



# **CHRIST** **— PRES —**

Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

*The Lord's Day, March 2, 2025*

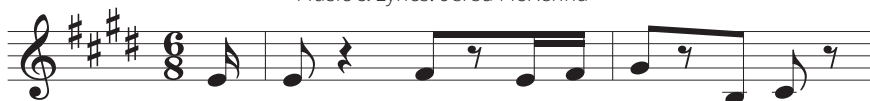
# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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

### \*Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

Music & Lyrics: Jered McKenna



1. A - rise, shine, for your light has come  
2. A - rise, come to the o - pen gates



and the glo - ry of God is on you.  
for the Fa - ther is wel - com - ing you.



A - rise, see though the earth grows dark,  
Fear not, for the Lord brings peace



that the Lord will a - rise u - pon you,  
and re - demp - tion to all who be - lieve,



the Lord will a - rise u - pon you.  
and re - demp - tion to all who be - lieve.



*Chorus:* Na - tions will come to your light, lift up your eyes and see.



We'll ga - ther to - ge - ther and come to you



and your love will be all that we know,



and your love will be all that we know.



*Bridge:* The sun will not shine 'cause you'll be all the light that we need



and vio - lence will end, all the wars that we wage will cease.



We will glo - ri - fy your name, we will glo - ri - fy your name.

\*Please stand, if able.

## Welcome & Announcements

Brian Sorgenfrei

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

Psalm 67:1-7

Elder: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

Elder: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

Elder: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

**All: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

### \*Jesus Shall Reign, verses 1, 3-5

Hymn No. 441

Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793  
Lyrics: Based on Psalm 72, Isaac Watts, 1719

### \*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 catholic<sup>2</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### \*Doxology

Hymn No. 731

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

<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.

<sup>2</sup>The word "catholic" refers to the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Call to Confession

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

## Silent Confession

### Confession of Sin

All: O Sovereign Lord, You are the special Father of those who know, love and honor You, who find Your yoke easy, and Your burden light, Your work honorable, Your commandments glorious. But how little Your undeserved goodness has affected me! How imperfectly have I improved my religious privileges! How negligent have I been in doing good to others! I am before You in my trespasses and sins, have mercy on me, and may Your goodness bring me to repentance. Help me to hate and forsake every false way, to be attentive to my condition and character, to bridle my tongue, to keep my heart with all diligence, to watch and pray against temptation, to mortify sin, to be concerned for the salvation of others. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 5:16-18, 20

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

### \*Arise, O God, and Shine

Music: Christopher Miner; Lyrics: William Hurn, 1813

A musical score for the hymn 'Arise, O God, and Shine'. The score is written in 4/4 time and consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: 'A - rise, O God, and shine; Bring dis - tant na - tions near; Put forth Thy glo - rious pow'r, To God, the on - ly Wise, in all Thy sav - ing might, to sing Thy glo - rious praise; that ev - 'ry - one may see, the one im - mor - tal King, and pros - per each de - sign; let ev - 'ry peo - ple hear; and earth pre - sent her store, let hal - le - lu - jahs rise, to spread Thy glo - rious light; and learn Thy ho - ly ways. in con - verts born to Thee. from ev - 'ry liv - ing thing;

\*Please stand, if able.

Let heal - ing streams of mer - cy flow  
 Reign, might - y God, as - sert Thy cause,  
 God, our own God, His church will bless,  
 let all that breathe, on ev - 'ry coast,  
 that all the earth Thy truth may know.  
 and go - vern by Thy right - eous laws.  
 and fill the world with right - eous - ness.  
 praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**Life Together**

Hunter Brewer, Mid-South Church Planting Network

**Offertory Prayer**

Deacon Brett Barefoot

**Offertory**

**"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"**

Music & Lyrics: Albert Lister Peace, George Matheson, Robbie Seay, and Taylor Johnson

*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 Doug Sanford

**Members of the Week:**

James & CiCi Young; Ford

Sam & Geri Young

**Missionaries of the Week:**

Roger & Abi Lowther: MTW - Tokyo, Japan

**Sunday School Teachers of the Week:**

Women's Bible Study - Anna Dabbs, Ev Barrett and Pamela Grafton

**Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:**

Randall & Alyssa Bryant

**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**

**Acts 1:1-11**

Page 909

Elder: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

**"From the Church to the World"**

Russ Whitfield

*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!*

## **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.*

**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

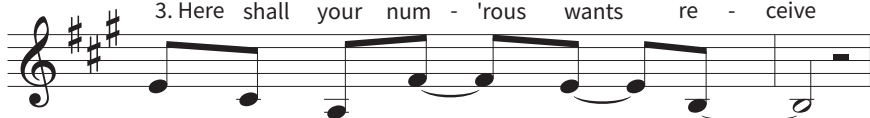
Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in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

### Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor

Music: Brian T. Murphy; Lyrics: Anne Steele, 1716-1778



1. Lord, we a - dore Thy bound - less grace,  
2. O won - drous gifts of love di - vine,  
3. Here shall your num - 'rous wants re - ceive



the heights and depths un - known,  
Dear Source of ev - 'ry good;  
a free, a full sup - ply;



of par - don, life and joy, and peace,  
Je - sus in Thee what glo - ries shine!  
He has un - meas - ured bliss to give,



in Thy be - lov - ed Son.  
How rich Thy flow - ing blood!  
And joys that nev - er die.



*Refrain:* Come, all ye pin - ing, hun - gry poor,



the Sav - ior's boun - ty taste;



be - hold a ne - ver fail - ing store



for ev - 'ry will - ing guest.

# Jesus, I Come

Music: Greg Thompson; Lyrics: William True Sleeper, 1887

1. Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night,  
2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss,  
3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride,  
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,

Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.  
Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.  
Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.  
Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.

