

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Oxford, Mississippi

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament of Baptism

Lord's Day, June 9, 2019, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Les Newsom

***Call to Worship¹**

Isaiah 25:1, 4, 6 – 8

*O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ...
For you have been a stronghold to the poor,
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;
for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall ...
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.*

***Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

Curt Presley

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.



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing al - le -
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a - long, O__
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, al - le -
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, O__
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship Him in hum - ble - ness, O__



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, thou
 praise Him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re - joice, ye
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, that
 sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row bear, praise
 praise Him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and



sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O__ praise Him, O__ praise Him, al - le -
 lights of eve - ning find a voice,
 giv - est man both warmth and light,
 God and on Him cast your care,
 praise the Spir - it, Three in One,



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia!


"Come Ye Disconsolate" (8:30 SERVICE ONLY)

Moore/Wilbur




1. Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
 2. Joy of the de - so - late, light of the stray - ing,
 3. Here see the Bread - of Life, see wa - ters flow - ing

10 Bm D/A G D/F# G A D




Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
 Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
 Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

14 D D/C# Bm A Bm D/A G A



Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
 Here speaks the Com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

18 Bm D/A D/F# G D/F# G A D



Earth has no sor - row that hea - ven can - not heal.
 "Earth has no sor - row that hea - ven can - not cure."
 Earth has no so - row but hea - ven can re - move.

Reception of Communing Members³ (10:45 SERVICE ONLY)

Ben & Laura Jones

Membership Vows

1. *Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save [except] in His sovereign mercy?*
2. *Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?*
3. *Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?*
4. *Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?*
5. *Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?*

³ Our membership in the invisible church of Christ is made reality by our belief or trust in the Lord Jesus. However, without membership in the local, visible church that faith lacks viability and comes to no expression. Membership cements our profession of Christ and gives illustration to it. Furthermore, without something like membership we cannot make sense of the passages which describe church communities with clear boundaries, responsibilities and leadership. Rejoice with us as receive these men, women, and children into membership at Christ Presbyterian Church today!

Sacrament of Baptism (10:45 SERVICE ONLY)

Gloria Grace Jones

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?*

"Our Children, Lord in Faith and Prayer" (10:45 SERVICE ONLY)

Hawels

Our children, Lord, in faith and pray'r,
we now devote to thee;
let them thy cov'nant mercies share,
and thy salvation see.

Call to Confession

James 4:1 – 4

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord God, You have commanded me to believe in Jesus; and I will flee to no other refuge, wash in no other fountain, receive from no other fullness, rest in no other relief. May I scandalize none by my temper and conduct but recommend and endear Christ to all around. Grant that I may value my substance, not as a medium of pride and luxury, but as the means of my support and stewardship. Help me to guide my affections with discretion, to feel it my duty and pleasure to be merciful and forgiving, to show to the world the likeness of Jesus; for His sake. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Offer of Forgiveness Through Christ

James 4:6 – 8, 10

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ... Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

*Hymn

"His Mercy Is More"

Papa/Boswell

E E/G# A E B C#m

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om - ni - sci - ent, all know - ing, He
 2. What pa - ti - ence would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is
 3. What ri - ches of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His blood was the pay - ment; His

5 A Bsus E F#m7 E/G# A E/G# A E/B

counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y, His
 call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our sins, they are man - y, His
 life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our sins, they are man - y, His

1. 2.

10 Bsus B⁶ Bsus E E/G# A E B C#m A Bsus

mer - cy is more.
 mer - cy is more.

3.

15 Bsus B⁶ Bsus E A E C#m7 Bsus

CHORUS

mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is

19 A E Bsus B Bsus A E B C#m7 A E

more. Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y, His

1. 2.

24 Bsus E Bsus E

mer - cy is more. Praise the mer - cy is more.

