

# 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 Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper

*Lord's Day, November 4, 2018, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.*

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

Les Newsom

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

Psalm 62:5 – 8

*For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
for my hope is from him.*

*He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.*

*On God rests my salvation and my glory;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

*Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.*

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Scott Byrd

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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

\*Hymn<sup>2</sup>

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" (TH 521)

Mole/Bradbury



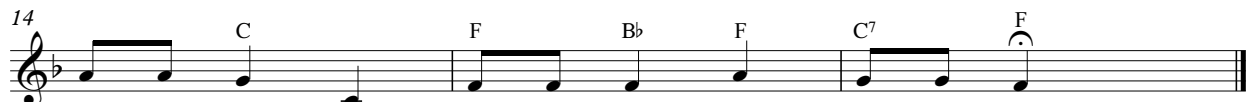
1. My hope is built on no-thing less than Je - sus' blood and right-eous-ness; I  
2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un - chang-ing grace; in  
3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood sup - port me in the whelm-ing flood; when  
4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in Him be found; dressed



dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' Name.  
ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
all a - round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
in His right - eous - ness a - lone fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.



On Christ, the Sol - id Rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

**Sacrament of Baptism** (10:45 SERVICE ONLY)

*John Barnabas Ewell*

**Questions of the Parents**

1. *Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?*
2. *Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?*
3. *Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?*

<sup>2</sup> All songs covered by or used under CCLI License #1098613

\*Please stand if able

*Put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

*So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,*

*“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”*

*and “A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”*

*They stumble because they disobey the word...*

**Corporate Confession** (8:30 SERVICE ONLY)

*Mighty God, I humble myself for faculties misused, opportunities neglected, words ill-advised, I repent of my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain thoughts. O bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus' blood, and let no evil result from my fretful temper, unseemly behavior, provoking pettiness. If by unkindness I have wounded or hurt another, pour in the balm of heavenly consolation. If I have turned coldly from need, misery, grief, do not in just anger forsake me. If I have shunned those who have offended me, keep open the door of Your heart to my need. For Jesus' sake. Amen.*

**Silent Confession** (8:30 SERVICE ONLY)

**\*Offer of Forgiveness** (8:30 SERVICE ONLY)

I Peter 2:6, 9 – 10

*For it stands in Scripture:*

*“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,*

*and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ...*

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

\*Hymn

"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;

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

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! \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Errol Sayre

Collection of Tithes and Offerings "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
 Raise the song of harvest-home:  
 All is safely gathered in,  
 Ere the winter storms begin;  
 God, our Maker, doth provide  
 For our wants to be supplied:  
 Come to God's own temple, come,  
 Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown:  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear:  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take his harvest home;  
From his field shall in that day  
All offences purge away;  
Give his angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come  
To thy final harvest-home;  
Gather thou thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There for ever purified,  
In thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest-home.

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

**Pastoral Prayer**

Scott Byrd

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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!

## 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 7:18 – 35

*The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup> calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>20</sup> And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" <sup>21</sup> In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup> And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup> And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."*

*<sup>24</sup> When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup> What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. <sup>26</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup> This is he of whom it is written,*

*"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way before you."*

*<sup>28</sup> I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." <sup>29</sup> (When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, <sup>30</sup> but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)*

*<sup>31</sup> "To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? <sup>32</sup> They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,*

*"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge, and you did not weep."*

*<sup>33</sup> For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' <sup>34</sup> The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' <sup>35</sup> Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."*

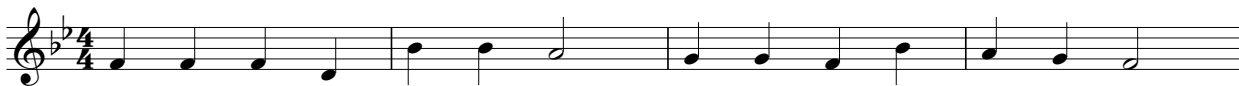
*“Jesus Surprises You”*

Series: The Compelling Christ

**\*Hymn of Preparation***“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”* (TH 246)

Bliss

(Verses 1, 2, and 3)



1.Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
 2.Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned He stood,  
 3.Guilt - y, vile, and help - less we; spot - less Lamb of God was He;  
 4.Lift - ed up was He to die, "It is fin - ished!" was His cry;  
 5.When He comes, our glo - rious King, all His ran - somed home to bring,



ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
 sealed my par - don with His blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
 full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
 now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
 then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

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

*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***“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”* (TH 246)

Bliss

(Verses 4 and 5)

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

<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.*)

<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.

