



# **CHRIST** **— PRES —**

Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## A Service of Word and Prayer

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

### \*God, the Uncreated One (King Forevermore)

Music & Lyrics: Aaron Keyes and Pete James



1. God, the un - cre - a - ted One,  
2. God, our for - tress and our strength,  
3. Might - y God in mor - tal flesh,  
4. King e - ter - nal, God of grace,



the Au - thor of sal - va - tion,  
the Rock on which we can de - pend.  
for - sak - en by a trai - tor's kiss.  
we crown You with the high - est praise.



who wrote the laws of space and time  
Match - less in His maj - es - ty,  
The curse of sin and cen - tur - ies  
Heav - en shouts and saints a - dore.



and fash - ioned worlds to His de - sign.  
His pow - er, and au - thor - i - ty.  
did pierce the low - ly Prince of Peace.  
You're ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord.



The One whom an - gel hosts re - vere  
Un - shak - en by the schemes of man,  
O lift - ed high, the sin - less man,  
What joy in ev - er - last - ing life



hung the stars like chan - de - liers,  
nev - er chang - ing Great I AM.  
cru - ci - fied the spot - less Lamb.  
all is love and faith is sight.



num - bered ev - 'ry grain of sand,  
King - doms rise and king - doms fall,  
Bur - ied by the sons of man, but He was  
Jus - tice rolls and prais - es rise



knows the heart of ev - 'ry man.  
He is faith - ful through it all.  
res - cued by the Fa - ther's hand  
at the name of Je - sus Christ.

\*Please stand, if able.

He is King for - ev - er, He is King for - ev - er,  
 Crown Him King for - ev - er, crown Him King for - ev - er,  
 to reign as King for - ev - er, reign as King for - ev - er,  
 King of Kings for - ev - er, King of Kings for - ev - er,

He is King for - ev - er - more.  
 crown Him King for - ev - er - more.  
 reign as King for - ev - er - more.  
 King of Kings for - ev - er - more!

He is King of Kings for - ev - er, King of Kings for - ev - er,  
 King of Kings for - ev - er - more.

**Welcome & Announcements**

Clint Wilcke

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

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-12

Elder: “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

**People: Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David...**

Elder: “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**People: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

Elder: “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

**All: “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

<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.

**\*We Come, O Christ, to You**

Hymn No. 181

Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770; Lyrics: E. Margaret Clarkson, 1957, 1985

**\*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism #27

Elder: What do you understand by the providence of God?

All: Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty — all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.

**\*Sweet Comfort**

Music: 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.  
to holds Him, me in His hand.  
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



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

\*Please stand, if able.

## Call to Confession

Galatians 5:13-16

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

## Silent Confession

### Confession of Sin

**All:** Heavenly Father, thank you for being the Father of mercies and God of all comfort—the God of limitless patience, inexhaustible forbearance, and incomparable compassion. Instead of giving us what we deserve, you have given us Jesus—who is our perfect righteousness, everlasting peace, and greatest joy. As you extend mercy to us, so you call us to do the same for others. But sometimes that feels unreasonable—even impossible. We own being easily irritated, offended, and impatient. We keep records of the ways people hurt, fail, and disappoint us, more easily than we overlook, forbear, and forgive them. Sometimes trying to love well just wears us out. Sometimes rolling our eyes is easier than opening our arms to repeat offenders. Thank you for not despising our weakness and struggle. Thank you for being patient with us. May your kindness outdo our critical attitudes and not-so-righteous indignation. Only the gospel—only the “law of liberty” can free us to live and love this way. For Jesus’ sake. Amen.

### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 3:4-7

<sup>4</sup>But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### \*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn No. 164

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, arr. Nathan Mickle & Tommy Bailey  
Lyrics: Charles Wesley, 1739

## Offertory Prayer

Deacon Joel Bell

### Offertory

### "Turn Your Eyes"

Music & Lyrics: George Romanacce, Helen H. Lemmel, Kevin Winebarger, Nathan Stiff, and Nic Trout

*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.*

*\*\*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!*

## Pastoral Prayer

Elder Wayne Irby

### Members of the Week:

Davis & Olivia Abraham

Sumner & Sarah Abraham; Harrison, Jack and Anne Carter

### Missionaries of the Week:

Clarke & Khrystya Norton: MTW - L'viv, Ukraine

### Sunday School Teachers of the Week:

3 Year Olds: Gray & Eden Flora; Allison Ferris & Morgan Hart

### Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Scott & Grace Anne Irby

## 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 63:1-11

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

## Sermon

### "The Search for Joy (Psalm 63)"

Les Newsom

Psalms: Songs of the Heart

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

## \*Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Music & Lyrics: Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er.  
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sa - ken,  
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en,  
4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus,



