

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, May 12, 2019, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Les Newsom

*Call to Worship¹

Deuteronomy 32:1, 3 – 4

*“Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak,
and let the earth hear the words of my mouth. . . .
For I will proclaim the name of the Lord;
ascribe greatness to our God!*

*“The Rock, his work is perfect,
for all his ways are justice.
A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
just and upright is he.*

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Les Newsom

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.

*Hymns

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Newton/Taylor



1. Let us love and sing and won - der, Let us praise the Sav - ior's name,
 2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, Pit - ied us when en - e - mies,
 3. Let us sing though fierce temp - ta - tion, Threat ens hard to bear us down.
 4. Let us won - der grace and just - ice Join and point to mer - cy's store
 5. Let us praise and join the chor - us Of the saints en - throned on high.



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der, He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has
 Called us by His grace and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes. He has
 For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion Holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown. He who
 When through grace in Christ our trust is Just - ice smiles and asks no more. He who
 Here they trust - ed Him be - fore us Now their prais - es fill the sky. Thou hast



washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood, He who
 washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood, He who
 washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast



washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.
 washed us with His blood, He pre - sents our souls to God.
 washed us with His blood, Soon will bring us home to God.
 washed us with His blood, Has se - cured our way to God.
 washed us with Thy blood, Thou art wor - thy Lamb of God.

"Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted" (TH 257)

Kelly

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
 see him dying on the tree!
 'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
 yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
 'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
 David's Son, yet David's Lord;
 by his Son God now has spoken:
 'tis the true and faithful Word.

2. Tell me, ye who hear him groaning,
was there ever grief like his?
Friends thro' fear his cause disowning,
foes insulting his distress;
many hands were raised to wound him,
none would interpose to save;
but the deepest stroke that pierced him
was the stroke that Justice gave.

3. Ye who think of sin but lightly
nor suppose the evil great
here may view its nature rightly,
here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
see who bears the awful load;
'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

4. Here we have a firm foundation,
here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
his the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
who on him their hope have built.

Call to Confession

Isaiah 59:1 – 2, 4, 13 – 14

*Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,
or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;
but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. ...
No one enters suit justly; no one goes to law honestly;
they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies,
they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity. ...
transgressing, and denying the Lord,
and turning back from following our God,
speaking oppression and revolt,
conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.
Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away;
for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter.*

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord, grant me the favor of being led by You under the directions of Your providence and Your word. Grant me Your blessings with bitter things, to brighten and quicken me, not to depress and make me lifeless. Cast me not under the feet of pride, injustice, riches, worldly greatness, selfish oppression of man. Help me to wait patiently, silently upon You, not to be enraged or speak unadvisedly. Let your mercy follow me while I live, and give me aid to resign myself to Your will. Take my heart and hold it in Your hand; write upon it reverence to Yourself with an inscription that time and eternity cannot erase. To Your grace and the care of Your covenant I commit myself for You have overcome the world, fulfilled the law, finished justifying righteousness, swallowed up death in victory and taken all power everywhere. Mark this covenant with Your own blood in the court of forgiving mercy. Through Christ and for His sake. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Offer of Forgiveness Through Christ

Isaiah 59:15b-16, 20 – 21

*The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice.
He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede;
then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. ...*

“And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the Lord. “And as for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the Lord: “My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring,” says the Lord, “from this time forth and forevermore.”

*Hymn

“How Deep the Father's Love For Us”

Townend



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

6 Am G/B C² G/B Em D
 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 C² 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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Offertory Prayer

Deacon Andy Edwards

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Here is Love Vast As the Ocean"

Rees/Giles/Rives/Lowry

Children's Church Dismissal²

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*

² 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.

⁶³ Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. ⁶⁴ They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?” ⁶⁵ And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

⁶⁶ When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, ⁶⁷ “If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸ and if I ask you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹ But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” ⁷⁰ So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.” ⁷¹ Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.”

^{23:1} Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” ³ And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” ⁵ But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹ So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹² And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶ I will therefore punish and release him.”

¹⁸ But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”— ¹⁹ a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰ Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹ but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” ²² A third time he said to them, “Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” ²³ But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

- *The Gall of Injustice*

- *The Satisfaction of Injustice*

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

"Here is Love Vast as the Ocean"

Rees/Giles/Rives/Lowry

G C G/D D⁷

1. Here is love vast as the o - cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as the flood, when the
 2. On the Mount of Cru - ci - fix - ion, foun - tains o - pened deep and wide; through the
 3. Here is love that con - quered e - vil: Christ, the first - born from the grave; death has
 4. The same love be - yond all meas - ure, mocked and slain by hate - ful men, lives and
 5. Here is love, vast as the heav - ens; count - less as the stars a - bove are the

6 G C G/D D⁷ G D⁷

Prince of Life, our ran - som, shed for us His pre - cious blood. Who His
 flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a vast and gra - cious tide. Grace and
 failed to be found e - qual to the life of Him who saves. In the
 reigns in res - urr - ect - ion and can nev - er die a - gain. Here is
 souls that He has ran - somed, pre - cious daugh - ters, treas - ured sons. We are

10 G G/D D Am⁷ D G

love will not re - mem - ber? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can
 love like might - y ri - vers poured in - ces - sant from a - bove; heav - en's
 val - ley of our dark - ness dawned His ev - er - last - ing light; per - fect
 love for all the a - ges, Rad - iant Sun of Heav'n He stands, call - ing
 called to feast for - ev - er on a love be - yond our time; glo - rious

14 G/B C G/D D⁷ G

ne - ver be for - got - ten through - out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.
 peace and per - fect just - ice kissed a guilt - y world in love.
 love in glo - rious rad - iance has rep - elled death's hell - ish night.
 home His Fa - ther's child - ren, hold - ing forth His wound - ed hands.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it now with man are in - ter - twined.

