

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, October 7, 2018, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Les Newsom

*Call to Worship¹

Isaiah 35:3 – 6; 10

*Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert...
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Elder Ward Toler

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.

*Hymn²

"And Can It Be" (TH 455)

Wesley/Campbell

G Am/C D7 G Am/C D7 G

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest in the
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex - plore His
 3. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so in - fi -
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in sin and
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in

7 D/A A7 D G/D D G D

Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For
 strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph tries to
 nite His grace!), hum - bled Him - self (so great His love!), and
 na - ture's night; Thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning ray; I
 Him, is mine! A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head, and

13 C G G/D D7 G D G

me, who Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How
 sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let
 bled for all His cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im -
 woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my
 clothed in right - eous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach th'e -

19 C A7 D G C D G

can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?
 earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in - quire no more.
 mense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
 heart was free; I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed Thee.
 ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

25 REFRAIN D D7 G

A - maz - ing love! How can it be that

30 C G Am/C G/C D7 G

Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Corporate Confession of Sin

O God, whenever I sin against you I cross your will, love and life. My sin is not so much this or that particular evil, but my continual distance from you and having a loose spirit towards you. But you have given me Jesus, your Son, as Mediator between yourself and my soul. Let me know that he is dear to me by his Word. Form my heart according to the Word, according to the image of your Son. So shall Christ the Word, and his Word, be my strength and comfort. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Offer of Forgiveness Through Christ

Romans 8:9 – 11

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

*Hymn

"Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"

Steele/Merker

D A/C# Bm7 D/A G D/F# Asus A

1. Dear Ref - uge of my wea - ry_ soul, on Thee, when sor - rows rise,____
 2. But oh! When gloom - y doubts pre - vail, I fear to call Thee mine;____
 3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy_ face, and shall I seek in vain?____
 4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen_ still, here let my soul re - treat;____

6 D A/C# Bm7 D/A D/F# G Asus A D

On Thee, when waves of trou - ble_ roll, my faint - ing hope re - lies.____
 The springs of com - fort seem to_ fail, and all my hopes de - cline.____
 And can the ear of sov - 'reign_ grace be deaf when I com - plain?____
 With hum - ble hope at - tend Thy_ will, and wait be - neath Thy feet.____

11 D/C# Bm7 Asus A G D/F# G Bm7 D Asus A

To_ Thee I tell each ris - ing grief, for Thou a - lone canst heal;____
 Yet_ gra - cious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my on - ly trust;____
 No,_ still the ear of sov - 'reign_ grace at - tends the mourn - er's prayer;____
 Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat;____

16 D A/C# Bm7 D/A D/F# G Asus A D

Thy Word can bring a sweet re - lief for ev - ery pain I feel.____
 And still my soul would cleave to_ Thee, though pros - trate in the dust.____
 O may I ev - er find ac - cess to breathe my sor - rows there.____
 With hum - ble hope at - tend Thy_ will, and wait be - neath Thy feet.____

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Kevin Gardner

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
 All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
 I who made the stars and night, I will make the darkness bright
 Who will bear my light to them, Whom shall I send?

Chorus: Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night
 I will go Lord, If you lead me
 I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain
 I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, Fill their hearts with love alone
 I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send?

* Please stand if able.

Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send?

Chorus

I will hold your people in my heart...

Children's Church Dismissal³ (10:45 SERVICE ONLY)

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*

Scripture Reading

Luke 5:1 – 31

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they

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.

had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

¹² While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” ¹³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ And he charged him to tell no one, but “go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” ¹⁵ But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. ¹⁶ But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

¹⁷ On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸ And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰ And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ²² When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk?’ ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” ²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶ And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”

²⁷ After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” ²⁸ And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.

²⁹ And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. ³⁰ And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” ³¹ And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

Sermon

Luke 5:1 – 31

Les Newsom

“Jesus Performed Miracles”

Series: The Compelling Christ

*Hymn of Preparation

"O, To See the Dawn"

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(Verses 1, 2, and 3)

F/A G/B C(add9) C G(sus4)/D C(add9)/E F

1.O, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ on the
 2.O, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the
 3.Now the day - light flees; Now the ground be - neath quakes as its
 4.O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds; for through Your

6 C/E Dm7 Fmaj7 G(sus4) G F/A G/B C(add9)

road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
 awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
 Ma - ker bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
 suf - fering I am free. Death is crushed to death,

11 C G(sus4)/D C(add9) F C/E Fmaj7 G(sus4)

torn and beat - en then nailed to a cross of wood
 ev - 'ry ev - il deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
 dead are raised to life 'Fin - ished! the vic - t'ry cry.
 life is mine to live, won through Your self - less love!

