



# **CHRIST** **— PRES —**

Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

*The Lord's Day, February 9, 2025*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *A Service of Word and Prayer*

February 9, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

### **\*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, verses 1-4, 7**

Hymn No. 30

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, arr. Bruce Benedict; Lyrics: Isaac Watts, 1719

### **Welcome & Announcements**

Clint Wilcke

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

Isaiah 25:1, 4, 6-9

**Elder:** 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.

**People:** 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...

**Elder:** 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.

**People:** And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

**Elder:** 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.

**All:** It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

### **\*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

Hymn No. 521

Music: SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1863; Lyrics: Edward Mote, 1834

### **\*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism #26

**Elder:** Christian, what do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

**All:** That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

<sup>1</sup>Please stand, if able.

<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.

## \*Lord, from Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)

Music & Lyrics: Matt Papa & Matt Boswell



1. Lord, from sor-rows deep I call when my hope is sha-ken;  
2. Storms with-in my trou-bled soul, ques-tions with-out an-swers;  
3. Should my life be torn from me, ev-'ry world-ly plea-sure;



torn and ru-ined from the fall, hear my des-per-a-tion.  
on my faith these bil-lows roll, God be now my shel-ter.  
when all I pos-sess is grief, God be then my trea-sure.



For so long I've pled and prayed, "God come to my res-cue!"  
Why are you cast down my soul? Hope in Him who saves you.  
Be my vi-sion in the night; be my hope and re-fuge.



E-ven so the thorn re-mains; still my heart will praise You.  
When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise You.  
'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord, my heart will praise You.



*Chorus:* Oh, my soul, put your hope in God,



my Help, my Rock, I will praise Him. Sing, oh sing,



through the rag-ing storm; You're still my God, my Sal-va-tion.

### Call to Confession

James 1:12-15

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

### Silent Confession

## Confession of Sin

All: Heavenly Father, many are the moments when clouds of darkness and unbelief come to me. Help me to humble myself before You, that I may see Your purpose of love in chastening me for past successes that my wound of secret godlessness may be cured. Unbelief shuts You from me so that I do not sense Your power, mercy, or love. Let me never forget that the heinousness of sin does not lie in the nature of the sin committed as much as in the greatness of the One sinned against. When I am afraid of evils to come, comfort me; show me that in myself I am condemned, but that in Christ I am reconciled, made alive and satisfied; that I am feeble, but that in Him I can do all things; that what I have in Christ is mine now in part, but shortly I shall have it perfectly in heaven. Through Christ and for His sake. Amen

## \*Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:21, 24-25

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps... <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## \*Sweet Comfort

Music: Latifah Alattas & Sandra McCracken; Lyrics: Samuel Rodigast, 1675, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, Latifah Alattas & Sandra McCracken

1. What - ev - er my God or - dains is right;  
2. What - ev - er my God or - dains is right;  
3. He is my God, though dark my road,  
His ho - ly will a - bides  
He makes my feet to stand.  
He holds me, I shall not fall;  
I will be still, what - e'er He does  
Though sor - row, need, or death be mine,  
What - ev - er my God or - dains is right,  
and fol - low where He guides.  
He holds me in His hand.  
to Him, I leave it all.  
Chorus: Sweet com - fort, sweet com - fort  
yet shall fill my heart; Sweet com - fort,  
sweet com - fort; sor - row shall de - part. 2x to Bridge

\*Please stand, if able.

*Bridge:* This bit-ter cup, I take it, my faint-ing heart re - stored.

So here I stand, un - sha - ken, I trust u - pon the Lord. *to Chorus*

**Life Together**

Robert Carson & Doug Sanford, Men's Ministry

**Offertory Prayer**

Deacon Bill Dabney

**Offertory**

**"Gabriel's Oboe/How Deep the Father's Love for Us"**

Music: Ennio Morricone, Stuart Townend, arr. Hom

*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. service 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 Glynn Ingram

**Members of the Week:**

Lauren Willis; Cooper and Frank  
Amy Kate Winter

**Missionaries of the Week:**

Mike Winebrenner: Horn Lake, MS - Church Planting  
Jeffrey Lancaster: Chicago, IL - Church Planting

**Sunday School Teachers of the Week:**

5th & 6th Grade: Abby & Reed Davis; Susanna & Mark Levy

**Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:**

Brett & Meg Barefoot

**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 13:1-6

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

**"A World of Sorrow (Psalm 13)"**

Les Newsom

Psalms: Songs of the Heart

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

*\*\*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!*

# \*He Will Hold Me Fast

Music & Lyrics: Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker

1. When I fear my faith will fail,  
2. Those He saves are His de- light,  
3. For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Christ will hold me fast;  
when the tempt - er would pre - vail,  
pre - cious in His ho - ly sight,  
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied.  
He will hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast.  
I could nev - er keep my hold  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His  
Raised with Him to end - less life,  
through life's fear - ful path;  
prom - is - es shall last;  
He will hold me fast.  
for my love is oft - en cold;  
bought by Him at such a cost,  
'Till our faith is turned to sight  
He must hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast.  
when He comes at last!  
Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
for my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

# \*Benediction<sup>2</sup>

\*Please stand, if able.

<sup>2</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.

"A World of Sorrow"

1. Own the Sadness (vv. 1-2)

2. Establish the Truth (vv. 3-4)

3. Start the Healing (vv. 5-6)

**Musicians & AVL Team**

Denease Bishop, vocals; Randall Bryant, keyboard & vocals; Noel Childress, guitar; Gregg Davidson, vocals; Kristi Davidson, lights & projections; Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer; Erik Hom, violin; Slade Lewis, bass; Andy Paney, piano; Matthew Parks, cello; Daniel Spears, percussion

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

	<b>2024-2025 Actual YTD*</b>	<b>2024-2025 Budgeted</b>
Revenue	\$1,470,314.41	\$2,400,000.00
Expenses	\$773,976.26	\$2,269,256.00
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$696,338.15</b>	<b>\$130,744.00</b>

\*Christ Pres' fiscal year runs from September to July. YTD numbers above are from September to December 2024.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



## 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.



## 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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