***Benediction³**

Postlude

³ 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.

The Gospel

So what exactly is the Gospel? The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome, “The gospel is...the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.” (Romans 1: 16) This Gospel power is not simply about sharing a message, doing better or being nicer, but about a God-generated renovation of all of life. In so doing He gives us a new object of worship, new fuel for life and a new purpose for the future.

The Gospel does this because it is first and foremost outside of us. Out of this fountain of power flows mercy, forgiveness and love—in essence transformed lives. Moreover, this fountain is not generated from within us—from our efforts, experiences or knowledge. This fountain is found outside of us in the amazing and historical work of Jesus—his life, crucifixion and resurrection. His finished work alone restores, forgives and empowers sinners in a God-directed life.

So how do we embrace the Gospel?

There is something to *admit*. Christians are people who admit that they are weaker, more guilty and sinful than they would have ever dared admit. By nature and by choice we are not in a relationship with God—even though we were created for such a relationship. Instead, naturally we live a self-centered rather than a God-centered lifestyle, which is characterized by all sorts of misdeeds and deceptions. Left to ourselves we are helpless to break this pattern. (Jeremiah 17: 9, 10; Romans 3: 10 – 18, 23)

There is something to *believe*. Christians are people who believe that God loves people so much that he sent his only Son to earth to become a man, Jesus Christ, and that Jesus dies on the cross as our *substitute* and was raised from the dead in order to offer us complete forgiveness. Through Christ, we are more loved, valued and accepted by God than we would have ever dared imagine. (John 3: 16; Ephesian 2: 8 – 10)

There is something to *consider*. Christians are not naïve, but they have counted the cost of following Jesus. Being a Christian involves acknowledging Jesus’ authority and Lordship *in every area of life*, welcoming his work to change us from the inside out, and rejoicing to spend time with him and with his followers in the life of the church. (Matthew 10: 34 – 39; Luke 9: 23)

There is something to *do*. We receive Christ as Savior and Lord by self-consciously turning away from our sin and our sinful self (which the Bible calls *repentance*) and turn toward Jesus as he is offered to us in the Gospel. We look to him because he alone offers the forgiveness, acceptance with God and the power for a new life that we so desperately need. The Bible calls this *faith*. (Matthew 3: 2; Mark 1: 15; Romans 10: 9, 10)

We welcome any questions you may have about the Gospel or anything else you may have seen or heard here at Christ Presbyterian Church today. If you have any questions or need anything else, please speak to one of our pastors, officers, or staff. It is our privilege to serve you in any way we can!



summer

kick off

CONGREGATIONAL COOKOUT

june 12 • 5:30pm

**COME & HEAR UPDATES ABOUT OUR
NEW BUILDING & MUCH MORE!**

SUNDAY - May 12

8:30 am - First Worship service

9:45 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Second Worship service

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

TUESDAY - May 14

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

10:30 am - Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY - May 15

12:00 pm - Men's Prayer Lunch

6:00 pm - Session meeting

FRIDAY - May 17

6:00 am - Men's breakfast & Bible study

SUNDAY - May 19

8:30 am - First Worship service

9:45 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Second Worship service

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Members of the week:

- Burke, Samantha, & Charles Stockett
- Earl, Jenny, Merritt, & Camille Stubblefield

Missionary/Ministry of the Week - Suzy

Triplet – *Thailand* - Praise God that her two months of time here in the U.S. gave her a much needed rest. Suzy asks that we pray for wisdom as she restarts the LEGO program in the Pipat 2 community.
striplet@aent.com

Sunday School teacher(s) of the week:

5th & 6th grade - Matthew & Anna Mahaffey;
Joseph & Kathleen Hogue

Music team:

Andy Paney, *piano*; Noel Childress, *guitar*;
Evelyn Smith and Ward Toler, *vocals*; Shelby Singletary, *special music*

- 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;
meeting in the 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.

-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.

- **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

NURSERY - Today - Supervisor: Kyle Still

5/12 - **First service:** paid nursery workers

SS: Muwon Kroeger, Ashley Meyers, Glynn Ingram,
Meg Reeves

Second service: Rachel Kroeger, Sam Meyers,
Ginnie Ingram, Len Reeves

5/19 - **First service:** paid nursery workers

SS: Portia Fountain, Lisa Ewell, Anna Sayre, Eric Graeber
Second service: Will Fountain, Nathan Ewell, Errol Sayre,
Shea Graeber

Supervisor: Jessica Levy

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: 5/12 - First service: Sue Castens

Second service: Elizabeth Adrian

____ 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 _____
