



CHRIST — PRES —

Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, February 2, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word, Prayer and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

February 2, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, verses 1-3, 5**

Hymn No. 53

Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, traditional German melody, 1665

Lyrics: Based on Psalm 103, Joachim Neander, 1680

Welcome & Announcements

Scott Byrd

***Call to Worship¹**

Psalm 8:1-9

Elder: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth
of babies and infants, you have established strength because
of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

**People: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the
moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is
man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that
you care for him?**

Elder: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

**People: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,**

Elder: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds
of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along
the paths of the seas.

All: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory**

Hymn No. 122

Music: ODE TO JOY, Ludwig Van Beethoven, 1824; Lyrics: David Clowney, 1960

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.
From there He shall come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic² church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

^{*}Please stand, if able.

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

²The word "catholic" refers to the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

***Doxology**

Hymn No. 731

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551; Lyrics: Thomas Ken, 1709

Call to Confession

Romans 1:18-21

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: Most merciful Father, You are the only true God who has revealed Yourself in Your word, yet we have not placed our trust in You alone. We confess that we have not looked to You for every good thing, and we have not loved You, feared You, and honored You with all our hearts. You have created us in Your image, but we have instead placed our identity in earthly things. We have made idols out of our families, homes, reputation, work, and wealth. Forgive us for having these other gods before You, and through the Holy Spirit, help us to walk humbly with You, giving You all thanks and praise, and yielding to You all obedience and submission. In Your holy Son Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Lamentations 3:21-24

²¹But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Hymn No. 32

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1923; Lyrics: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Webb Lewis

Offertory

"Sweet Comfort"

Music & Lyrics: Latifah Alattas and Sandra McCracken

Whatever my God ordains is right
His holy will abides
I will be still, whate'er He does
And follow where He guides
*Sweet comfort, sweet comfort
Yet shall fill my heart
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort
Sorrow shall depart*
Whatever my God ordains is right
He makes my feet to stand
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine
He holds me in His hand
This bitter cup, I take it
My fainting heart restored
So here I stand, unshaken
I trust upon the Lord
He is my God, though dark my road
He holds me, I shall not fall
Whatever my God ordains is right
To Him, I leave it all

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

***Children's Church Dismissal: During the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. services four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.*

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Johnny Barrett

Members of the Week:

Josh & Mary John White; John Wilson, Hogan, Walker
Clint & Kathy Wilcke

Missionaries of the Week:

Lois Paney: InterVarsity
Jonathan Fulcher & Rachel Causey: FCA
Joel & Kitty Hurdle: CRU

Sunday School Teachers of the Week:

3rd & 4th Grade: Fowler & Billy Staines, Sarah & Sumner Abraham

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

John & Elizabeth Adrian

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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

Psalm 19:1-14

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"A World of Wonder (Psalm 19)"

Les Newsom

Psalms: Songs of the Heart

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

Reception of Covenant Children as Communing Members

Scott Byrd

10:45 a.m. service

George Brock, Sarah Calderwood and Rowe Jones

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper (also called Communion or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. All who trust in Christ alone as Savior and Lord, are members in good standing with a branch of His church that teaches that He is the only way to God the Father, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully with Jesus are welcome to come forward. If you are not a Christian or if you are not prepared to share in this meal today, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers printed below.

Children who have not yet made a public profession of faith are still welcome to come forward with their families for prayer. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to complete the Communicants Class, arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.

Christ Pres seeks to be a joyful community of God's people who actively participate in worship. As we prepare to come to the Lord's Table, the following responsive elements help orient our hearts to the Lord and proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes again.

**Please stand, if able.*

***Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!*

Elder: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Elder: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Elder: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Elder: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Elder: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Elder: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward, and we will be happy to serve you in your seat. All communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Heavenly Father, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I owed. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Him as Savior. 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 for Covenant Children Who Have Not Yet Professed Faith in Christ

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

Speak, O Lord

Music & Lyrics: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence,
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds;
to re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time,
 shape and fa - shion us in Your like - ness.
 in the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty.
 that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty.

That the light of Christ might be seen to - day
 Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
 And by grace we'll stand on Your pro - mis - es;
 in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
 Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
 and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us
 Words of pow'r that can ne - ver fail;
 Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
 all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
 let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

Take My Life, and Let it Be, verses 1, 4-6

Hymn No. 585

Music: HENDON, Henri A. César Malan, arr. Paul Zach; Lyrics: Frances R. Havergal, 1874

This Is My Father's World

Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin L. Sheppard, Edward Shippen Barnes, & Joe Deegan
 Lyrics: Maltbie D. Babcock & Joe Deegan

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me

lis - t'ning ears, all na - ture sings and
 ca - rols raise, the morn - ing light, the
 ne'er for - get that though the wrong seems

round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 li - ly white, de - clare their Ma - ker's praise.
 oft so strong, God is the Ru - ler yet.

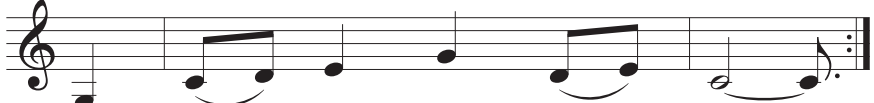
*Please stand, if able.



This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought
 This is my Fa-ther's world: He shines in all that's fair;
 This is my Fa-ther's world: the bat - tle is not done:



of the rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
 in the rus - tling grass I hear Him pass,
 Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied,



His hand the won - ders wrought.
 He speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 and earth and heav'n be one.



Chorus: Oh this world be-longs to Him,



from be - gin - ning to the end.



All cre - a - tion groans, "Lord bring us home,



and make us new a - gain."

***Benediction³**

Sermon Notes

Psalm 19

"A World of Wonder"

1. The Emotion of Wonder
2. The Limitations of Wonder
3. The Focus of Wonder

Musicians & AVL Team

Gabbie Bowden, vocals; Randall Bryant, keyboard & vocals; Noel Childress, guitar;
 Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer; Harper Holley, viola; Allison Lavender, violin;
 Shane McMullen, bass; Gabriel Miña-Reyes, cello; Katie Morrison, vocals;
 Andy Paney, piano; Anna Sayre, lights & projections; Daniel Spears, percussion

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³Just 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHRIST PRES MEN'S RETREAT

february 28 - march 1, 2025

Join the men of Christ Pres for our annual Men's Retreat, a Friday night and Saturday morning retreat with the luxury of sleeping back in your own bed in your own home on Friday. We will enjoy good food, music and two messages from Rev. Russ Whitfield inviting us as men to see the beauty of Jesus and His mission. The retreat will be February 28 - March 1, 2025 at Camp Hopewell with dinner and breakfast provided. For more details and to register, scan this QR code with your phone's camera.



CHRIST PRES YOUTH

PARENTS SEMINAR



DATE
February 16



TIME
5:30PM



LOCATION
Christ Pres



**Come join us as we talk about how to
launch your child well!**

Parents of 5th-12th graders: Join us on February 16th from 5:30-7:00pm as we discuss what it means to "launch" your child well into adulthood. Scott Byrd will be teaching on equipping your child to be ready for independence. Following this time of teaching will be a group discussion with other parents. Dinner and free parenting resources will be provided! For more details and to register, scan this QR code with your phone's camera.



Clarksdale Youth Mission Trip



MARCH 28-29



Current 9-12th graders: Join us on March 28-29th in Clarksdale, MS as we assist Fuller Center for Housing in helping to build houses for those in need. For more details and to register, scan this QR code with your phone's camera.



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