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Kevin Gardner

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Children's Church Dismissal⁴

Pastoral Prayer

Curt Presley

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

I Corinthians 11:17 – 34

But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse.¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part,¹⁹ for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat.²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk.²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.³³ So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another—³⁴ if anyone is hungry, let him

⁴ 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 worshippers 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!

eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

Sermon

“Where’s Jesus”

Seth Still

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

“Jesus, With Thy Church Abide”

Pollock/Miner

5 Cm Ab Eb Bb

1. Je - sus, with Thy church a - bide;
2. Keep her life and doc - trine pure;
3. May she one in doc - trine be,
4. May she guide the poor and blind,

7 Cm Ab Eb Bb

Be her Sav - ior, Lord, and Guide,
Grant her pa - tience to en - dure,
One in truth and char - i - ty,
Seek the lost un - til she find

9 Ab Eb Cm Bb Abmaj7

While on earth her faith is tried;
Trust - ing in Thy prom - ise sure;
Win - ing all to faith in Thee;
And the bro - ken heart - ed bind;

12 Bb Abmaj7

We be - seech Thee, hear us,
We be - seech Thee, hear us,
We be - seech Thee, hear us,
We be - seech Thee, hear us,

14 Bb Cm Ab Eb Bb

We be - seech Thee, hear us.
We be - seech Thee, hear us.
We be - seech Thee, hear us.
We be - seech Thee, hear us.

***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.

Sacrament of Covenant (Infant) Baptism⁶

As we read through the Word of God, it becomes clear that that God's sovereign grace in Christ 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."⁷

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. 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.

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).

⁶ Taken from notes in the Reformation Study Bible

⁷ Paper on covenant baptism by Dr. Bryan Chappell

The background features a collage of stylized fruit slices including watermelon, kiwi, strawberry, and citrus. A large, light gray diagonal shape is positioned on the right side of the image. Three dark gray horizontal bars are stacked in the center, containing the event title and date. The text is white and sans-serif.

summer

kick off

CONGREGATIONAL COOKOUT

june 12 • 5:30pm

**COME & HEAR UPDATES ABOUT OUR
NEW BUILDING & MUCH 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.

- **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 - June 9

8:30 am - First Worship service
9:45 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Second Worship service

TUESDAY - June 11

10:30 am - Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY - June 12

9:00 am - Women's Ministry Wednesday
5:30 pm - Congregational Cook-out
7:00 pm - Benevolence meeting

THURSDAY - June 13

10:30 am - 60 and Over Bible Study (annex)

FRIDAY - June 14

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

SUNDAY - June 16

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:

- Gretchen Tumelson
- Debra Vaxter

Missionary/Ministry of the Week –

Tony and Tracy Boyd – Southeast Asia – Praise God that the Boyds will have a time of rest in the U.S. during June and July. They ask that we pray for God’s provision of transportation, housing, and time in all of the places that they will visit in the U.S. tonyb@worksmail.net

Sunday School teacher(s) of the week:

3 year olds - Tim & Megan Kempe,
Daniel & Julie Spears

Music team:

Andy Paney, *piano*; Noel Childress, Pat DeVaughn, *guitars*; Polly Watkins and Don Harper, *vocals*

- Summer Adult Sunday School (June 2 - August 4)

Our Family History: Santayana’s “Those who forget history are doomed to repeat it” holds true even for the history of the church. Many are unaware that much of how Christians today think and live have been shaped by people and events over 1000 years ago. Join us as we journey to the time known as the Middle Ages and learn about our present by looking at our past. Ligonier teaching series with facilitated discussion. Led by Philip Levy & Melvin Manickavasagam. *Meets in front annex classroom.*

Imago Dei: People are naturally compelled to ask questions of identity: Who am I? What am I worth? Why am I here? The answers culture offers only lead to more questions. To properly answer these questions, we need to look all the way back to the beginning—to our creation—and see that all people are made in the image of God. DVD series with facilitated discussion. Led by Doug Sanford & Gray Flora. *Class meets in back room of annex.*

- **Over 60’s Bible Study** resumes for the Summer on Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 am in the conference room in the annex. We will be studying the book of James. Please contact Curt if you would like an outline of the class.

- **Men’s Prayer Lunch** – will resume in August.

-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.

____ 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 _____

NURSERY - Today - Supervisor: Margaret Neely

6/9 - First service: paid nursery workers

SS: Jenny Stubblefield, Britton Jones, Jill Gardner,

Wayne Irby

Second service: Earl Stubblefield, Courtney Jones,

Kevin Gardner, Sara Irby

6/16 - First service: paid nursery workers

SS: Doug Sanford, Mary John White, Christi McClurg,

Kathleen Hogue

Second service: Terri Sanford, Josh White, Josh McClurg,

Joseph Hogue

Supervisor: Gray Flora

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: 6/9- First service: Mary Kathryn Herrington, Liza Sorgenfrei

Second service: Kathy Presley