

# 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, Prayer, and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*Lord's Day, September 2, 2018, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Les Newsom

**\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Psalm 98:1 – 3

*Oh sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.  
The Lord has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.*

**\*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

Elder Johnny Barrett

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<sup>1</sup> 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.



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -  
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when  
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; the  
 4. He sits at God's right hand till all His foes sub - mit, and  
 5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

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joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 He had purged our stains, He took His seat a - bove.  
 keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift  
 bow to His com - mand, and fall be - neath His feet.  
 take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

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up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

## Call to Confession

Jeremiah 2:23, 27 - 29

*How can you say, 'I am not unclean,  
 I have not gone after the Baals?'  
 Look at your way in the valley;  
 know what you have done...  
 ...For they have turned their back to me,  
 and not their face.  
 But in the time of their trouble they say,  
 'Arise and save us!'  
 But where are your gods  
 that you made for yourself?  
 Let them arise, if they can save you,  
 in your time of trouble...  
 "Why do you contend with me?  
 You have all transgressed against me,  
 declares the Lord.*

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*All-Searching God, You read the heart and see more defilement in my duties than I ever saw in any of my sins; I am ready to flee from myself because of them. Yet You do not abhor me but have devised means for my return to You by Your Son, who died to give me life. In Him mercy and truth meet together, and righteousness and peace kiss each other. In Him is strength for the weak, riches for the needy, wisdom for the ignorant and fullness for the empty. Without pardon of my sin I cannot rest satisfied; without renovation of my nature by grace I can never rest easy. All this I have in Your Son Jesus; blessed be His name. Amen.*

## Silent Confession

### \*Offer of Forgiveness Through Christ

Titus 2:11 – 14

*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

### \*Hymn

“Joy to the World”

Watts/Handel/Hampton

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King; let  
2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em - ploy; while  
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground; He  
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove the

9 ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and  
fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re - peat the sound ing joy, re -  
comes to make His bless - ings flow far as the curse is found, far  
glo - ries of His right - eous - ness and won - ders of His love, and

\* Please stand if able.

12 Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G G<sup>#dim7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> F C/E Fmaj<sup>7</sup> C/G G

heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of His love, and won - ders, won - ders of His

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sing.  
 joy.  
 found.  
 love.

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Peyton Atchley

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Children's Church Dismissal<sup>3</sup> (10:45 SERVICE ONLY)

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Johnny Barrett

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*

<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.

*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

*<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

*<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest,*

*and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”*

*<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

*<sup>21</sup> And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.*

Sermon

Luke 2:1 – 21

Les Newsom

“Jesus Was Real”

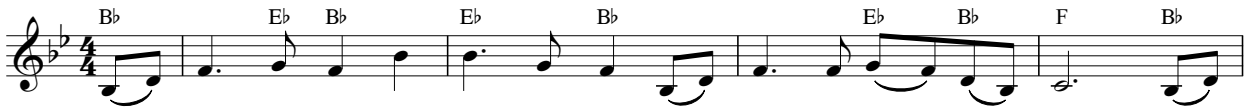
Series: The Compelling Christ

# \*Hymn of Preparation

## "There is a Fountain with Blood"

Cowper/Mason

(Verses 1, 2, and 3)



1. There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and  
2. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; and  
3. Ever since by faith I saw the stream Your flowing wounds supply, re-  
4. Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Your power to save, when  
5. Dear dying Lamb, Your precious blood shall never lose its power, till



sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains; lose  
there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away; washed  
deeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die; and  
this poor lisp-ing, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave; I'll  
all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more; be



all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; and  
all my sins away, washed all my sins away; and  
shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; re-  
sing Your power to save, I'll sing Your power to save; when  
saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more; till



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## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> The bread and juice you see on the Communion table may not look like much to the casual observer. In fact, it is merely bread and juice. What makes this meal special is that the Lord Jesus Christ is spiritually present in a unique way. This sacrament is not something to be taken lightly but neither is it a time to be somber; rather, we should be filled with thankfulness and joy. Our Savior, out of His great mercy, bids His people to come to this meal. If you are a member of a church who embraces the Gospel of Jesus Christ and are at peace with your fellow Christians, we welcome you to this table. Come and consider with us our Lord's body and shed blood symbolized in the bread and juice. Rejoice with us in our union with Him and with each other as His Covenant people. For those not taking Communion today, we encourage you to carefully think on the prayers found in the section of the worship folder entitled: "Prayers and Reflections for Those Not Communing", and we look forward to the day when you may join us in this meal. (*We use gluten free bread.*)

\* Please stand if able.