# Sermon Notes

Luke 7:18 – 35



## The Sacrament of Covenant (Infant) Baptism

As we read through the Word of God, it becomes clear that that God's sovereign grace is embraced in the "covenant" framework of Scripture. By grace alone, God has *covenanted* with His people that He will have them to/for Himself from every nation, tribe, people, and language (Rev 7). It is a covenant generally that embraces family solidarity (see Acts 2:39; Acts 16:31; Genesis 17:7). As noted elsewhere, "every person identified in the Bible as having a household present at his or her conversion also had the household baptized."

Because of God's covenant, all history marches forward to the time when God's covenant people will live in the New Jerusalem in a renewed world order enjoying fully their relationship with God: "they will be His people, and God Himself will be their God" (see Rev 21:3).


Even today, Christ continues as "the Mediator of the new covenant" (Heb 8), the one Mediator between God and man (1 Tim 2). Salvation is covenant salvation: regeneration, justification, adoption, sanctification are covenant mercies. Baptism and the Lord's Supper, corresponding to/replacing the old covenant rites of circumcision and Passover, are covenant ordinances. God's law is covenant law, and keeping it is the truest expression of gratitude for covenant grace and loyalty to our covenant God. An understanding of this covenant of grace guides us through, and helps us to appreciate, all the wonders of God's redeeming love.

Christians in our theological tradition believe that children of believers, infant children, are and should be included as members of the visible covenant community, the church. Why? Because we believe, based upon the Bible, that infant children of believers have the status of covenant children and therefore should be baptized, just as Jewish male infants previously had been circumcised. Again, why? Because, if infants are deemed members of the visible covenant community with their believing parents, it is fitting to give to them the sign of covenant status and of their place in the covenant community.

Is there something magic about the water? No. Do baptized infants have no obligation to make a public profession of personal faith in Jesus Christ? Certainly, they do. When we celebrate the sacrament of covenant baptism, we publicly recognize a covenant child through the covenant sign of baptism as a child of believers and thus as a member of the visible church. At the same time, we are careful also to affirm that neither baptism nor being the child of believing parents will suffice to make that child continue a member of the visible church. At some point, each baptized infant reaches an age where he or she becomes subject to the obligations of the covenant, which are faith, repentance, and obedience.

The outward and visible sign in baptism is water. As water is poured down on the head of a child, we are reminded of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that delivers us from the penalty of sin (1 John 1:7) as well as the sanctifying virtue of the Holy Spirit delivering us from the power of sin (Romans 8:2).

At some level, at the end of the day, the question with regard to baptism is this: "How do you define the visible church?" We believe the visible church is made up of believers and their children.



FOR ANYONE WHO  
HAS SERVED IN  
MUSIC BEFORE & FOR  
ANYONE INTERESTED  
IN SERVING

# TABLES AND TUNES

IF YOU'RE AN  
INSTRUMENTALIST  
OR SINGER (13  
YEARS OLD OR  
OLDER) &  
INTERESTED IN  
LEADING OTHERS  
IN WORSHIP,  
YOU'RE INVITED!

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SUNDAY, NOV 4TH  
AFTER 10:45 AM  
SERVICE

WE'LL EAT LUNCH  
AND SING SOME  
OLD AND NEW  
SONGS. BRING  
YOUR  
INSTRUMENT!

RSVP: [HTTP://TINY.CC/CPCMUSIC](http://tiny.cc/cpcmusic) BY OCT. 31ST  
LUNCH & NURSERY PROVIDED (CHILDREN AGES 0-5)

- **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 began on October 28 during the Sunday school hour. You 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.

