

# 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, March 17, 2019, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.*

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

Les Newsom

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

Psalm 107:8, 9, 15, 16, 21, 22, 31

*Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!  
For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.  
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!  
For he shatters the doors of bronze  
and cuts in two the bars of iron.  
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!  
And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,  
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!  
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Les Newsom

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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.Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to His feet your trib - ute bring;  
 2.Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;  
 3.Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame He knows;  
 4.Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
 5.An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; you be - hold Him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, His praise should sing?  
 praise Him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
 in His hands He gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;  
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him, dwell - ers all in time and space,



Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
 praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, wide - ly as His mer - cy goes.  
 Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
 praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise with us the God of grace.

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"



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



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



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 G Am G/B C<sup>2</sup> G/B Em D

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 -

10 G G/B Em D G

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ished.  
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## Call to Confession

I John 3:7-8, 9-10

*Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning ...*

*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. 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.*

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*O Lord, destroy in me every lofty thought, break pride to pieces and scatter it to the wind. Annihilate every clinging shred of self-righteousness, implant in me true lowliness of spirit; break me, then bind me up, so that my heart would be a prepared dwelling for my God. Nothing exceeds Your power, nothing is too great for You to do, nothing too good for You to give. Let angels sing for sinners repenting, prodigals restored, backsliders reclaimed, Satan's captives released, blind eyes open, broken hearts bound up, the despondent cheered, the self-righteous stripped, the formalist driven from a refuge of lies, the ignorant enlightened, and saints built up in their holy faith. For Jesus' sake. Amen. (Adapted from "The Great God", The Valley of Vision)*

## Silent Confession

### \*Offer of Forgiveness Through Christ

I John 3:1 – 3

*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. 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. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*

\* Please stand if able.

\*Hymn

"God of Grace"

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D/F# Gadd9 Bm7 A5 Gadd9 Em7/A

1. God of  
 2. God of  
 3. God of

7 D D/F# Gma7 D/F# Em A7 D Em7/A

grace, a - maz - ing won - der, ir - re - sist - i - ble and free. Oh the  
 grace, who loved and knew me long be - fore the world be - gan, sent my  
 grace, I stand a - stoun - ded, cleansed for - giv - en and se - cure. All my

11 D D/F# Gma7 D/F# Em7 A7 D A7

mir - a - cle of mer - cy, Je - sus reach - es down to me. God of  
 Sa - vior down from Hea - ven, per - fect God and per - fect Man. God of  
 fears are now con - foun - ded and my hope is e - ver sure. God of

15 D D/F# G D/F# G Bm Em7/G Asus A A7

grace, I stand in won - der, as my God re - stores my soul. His own  
 grace, I trust in Je - sus; I'm ac - cep - ted as His own. Ev - 'ry  
 grace, now crowned in Glo - ry, where one day I'll see Your face and for -

19 D D/F# Gma7 D/F# Em A7 D

blood has paid my ran - som; awe - some cost to make me whole.  
 day new grace sus - tains me, as I lean on Him a - lone.  
 e - ver I'll a - dore You, in Your e - ver - las - ting grace.

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Peyton Atchley

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

\* 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*

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11 – 32

*And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.*

*<sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."<sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.*

*<sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has*

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<sup>2</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.

received him back safe and sound.’<sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him,<sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.’<sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’<sup>31</sup> And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.’<sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Sermon

“Jesus Went After Lost Things”  
Series: The Compelling Christ

Les Newsom

*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

“Amazing Grace!”

Newton/Excell

G D7 Em C G D7 G

1. A - maz - ing\_ grace!--how sweet the sound-- that saved a\_\_ wretch like me!\_\_\_\_\_ I  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my\_ fears re - lieved;\_\_\_\_\_ how  
 3. Thro' man - y\_\_ dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;\_\_\_\_\_ 'tis  
 4. The Lord has\_ prom - ised good to me, His Word my\_ hope se - cures;\_\_\_\_\_ He  
 5. And when this\_ flesh and heart shall fail, and mor - tal\_ life shall cease,\_\_\_\_\_ I  
 6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing\_ as the sun,\_\_\_\_\_ we've

10 C G Em G D7 G

once\_\_ was\_ lost, but now\_\_ am\_\_ found, was blind, but\_ now I see.\_\_\_\_\_

pre - cious did that grace\_\_ ap - pear the hour I\_\_ first be - lieved!\_\_\_\_\_

grace\_ has\_ brought me safe\_\_ thus\_ far, and grace will\_ lead me home.\_\_\_\_\_

will\_\_ my\_ shield and por - tion\_ be, as long as\_\_ life en - dures.\_\_\_\_\_

shall\_\_ pos - sess with - in\_\_ the\_ veil a life of\_ joy and peace.\_\_\_\_\_

no\_\_ less\_ days to sing\_\_ God's praise than when we've first be - gun.\_\_\_\_\_

\*Benediction<sup>3</sup>

Postlude

<sup>3</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.