*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. (10:45 SERVICE ONLY)*

**\*Hymn of Response**

*"There is a Fountain with Blood"*  
(Verses 4 and 5)

Cowper/Mason

**\*Benediction<sup>5</sup>**

**Postlude**

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<sup>5</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.

## Sermon Notes

Luke 2:1 – 21



## Prayers and Reflections for Those Not Communing

### Prayer for Covenant Children Who Have Not Yet Professed Faith in Christ

*Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. AMEN*

### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. AMEN*

### Prayer of Belief

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit to seek to walk in a manner pleasing to you. AMEN*

### Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

*Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. AMEN*

### Prayer of Commitment

*Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant me the faith I need to trust in You alone, cling to your promises as though they are my own, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. AMEN*



# MEN'S PRAYER LUNCH

every Wednesday from 12 to 1 pm

lunch provided

\$2.00 (if you have it)

come and share in a meal, a brief devotion

& time of prayer

feel free to invite friends and co-workers

### - **Adult Sunday School**

\* *Distinctive Church* (1 & 2 Peter)\*

What does true Christian faith look like under pressure? The church has often responded either by pulling back into its own community, or by conforming to the culture around it. Does the Bible provide us a different pattern for living? Join us and find out as we study through epistles of Peter. Taught by Clay Dabbs with Philip Levy; *meeting in the sanctuary*.

\* *Dare To Sing* (Psalms)\*

“God! Why do you stand around with your hands in your pockets when there’s work to do?” If you think this question is a little irreverent, you haven’t read the Psalms. These ancient songwriters said things that shock us today; perhaps we need to develop a holy boldness with God? Join us this fall as we look at the Psalms together. Taught by Melvin Manickavasagam & Steve Redding; *first classroom on the left of the annex*.

- **Inquirers’ Class** - If you are interested in joining or learning more about Christ Presbyterian Church or our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America, a seven-week Inquirers’ Class will be held in the *annex (left, back room)* during the Sunday school hour beginning on Sunday, September 9. If you have any questions about this class, please contact Pastor Curt at 662-234-3399.

- **MUSICIANS’ JAMBOREE**: We are looking to add volunteer musicians to our worship team, especially singers. If you’re interested in serving our church through music, we invite you to an informational lunch + jam session on **Sunday, September 9**, immediately following the 10:45 service. After sharing our vision for worship at CPC, we’ll talk about how to get involved, and then play and sing together. Please come sing and bring your instruments! In addition to lunch, nursery care will be provided for children ages 0-5. Please RSVP and let us know your interest at <http://christpresoxford.org/music> or at <http://tiny.cc/cpcmusic>

- **Sr. High “Weekend Oasis”** - All sr. high students are invited to a weekend retreat September 21-23. The girls will be going to Smith Lake and the guys will be going to Pickwick. We hope this weekend will be a time of fun, discipleship, and rest. Please pick up registration forms outside of Scott’s office. Signup deadline is September 9 and it cost \$40 per student.

- **Jr. High Sky Zone** - All Jr. High students are invited to go to Sky Zone in Memphis on September 14. Text Scott, CiCi, or Bennett to sign up. Please go to Sky Zone Memphis’ website and fill out the online waiver. Signup deadline is September 9 and it cost \$25 per person (dinner included).

- **Communicants’ Class** - If your child is a non-communing member of Christ Presbyterian Church and you are interested in learning more about how they might become communing members or what becoming a communing member means, a six-week Communicants’ Class will be held beginning October 28 during the Sunday school hour. More information to follow. You also may pick up the Communicants’ Class handout in the foyer. If you have questions about this class, please contact Pastor Curt at 662-234-3399.