In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness and light,  
In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross,  
In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide,  
In - to the joy and light of Thy home,

Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
Je - sus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health,  
Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy balm,  
Out of my - self to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of the depths of ru - in un - told,

out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,  
out of life's storms and in - to Thy calm,  
out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove,  
in - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold,

out of my sin and in - to Thy - self,  
out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm,  
up - ward for - e - ver on wings like a dove,  
ev - er Thy glo - rious face to be - hold,

Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
Je - sus, I come to Thee.

## Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Hymn No. 465

Music: MOODY, Daniel B. Towner; Lyrics: Julia H. Johnston, 1910

### \*Benediction<sup>3</sup>

<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.



**"From the Church to the World"**

**Musicians & AVL Team**

Gabbie Bowden, violin; Randall Bryant, keyboard & vocals; Noel Childress, guitar;  
Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer; Wayne Irby, mandolin & vocals; Greg Johnson, bass;  
Jonathan Klingler, lights & projections; Gabriel Miña-Reyes, cello; Katie Morrison, vocals;  
Andy Paney, piano; Daniel Spears, percussion

*Lyrics printed by permission. CCLI license #1098613  
Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version  
© 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers.  
Used by permission. All rights reserved.*

## **Local Ministries/Missionaries We Support**

**Austin Braasch (Ole Miss RUF)** – serves the campus of Ole Miss by reaching students for Christ and equipping them to serve

**International Guest House** – Americans and Internationals in Oxford learn to love one another out of the overflow of God's love for us

**Joel and Kitty Hurdle (Cru Ole Miss)** – seeking to help each person take their next step towards Jesus through Bible studies, mentors, and attending the local church

**Lois Paney (InterVarsity Ole Miss)** – leads a campus community that helps students and faculty follow Jesus with their whole lives, for the rest of their lives

**Rachel Causey and Jonathan Fulcher (FCA Ole Miss)** – seeks to make disciples through engaging and equipping coaches and athletes to know and grow in Christ

**Alex Coleman (Operation Life Vision)** – takes at-risk kids in the Oxford Lafayette community and realigns their vision to see their potential to grow, develop, and change their life

## **Regional Ministries/Missionaries We Support**

**Jermaine Van Buren (Jackson State RUF); Jackson, MS** – serves the campus of Jackson State by reaching students for Christ and equipping them to serve

**Mike Winebrenner (Christ Fellowship Church); Horn Lake, MS** – Pastor of Christ Fellowship that was planted 10 years ago, serves Horn Lake, MS as a multi-cultural community

**ReClaimed; Marks, MS** – through the lens of gospel-centered discipleship, teacher recruitment, and family programs, ReClaimed links arms with churches, families, and schools to strengthen the community of Quitman county

**STREETS Ministries; Memphis, TN** – through the love of Jesus Christ, STREETS Ministries engages, encourages, and equips youth to achieve their potential by realizing their God-given purpose

**Hunter Brewer (Trinity Church); Collierville, TN** – Pastor of Trinity Church that was planted in 2019

**Kairos Prison Ministry; Marshall county, Parchman** – The Kairos program takes inmates on a journey that demonstrates the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ through a structured model that includes weekend experiences, followed by participants gathering regularly for accountability, support and prayer

## **National Ministries/Missionaries We Support**

**Jeffrey Lancaster (Chicago, IL)** – Church planting in the Chicago area

**Bok and Heidi Chew; Intersarsity (Cleveland, Ohio)** – Focuses on international graduate students and faculty

## **Global Ministries/Missionaries We Support**

**Alan and Ann Cochet (MTW France)** – providing encouragement and support for missionaries in France

**Baldwin and Laura Smith (CRU Italy)** – work with Athletes in Action reaching athletes with the gospel and helping raise up native Italian disciples of Jesus

**Clarke and Khrystya Norton (MTW Ukraine)** – participate in a church plant in Lviv, Ukraine through home based hospitality

**Nelly Vos (MTW France)** – works with a protestant reformed evangelical denomination in mobilizing artists to develop their talent and serve in the church

**Ricky Kroeger (Wycliffe Mexico)** – helping translate the Bible into the native language of a people group in Mexico

**Roger and Abi Lowther (MTW Tokyo)** – lead MTW's Tokyo Community Arts team; work alongside Japanese nationals to assist church planting through worship, arts, evangelism and discipleship

**Suzy Triplet (Thailand)** – assists in holistic church planting that transforms society by relationally loving and serving the poor in their midst

**Tony and Tracy Boyd (SE Asia)** – works to equip and mobilize godly and effective church leaders across Asia to reach their own nations and beyond

### **RUF Interns**

- **Caroline Newsom (Stanford)**
- **Miller Williams (SMU)**
- **Abbey Kellum Kocsis (Pittsburgh)**
- **Evan England (Western Kentucky)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# KAIROS COOKIES



**March 5th**

*Bake your favorite cookies, brownies, etc. From scratch is great, but box mixes & slice and bake are delish too!!*

# Clarksdale Youth Mission Trip



**MARCH 28-29**

JOIN US AS WE PARTNER WITH FULLER CENTER FOR HOUSING IN CLARKSDALE, MS TO HELP BUILD HOUSES FOR THOSE IN NEED

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.



# community prayer breakfast

*I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.* Psalm 27:13-14



join us for a time of prayer for our city, state & country

March 29, 2025  
9 to 11 AM

Christ Pres  
901 Sisk Avenue

hosted by Tallahatchie Oxford Missionary Baptist Association Ministerial Alliance and Christ Presbyterian Church

**CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

662.234.3399 | [office@cpcoxford.org](mailto:office@cpcoxford.org)