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# Sermon Notes


*Luke 15:11 – 32*

- How We Are Lost

- How We Are Found







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, MARCH 31  
AFTER 10:45 AM  
SERVICE

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

RSVP: [WWW.CPCOXFORD.ORG](http://WWW.CPCOXFORD.ORG) BY MARCH 27TH  
LUNCH & NURSERY PROVIDED (CHILDREN AGES 0-5)

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- **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** (March 10 – May 26)

\* ***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 annex.*

\* ***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 sanctuary.*

- **Theology Wednesday**: 5:30 PM. “How Did We Get “The Bible?” It did not fall out of heaven into our laps. It had human authors written over 1500 years. So how can we say the Bible is “God’s Word”? Is it reliable? How can we be sure we have the right books? Join us for a 10-week study as we learn together why we have more reason than ever to trust the Scriptures. *For more information, contact Melvin Manickavasagam, melvin@christpresoxford.org.*

- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** - The Bible study that was held on Tuesday mornings last Fall from 10:30-11:30 am has been *moved* to **Thursday mornings** at that same time. Please feel free to join us for our Spring study of the book of Genesis. Study booklets are in the office. Please call Curt at 662-234-3399 if you have any questions or would like more information!

- **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.**

- **Prayer Room** – The prayer group meets during the 10:45 service in the annex conference room to praise God and to beg in faith for favor on our congregation, community, country, and beyond. Please join us. No eloquence required!

“God also cheers when we come to him with our wobbling, unsteady prayers. Jesus does not say, ‘Come to me, all you who have learned how to concentrate in prayer, whose minds no longer wander, and I will give you rest.’” - Paul E. Miller

**SUNDAY - March 17**

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

**MONDAY - March 18**

5:30 pm - Story to Story

**TUESDAY - March 19**

7:00 am - Jr. High Guys’ Bible study

10:30 am - Staff meeting

**WEDNESDAY - March 20**

9:15 am - Women’s Bible study

11:30 am - LOL

12:00 pm - Men’s Prayer Lunch

5:30 pm - M&M

5:30 pm - Youth group

5:30 pm - Women’s Bible study

5:30 pm - Theology Wednesdays

5:45 pm - Deacons’ meeting

6:00 pm - Session meeting

**THURSDAY - March 21**

10:30 am - Thursday Morning Bible Study

12:00 pm - Campus Lunch Bunch

**FRIDAY - March 22**

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 - March 24**

8:30 am - First Worship service

9:45 am - Sunday School/Inquirers’ Class

10:45 am - Second Worship service

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

March 17, 2019

**Members of the week:**

- True & Lady Margaret Redd
- Steve, Mindy, Joshua, & Jared Redding

**Missionary/Ministry of the Week:**

**Baldwin and Laura Smith – Italy** – Praise God that Baldwin and Laura have found a good apartment to be their home. Pray for Baldwin and two staff members as they travel to Torino, which Baldwin calls “the center of Satanism in Europe.” They are trying to lay the groundwork for a new ministry in Torino. Baldwin\_Smith@cru.org

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

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Matthew & Anna Mahaffey;  
Allen & Sarah Marie Thigpen

- **Calling all singers!** The Palm Sunday Choral Ensemble will sing in both services on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>! Rehearsals will be on March 17<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>, and April 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up. If you are interested in singing, email Grace Anne Byrd at annegirlms@gmail.com by March 17<sup>th</sup>.

- **Table N Tunes** - it will be March 31<sup>st</sup>, immediately after the 10:45 service ends. We'll have lunch, share some VERY important info with you about the new music scheduling and organization system we're rolling out (it'll make your life easier!), and sing some of our new songs together to get some feedback from y'all. You'll be seeing an email from the Exaltation Team to RSVP for Tables N Tunes - you won't want to miss it!

- **RYM Fundraiser** - Eat Thomas Pierce's smoked chicken and help send youth kids to Colorado for our annual summer conference! The senior high youth will be selling to-go chicken dinner plates for \$10 to raise money to help offset the cost of the trip. Pick up will be **April 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30**. Please find a senior high student if you're interested in buying a ticket!

- **Inquirers/Communicants Classes:** For those who are interested in joining or learning more about communing membership at Christ Presbyterian Church, please know that our Inquirers/Communicants Classes are held several times per year in the church Annex right next door to our main building. Each class will consist of five sessions held during the Sunday school hour that begins at 9:45 am. This year, classes will be held March 17 - April 14; July 7- August 4; August 11-September 8; October 6 - November 3; November 10 - December 8. Please call Les or Curt if you would like more details or have any questions.

-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.

**NURSERY - Today - Supervisor:** Shannon Ferguson  
3/17 - **First service:** Samantha Stockett, Maggie Miller, Daniel Spears, Buddy Crick  
**SS:** Burke Stockett, Andy Miller, Sara Irby, Christi McClurg  
**Second service:** Josh McClurg, Anna Mahaffey, Wayne Irby, Emily Ferris

3/24 - **First service:** paid nursery workers  
**SS:** Mary Melinda Little, Clay Dabbs, Kevin Dabbs, Carol Anne Miconi  
**Second service:** Jeffrey Little, Anna Dabbs, Jill Gardner, Warren Miconi

**Supervisor:** Jessica Levy

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** 3/17 - **First service:** Jenny Stubblefield, Mary Kathryn Herrington **Second service:** Sue Castens, Beth Chamblee

\_\_\_\_ 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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