

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, December 2, 2018, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Les Newsom

*Call to Worship¹

Psalm 24:1 – 10

Elder: *The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.*

Congregation: *Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?*

Elder: *He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.*

Congregation: *He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.*

Elder: *Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*

Congregation: *Who is this King of glory?*

Elder: *The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!*

Congregation: *Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*

Elder: *Who is this King of glory?*

All: *The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!*

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

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” (TH 198)

Weissel/Winkworth



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of glo - ry waits; the
 2. A Help - er just He comes to thee, His char - iot is hu - mil - i - ty, His
 3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the Rul - er is con - fessed! O
 4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a tem - ple, set a - part from
 5. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, a - bid! Let
 6. So come, my Sov - ereign, en - ter in! Let new and nob - ler life be - gin! Thy



King of kings is draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, His scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.
 hap - py hearts and hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
 earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 me Thy in - ner pres - ence feel; Thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Call to Confession

James 2:14 – 17, 20, 26

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ... Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ... For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. May we by love serve others, and please our neighbor for his good to edification. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Silent Confession

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Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Hymn

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice” (TH 207)

Neale/German melody



1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, _____ with heart and soul and voice; _____
2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, _____ with heart and soul and voice; _____
3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, _____ with heart and soul and voice; _____



6
give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



10
earth and heav'n be - fore Him bow, and He is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.



14
Christ is born to - day! _____ Christ is born to - day! _____
Christ was born for this! _____ Christ was born for this! _____
Christ was born to save! _____ Christ was born to save! _____

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Kevin Gardner

* Please stand if able.

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

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

Pastoral Prayer

Scott Byrd

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 10:25 – 37

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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.

"Jesus Demands Radical Service"

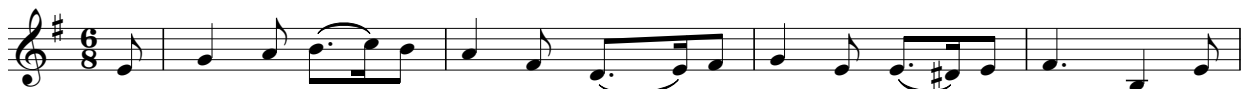
Series: The Compelling Christ

*Hymn of Preparation

"What Child Is This"

English melody/Dix

(Verses 1 and 2)



1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing? Whom
 2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing? Good
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own Him; the



an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
 Raise, raise the song on high, the Vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry.
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry.
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry.

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)

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.*)

* Please stand if able.

***Hymn of Response**

“What Child Is This”
(Verse 3)

English melody/Dix

***Benediction⁵**

Postlude

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.

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Sermon Notes
Luke 10:25 – 37

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

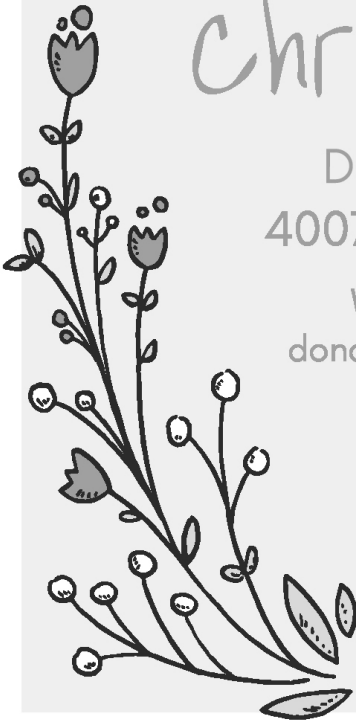
Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant me the faith I need to trust in You alone, cling to your promises as though they are my own, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. AMEN



women's Ministry Christmas Party

December 5th • 7:00 pm
4007 Pintail Cove | Oxford, MS

We will be collecting monetary
donations for the Benevolence Ministry
if you would like to donate!



- **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*

-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 - December 2

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

TUESDAY - December 4

7:00 am - Jr. High Girls' Bible study
7:00 am - Jr. High Bible Guys' study
11:30 am - Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY - December 5

12:00 pm - Men's Prayer Lunch
5:30 pm - Youth Christmas party
7:00 pm - Benevolence meeting
7:00 pm - Women's Christmas Party

FRIDAY - December 7

6:00 am - Men's breakfast & Bible study
7:00 am - Sr. High Guys' Bible study
9:30-12:00 - ELL Christmas party

SUNDAY - December 9

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

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RYM Registration Deadline - All current 6th - 12th graders are invited to our annual summer youth conferences. Jr. High RYM (current 6th-8th graders) is June 24-28 and costs \$435. Sr. High RYM (current 9th-12th graders) is June 17-22 and costs \$475. The deadline to sign up and pay your \$100 deposit is December 12. Scan the QR code to register and pay your deposit.



December 2, 2018

Members of the week:

- Rhes & Alden Low
Rhex, Hardy, Holland, & Grier
- Matt & Anna Mahaffey

Missionary/Ministry of the Week - Baldwin and Laura Smith – Italy

- Praise God that Baldwin has been able to connect with several believes who will have opportunities to impact others for Christ. Pray that the upcoming staff conference with Agape Italia (Cru in Italy) will further the ministry in Italy.
Baldwin.Smith@cru.org

Sunday School teacher(s) of the week:

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

- Poinsettias - We are looking to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like, please bring a red, 7-10 inch potted poinsettia during the next week to CPC.

- Calling all singers! Our first Christmas Choral Ensemble will sing in both services on Sunday, December 16th! Rehearsals will be on Dec. 2nd and 9th from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. The ensemble will be led by Don Harper and is open to singers of any vocal part and skill level, ages 7th grade and up. If you are interested in singing, email Grace Anne Byrd at annegirlms@gmail.com by December 2nd.

- The Pregnancy Center/Sav-a-Life of Oxford & Lafayette County - During December, 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.

- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - *Winter quarter begins December 2nd.* Come explore how God's purposes are woven into every area of our lives: family, work, art, charity, etc.; to rediscover our passionate and imaginative callings as agents of God's grace in every broken place. DVD video series alongside several facilitators. Meets in CPC sanctuary.

- 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.

- 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.

NURSERY - Today - Supervisor: Elizabeth Weatherall

12/2 - **First service:** paid nursery workers
SS: Kathleen Hogue, Gray Tollison, Brett Barefoot, Jeffery Little

Second service: Joseph Hogue, Amanda Tollison, Meg Barefoot, Mary Melinda Little

12/9 - **First service:** Courtney Jones, Scott Byrd, Kristi Davidson, Ward Toler

SS: Britton Jones, Whitney McGraw, Grace Anne Byrd, Gregg Davidson, Beth Chamblee

Second service: Errol Castens, Matt McGraw, Scott Byrd, Luke Chamblee

Supervisor: Gray Flora

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 12/2 - 3 year olds: Nadine Ramsey (*Noah's Ark room*); 4 year olds: Eden Flora (*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 _____

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Comments or prayer request _____

