempt-er would pre-vail,
 2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; pre-cious in His ho-ly sight,
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; just-ice has been sat-is-fied;

7 He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold through life's fear-ful path;
 He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom-is-es shall last;
 He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast

13 For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me fast.
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

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.

18 REFRAIN

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

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For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

***Benediction⁴**

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.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. ⁸ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Sermon Notes

I John 3:1 – 10

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CiCi Rutherford, *Female Youth Intern*
Susan Tyner, *Women's Ministries Coordinator*
Bennett Wilfong, *Male Youth Intern*

- **Prayer Room** - Early prayer gathering is at 8:30 a.m. Sundays in the annex conference room. Please join us to praise God and plead for our congregation, community, country, and beyond.
"We cannot all argue, but we can all pray; we cannot all be leaders, but we can all be pleaders; we cannot all be mighty in rhetoric, but we can all be prevalent in prayer." — Charles H. Spurgeon

- **Are you interested in or do you have experience in sound technology?** The Exaltation team is looking for sound system operators to learn how to run our sound system for Sunday worship and occasional church functions. An ear for music and sound is needed, and training will be provided. Please contact Lee Dearing at lldearing94@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more.

- **Men's Prayer Lunch** - All men are invited to join us our midweek fellowship meal followed by prayer this Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. The meal is provided. This is a great opportunity to get to know CPC men and others in our community.

-The **benevolence committee** is in need of volunteers. If you are interested in serving in this essential local ministry, please contact Wayne Irby at 801-1227 or Carol Anne Miconi at (601) 506-5033.

- **Spring Sunday School for Adults** (March 11-May 27)

**Suffering & Sovereignty (Job)*

C.S. Lewis once wrote, "if only this toothache would go away, I could write another chapter on the problem of pain." All of us can relate to the issue of suffering in some way. The book of Job gives us an answer, perhaps not the one we want, but the one we desperately need. Join us as we learn from the ancient yet timeless wisdom of this book.

Taught by Melvin Manickavasagam & Steve Redding

**"Is Jesus Really Enough?" (Colossians)*

Instinctively, your answer would likely be, "of course!" But it's one thing to mentally say yes; it's quite another to truly live in the reality of an all-sufficient Savior. The book of Colossians speaks definitively to this, so join us this quarter as we learn together. *Taught by Steve Hurdle & Micah Everett.*

- **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.**

-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.

SUNDAY - May 13

9:15 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship & Senior Recognition

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

WEDNESDAY - May 16

12:00 pm - Men's Prayer lunch

6:00 pm - Session meeting

FRIDAY - May 18

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

SUNDAY - May 20

9:15 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship

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

May 13, 2018

Members of the week:

- Bess, Mamie, & John Currence
- Clay, Anna, Clayton, Walker, & Anna Dabbs

Missionary/Ministry of the Week:

Steve and Sheryl Froelich – *Ithaca, New York* - Praise God that work with the homeless in Ithaca is making possible the opening of a women’s residence hall in the fall. Pray that God will restore both Steve and Sheryl to good health. www.newlifepres.com

Sunday School teacher(s) of the week:

Sr. High – Scott Byrd and CiCi Rutherford

CPC Prayer: Give thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness in the lives of our graduating high school seniors and their families. Pray for them as they move into this next phase of their lives. Pray for those who will be leaving home for the first time, that God would surround them with His people, and draw them closer to Himself. And pray for their parents, that God would give them His peace to entrust their children to His continued watch care.

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

Tyner/Presley - Maxcys’ home (207 Cullen Rd.)
contact number: (Curt) 832-0057

Barrett - FNB boardroom,
contact number: (Johnny) 816-8893

Dabbs - Dabbs’ home (13005 Lakepointe Cove),
contact number: (Clay) 816-4325

Redding - TBA,
contact number: (Steve) 816-0568

Sanford - Farris’ home (717 Mogridge Lane)
contact number: 202-5095

Toler - TBA,
contact number: (Ward) (662) 816-2020

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

KIDS’ CAFE - MENU: Sandwich Bar, Chips, Fruit, Dessert & Capri Suns

Youth: Jr. & Sr. High - Lamar Park

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **RYM** - Each student attending an RYM summer conference needs to go to www.rym.org and fill out the registration form. Final balances are due June 1. Please contact Scott if you are unsure of the amount of your remaining balance.

- **Critical Conversations** - Parents of 7th-12th graders are invited to "Critical Conversations" on Thursday, May 17 at the home of Portia and Will Fountain from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for parents to hear from one another and pray for one another. We will begin the night with coffee, dessert, and fellowship, followed by an hour of discussion. We will close the night with intercession and supplication to the One who is able to do far more than we ask or imagine.

NURSERY - Today - Supervisor: Alice Kelly Morgan
SS: Weston Locastro, Kelly Locastro, Rhes Low, Thomas Pierce, Molly Singletary, **Worship:** Alden Low, Frances Pierce, Shannon Singletary, Brad Dewees, Charlene Kevin, Patti Griggs;
5/20 - SS: Errol Sayre, Brian Simmons, Eden Flora, Claire Rosenblatt, Eric Hom, **Worship:** Anna Sayre, Anne Simmons, Gray Flora, Bill Rosenblatt, Christine’ Hom.

Sunday Evening worship: 5/20 - Curt & Kathy Presley
6/3 - Toby & Patti Griggs

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: 5/13 - 3 year olds: Brandon & Emily Grace Ames (*Noah’s Ark room*); **4 year olds:** Daniel & Julie Spears (*gym*)

____ 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 _____
