



CHRIST — PRES —

Proclaiming a **Hope**

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Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, May 4, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

May 4, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Easter

***Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched**

Music: Matthew Smith; Lyrics: Joseph Hart, 1759



1. Come ye sin - ners, poor and wretch - ed,
2. Come ye need - y, come and wel - come;
3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy la - den,
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger,
5. Lo! Th'In - car - nate God, a - scend - ed;



weak and wound - ed, sick and sore.
God's free boun - ty glor - i - fy:
bruised and bro - ken by the fall.
nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream.
pleads the mer - it of His blood.



Je - sus, rea - dy, stands to save you,
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
All the fit - ness He re - quires
Ven - ture on Him; ven - ture whol - ly,



full of pi - ty joined with power.
eve - ry grace that brings you nigh.
you will ne - ver come at all.
is to feel your need of Him.
let no o - ther trust in - trude.



He is a - ble, He is a - ble;
With - out mon - ey, with - out mon - ey
Not the right - eous, not the right - eous;
This He gives you, this He gives you,
None but Je - sus, none but Je - sus



He is will - ing; doubt no more.
come to Je - sus Christ and buy.
sin - ners Je - sus came to call.
'tis the Spi - rit's ri - sing beam.
can do help - less sin - ners good.

Welcome & Announcements

Brian Sorgenfrei

**Please stand, if able.*

***Call to Worship¹**

Psalms 122:1-4, 6-9

Elder: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Elder: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

People: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

Elder: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"

All: For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

***Worship Christ, the Risen King!**

Hymn No. 286

Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1867; Lyrics: Jack W. Hayford, 1986

***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.**

***Doxology**

Hymn No. 731

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

Call to Confession

Isaiah 58:1b-3

¹...declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. ³'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.

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.

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: Lord God Almighty, I ask not to be enrolled amongst the earthly great, but to be numbered with the spiritually blessed. Make it my concern, now and always, to obtain those blessings, which are eternal in their nature, and altogether satisfying in their possession. Preserve me from a false estimate of my character; May I pay regard to my principles as well as my conduct, my motives as well as my actions. May my heart be right with You, and my life as becomes the gospel. Through Christ and for His sake. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness


Isaiah 55:3, 6-7

³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant...


⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
⁷let 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.

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Music: Christopher Miner; Lyrics: George Matheson, 1882



1. O Love that will not let me go,
2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way,
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain,
4. O Cross that lift - est me up my head,




I rest my wear - y soul in Thee;
I yield my flick' - ring torch to Thee;
I can - not close my heart to Thee;
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;



I give Thee back the life I owe,
I my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray,
I trace the the rain - bow through the rain,
I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead,



that in Thine o - cean depths its flow
that in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day
and feel the pro - mise is not vain,
and from the ground there blos - soms red



may rich - er, full - er be.
may bright - er, fair - er be.
that morn shall tear - less be.
life that shall end - less be.

Reception of New Member & Covenant Baptism

8:30 a.m. service

Bryson Tesseneer

*Please stand, if able.

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, verse 1

Hymn No. 679

8:30 a.m. service

Music: TRUST IN JESUS, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882; Lyrics: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Gray Tollison

Offertory

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887, arr. Paul Edwards

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:

Johnny & Ev Barrett
Al Bell

Ministry of the Week:

Reclaimed: Marks, MS

Sunday School Teachers of the Week:

Pre-K & Kindergarten: Elizabeth & John Adrian; Meredith & John Jordan

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Nathan & Lisa Ewell

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 137:1-9

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"What Do I Do with My Hate? (Psalm 137)"

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

10:45 a.m. service

Tempe Ewell, Phoebe Spears, & Samuel Spears

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.

***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.

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place, verses 1-4

Hymn No. 469

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Old Irish hymn melody, alt. 1990; Lyrics: Isaac Watts, 1707

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!, verse 1-3, 5

Hymn No. 498

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855, arr. Matthew Smith
Lyrics: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Music: Bill Moore; Lyrics: Henry F. Lyte, 1824, 1833



1. Je - sus I my cross have ta - ken,
2. Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure,
3. Soul, then know thy full sal - va - tion,
4. Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry,

**Please stand, if able.*

all to leave and fol - low and Thee.
 come di - sas - ter, scorn, and pain.
 rise o'er sin and fear and care,
 armed by faith and winged by prayer.

Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sa - ken,
 In Thy ser - vice pain is plea - sure,
 joy to find in ev - 'ry sta - tion,
 Heaven's e - ter - nal days be - fore thee,

Thou from hence my all shall be.
 With Thy fa - vor loss is gain.
 some - thing still to do or bear.
 God's own hand shall guide us there.

Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,
 I have called Thee Ab - ba Fa - ther,
 Think what Spi - rit dwells with - in thee,
 Soon shall close thy earth - ly mis - sion,

all I've sought or hoped or known.
 I have stayed my heart on Thee.
 think what Fa - ther's smiles are thine,
 soon shall pass thy pil - grim days.

Yet how rich is my con - di - tion!
 Storms may howl and clouds may ga - ther;
 think that Je - sus died to win thee,
 Hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion,

God and heav'n are still my own.
 all must work for good to me.
 child of heav'n canst thou re - pine.
 faith to sight and prayer to praise.

*Benediction³



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 Curtis & Betty Hill and Joseph & Marie Fields.

Musicians & AVL Team

Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals; Jessica Ellington, keyboard & vocals;
 Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer; Lee Harrington, mandolin; Allison Lavender, violin;
 Slade Lewis, bass; Andy Paney, piano; Matthew Parks, cello;
 Whitney Reese, lights & projections; Molly Singletary vocals; Daniel Spears, percussion

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³ 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

Study Here!

Christ Pres will be open 9am to 4pm,
to provide study space on
May 1st & May 5th-7th.
Coffee & wifi available!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Summer kickoff

@ CIRCLE & SQUARE



Men, join us for our Summer Kickoff at Circle Square on Monday, May 12th from 5:30-7:00pm. We are going to springboard off men's retreat and chart a path forward this summer for our men that want to continue to grow in their love for Jesus and others. If you couldn't make the retreat, we still want you there! Appetizers provided. Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code above to help us with the headcount.



— CHRIST PRES VBS —
UPWARD BOUND

JUNE 2 - 6, 2025

We need volunteers for Vacation Bible School! You can serve every day or just the days you are available. We are looking for Grade Leaders, Lesson Teachers, Snack Helpers, Recreation Helpers and much more! If you are available to help, please contact Elizabeth Adrian at elizabeth@cpcoxford.org.

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