16 G C/E F G/B C(add9) C C/E F

1-3.This the pow'r of the cross Christ be - came
 4.This the pow'r of the cross Son of God

22 G/B C(add9) C C/E F D/F#

— sin for us. Took the blame, bore the
 — slain for us. What a love, what a

27 G G/F C/E F G(sus4) G7 C

wrath; We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross

31 Fmaj7 C/G G(sus4) G C

* Please stand if able.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper⁴

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**

"O, To See the Dawn"
(Verse 4)

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***Benediction⁵**

Postlude

⁴ 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*).

⁵ 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 5:1 – 31

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

- 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.*

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

-The **benevolence committee** needs 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.

- **Prayer Room** - The Sunday morning prayer group now gathers during the 10:45 a.m. service. Please join us in the annex conference room to please for our congregation, community, country, and beyond.

“A prayerless age will have but scant models of divine power.”

- E. M. Bounds

SUNDAY - October 7

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

TUESDAY - October 9

7:00 am - Jr. High Girls' Bible study
7:00 am - Jr. High Bible Guys' study
10:30 am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study (annex)
11:30 am - Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY - October 10

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
5:45 pm - Deacons' meeting
7:00 pm - Benevolence meeting

THURSDAY - October 11

12:00 pm - Friend to Friend

FRIDAY - October 12

6:00 am - Men's breakfast & Bible study
7:00 am - Sr. High Guys' Bible study
8:00 am - BOYB (*Breakfast Over Your Bible*)
9:30-12:00 - ELL

SUNDAY - October 14

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

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Members of the week:

- Joey, Gwen, JW, & Gabe Jones
- Wes, Lauren, Will, & Maggie Jones

Missionary/Ministry of the Week - Nelly Vos

– *France* – Praise God that while Nelly works from home she has been able to continue her work on the development of the arts in France. Pray with Nelly that her broken leg will heal enough so that she will be able to walk again by Christmas. nellyvosfr@gmail.com

Sunday School teacher(s) of the week:

3rd & 4th grade - Errol & Sue Castens;
Toby & Patti Griggs

- **RUF After Hours** - On Wednesday, October 24th, CPC wants to pamper our RUF students with homemade goodies after their weekly large group meeting. Please bring homemade cookies, brownies, or pick-up type desserts to CPC on Wednesday, October 24th, by 7:00 p.m. We ask that the goodies be brought in a disposable container, cut for serving, and left in the kitchen labeled for RUF After Hours. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Allison Ferris at allisonwferris@gmail.com.

- **Critical Conversations** – Parents of 7th-12th graders are invited to our next discussion with the theme, “Loving Your Spouse in Front of Your Kids” on Oct. 18th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Colemans (510 Wedgewood Dr.).

- **Men's Prayer Lunch** - Please join us each Wednesday at noon, as men of CPC and the community will meet for lunch, a devotion, and a time of prayer.

Theology Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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.

-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.

- 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.

NURSERY - Today - Supervisor: Jessica Levy

10/7 - **First service:** paid nursery workers

SS: George Keenan, Wayne Irby, Burke Stockett,
Emily Atchley, Lindsay Anderson

Second service: Glenda Keenan, Sara Irby,
Samantha Stockett, Peyton Atchley, Katie Anderson

10/14 - **First service:** paid nursery workers

SS: John Adrian, Pamela Grafton, Josh McClurg,
Johnny Barrett, Robert Clark

Second service: Elizabeth Adrian, Alan Grafton,
Christi McClurg, Ev Barrett, Ashley Clark

Supervisor: Elizabeth Weatherall

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 10/7 - 3 year olds: TBD (*Noah's Ark room*); 4 year olds: TBD (*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.

Name _____
 Address _____

Phone _____
 Email _____

Comments or prayer request _____