### SUNDAY - September 2

8:30 am - First Worship service  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
10:45 am - Second Worship service  
3:00 pm - NMRC Worship  
3:30 pm - Sr. High Girls’ Bible study

### MONDAY - September 3

CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED

### TUESDAY - September 4

7:00 am - Jr. High Girls’ Bible study  
7:00 am - Jr. High Bible Guys’ study  
1:00 pm - Staff meeting

### WEDNESDAY - September 5

9:15 am - Women’s Bible study  
12:00 pm - Men’s Prayer Lunch  
5:30 pm - M&M  
5:30 pm - Women’s Bible study  
5:30 pm - Youth group  
5:30 pm - Theology Wednesdays

### FRIDAY - September 7

6:00 am - Men’s breakfast & Bible study  
7:00 am - Sr. High Guys’ Bible study  
9:30-12:00 - ELL (English Language Learners)

### SUNDAY - September 9

8:30 am - First Worship service  
9:45 am - Sunday School/Inquirers’ Class  
10:45 am - Second Worship service  
12:00 pm - Musicians’ Jamboree  
3:30 pm - Sr. High Girls’ Bible study  
5:30 pm - Shepherding groups, Kids’ Cafe, Youth Fellowship

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- **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.

*“The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.” - Samuel Chadwick*

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September 2, 2018

**Members of the week:**

- Joseph, Kathleen, Ruth, Georgia, Joseph, Townes, Cornelia, & Hutton Hogue
- Erik, Christine', Nathanael, & Evniki Hom

**Missionary/Ministry of the Week: Sav-A-Life –**

*Oxford/Lafayette County* - Praise God for the consultations and classes that have helped so many women make wise decisions. Pray for the Annual Banquet to be held at the First Baptist Church on September 25 at 6:30 p.m. [www.pregnancyoxford.com](http://www.pregnancyoxford.com)

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

**Sr. High** - Scott Byrd and CiCi Rutherford

- **Today: 3:00 p.m.** - worship service at NMRC, please see Brian Simmons.

- **Men's Prayer Lunch** - will resume September 5<sup>th</sup>. Each Wednesday at noon, men of CPC and the community will meet for lunch, a devotion, and a time of prayer. We are asking for volunteers to sign-up in providing (reimbursed) lunch this semester; sign-up is located in the kitchen or email at [office@christpresoxford.org](mailto:office@christpresoxford.org).

- **Pantry** – For the month of September, CPC will be responsible for volunteering each week with assisting shoppers and stocking shelves.

\*Tuesdays – 6:00-7:00 p.m. – stocking shelves (*family opportunity*)

\*Wednesdays & Thursdays – 8:45-11:00 a.m. – assisting in shopping and helping clients to their vehicles

Please contact Lisa Gathright at [lisagath@gmail.com](mailto:lisagath@gmail.com) or 662-392-7429 if you are interested in volunteering.

- **Theology Wednesdays**, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (September 5-November 14) *Learning to Read Old Testament Stories*. Many of us miss so much when reading the Bible because we are so far removed from the time, place and culture in which they were written. This fall, we will be exploring how we can be better equipped to be a more thoughtful, discerning Bible reader. *Meets in Melvin's office*. If you have any questions, contact, Melvin: [melvin@christpresoxford.org](mailto:melvin@christpresoxford.org).

- **Women's Bible study** - *From Garden to Glory* is our study for the semester. Please join us on Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. Snacks and childcare are provided for both studies.

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

## COLLEGE STUDENTS: GET CONNECTED

Fill out, tear off & drop it in the offering plate!

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FULL NAME

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EMAIL ADDRESS

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PHONE NUMBER

HOW DO YOU PREFER TO BE CONTACTED?

Email       Text

**NURSERY - Today - Supervisor:** Elizabeth Weatherall

**9/2- First service:** paid nursery workers

SS: Ward Toler, Carol Anne Miconi, Britton Jones, Maggie Miller, Kathleen Hogue

**Second service:** Anne Toler, Warren Miconi, Courtney Jones, Andy Miller, Joseph Hogue

**9/9- First service:** paid nursery workers

SS: Kristi Davidson, Lauren Jones, Amanda Tollison, Meg Barefoot, Anna Dabbs

**Second service:** Gregg Davidson, Wes Jones, Gray Tollison, Brett Barefoot, Clay Dabbs

**Supervisor:** Meta Ginn

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 9/2 - 3 year olds:** Meta Ginn (*Noah's Ark room*); **4 year olds:** TBA (*gym*)