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

- **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.

- **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](mailto: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.

- **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.**

**SUNDAY - November 4**

8:30 am - First Worship service

9:45 am - Sunday School & Communicants' Class

10:45 am - Second Worship service

3:00 pm - NMRC Worship

3:30 pm - Sr. High Girls' Bible study

**MONDAY - November 5**

5:30 pm - Story to Story

7:00 pm - Book Club

**TUESDAY - November 6**

7:00 am - Jr. High Girls' Bible study

7:00 am - Jr. High Bible Guys' study

10:30 am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study

11:30 pm - Staff meeting

**WEDNESDAY - November 7**

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

**THURSDAY - November 8**

12:00 pm - Friend to Friend

7:00 pm - Mom to Mom

**FRIDAY - November 9**

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 (English Language Learners)

**SUNDAY - November 11**

8:30 am - First Worship service

9:45 am - Sunday School & Communicants' Class

10:45 am - Second Worship service

3:30 pm - Sr. High Girls' Bible study

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

November 4, 2018

**Members of the week:**

- Stewart, Sarah, & Kate Lamb
- Lee, Elise, Anne Preston, & Grayson Lee

**Missionary/Ministry of the Week –**

**Lois Paney** – *Intersivity at Ole Miss* – Praise God that 15 students came for conversation and connection last week. Pray that the three small Bible study groups will have great discussions on the book of John. loispaney@intersivity.org

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

**Adults** - Clay Dabbs, Philip Levy, Melvin Manickavasagam, Steve Redding

- **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*

- **The Pregnancy Center/Sav-a-Life** of Oxford & Lafayette County – During November, Christ Pres. will have a bassinets in our foyer to accept donations for mothers and babies through Sav-A-Life of Lafayette County. Needs include diapers (size newborn to 5), baby wash, wipes, shampoo, lotion, wash cloths, towels, diaper cream, and new, gender-neutral onesies. For more information, see Sue Castens or visit [www.savailifeoxford.com](http://www.savailifeoxford.com).

-**Operation Christmas Child** – It is that time of the year in which we have the wonderful opportunity to pack a “shoebbox” for a child we more than likely will never meet. **Our goal for CPC is to deliver 250 boxes this year.** Boxes can be found in the foyer at the entrance to the church. **All boxes need to be brought to the church by Sunday, November 18.** (*FYI: Out-of-date items, candy, and toothpaste will not be allowed in boxes as this will slow boxes or not allow clearance at Customs.*)

**\*The most important aspect of packing is the time in prayer for the child that will receive your box!**

-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.

**CPC Prayer:** November 4-11 marks the *International Days of Prayer for the Persecuted Church*. Remember to thank the Lord that we live freely as Christians, and gather to worship without hindrance and threat of harm. We join with Christians throughout the world in solidarity with believers who live out their faith in the face of harassment, attacks, false imprisonment and even death. Ask God to strengthen their faith, for perseverance, for boldness in witness, and for relief from suffering. Pray that God would use their present difficulties to advance His Kingdom in the difficult places in the world. *\*\* to find out how you can pray in more specific ways, see <http://idop.org/web/>*

**NURSERY - Today - Supervisor:** Kyle Still

11/4 - **First service:** paid nursery workers

SS: Steve Hurdle, Micah Everett, Trip Farris, Ginnie Ingram, Andy Paney

**Second service:** Emily Ferris, Jennifer Everett, Kim Farris, Glynn Ingram, Lois Paney

11/11 - **First service:** paid nursery workers

SS: Lisa Ewell, Robert Doerksen, Hunter Mitchell, Meg Reeves, Shely Shows

**Second service:** Nathan Ewell, Yu-Chu Doerksen, Lisa Mitchell, Len Reeves, Russ Shows

**Supervisor:** Emily Maxcy

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH: 11/4 - 3 year olds:** TBA (*Noah’s Ark room*);

**4 year olds:** Sue Castens, Sarah Beth Wilkins (*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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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