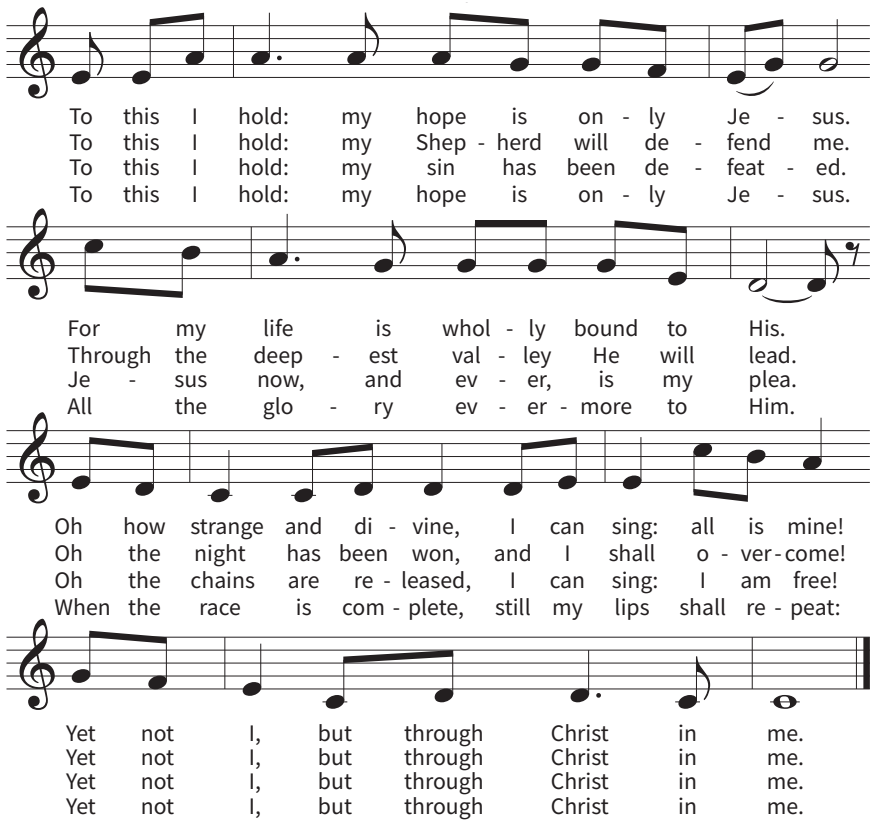
There is no more for heav - en now to give.  
for by my side, the Sav - ior, He will stay.  
the fu - ture sure, the price, it has been paid.  
for He has said that He will bring me home.



He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and free - dom,  
I la - bor on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing,  
For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don,  
And day by day I know He will re - new me



my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.  
for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played.  
and He was raised to o - ver - throw the grave.  
un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.



To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus.  
 To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me.  
 To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed.  
 To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus.

For my life is whol - ly bound to His.  
 Through the deep - est val - ley He will lead.  
 Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my plea.  
 All the glo - ry ev - er - more to Him.

Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine!  
 Oh the night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come!  
 Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free!  
 When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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

### Sermon Notes

### "The Search for Joy "

Psalm 63

1. The Occasion for Joy
2. The Emotion of Joy
3. The Cultivation of Joy

#### Musicians & AVL Team

Thomas Ardery, piano; Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals; Grace Anne Byrd, vocals;  
 Noel Childress, mandolin; Jessica Ellington, keyboard & vocals; Amanda Fliflet, percussion;  
 Allison Lavender, violin; Slade Lewis, bass; Max McDonaldson, sound engineer;  
 Anna Sayre, lights & projections

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<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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 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.



# The Corner Room



Let's enjoy the longer, sunnier days together with a concert & dinner on the grounds! Join us at 5pm on March 23rd in the sanctuary to enjoy psalms, hymns, and other scripture songs by The Corner Room! Shortly after the concert we will move outside for dinner & dessert on the patio. Everyone is welcome (college students too), bring friends, just let us know how many you'll bring so we can have enough food. Scan this QR code with your phone's camera to add to our headcount.



## 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

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