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The Lord's Day, September 14, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word and Prayer

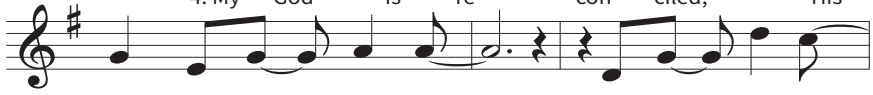
September 14, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

*Arise, My Soul, Arise

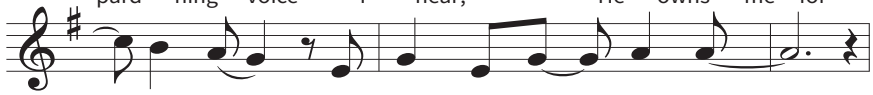
Music: Kevin Twit; Lyrics: Charles Wesley, 1742



1. A - rise, my soul a - rise, shake
2. He ev - er lives a - bove for
3. The Fa - ther hears Him pray, His
4. My God is re - con - ciled; His



off your guil - ty fears; the bleed - ing sac -
me to in - ter - cede; His all re - deem -
dear a - noint - ed One; He can - not turn
pard - 'ning voice I hear; He owns me for



- ri - fice on my be - half ap - pears;
- ing love, His pre - cious blood, to plead;
a - way the pre - sence of His Son;
His child; I can no long - er fear;



be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands,
His blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race,
the Spi - rit an - swers to the blood,
with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh,



be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands,
His blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race,
the Spi - rit an - swers to the blood,
with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh,



my name is writ - ten on His hands.
and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
and tells me I am born of God.
and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.



Chorus: A-rise (a-rise), a-rise (a-rise), a-rise, a-rise,



my soul, a-rise. A-rise (a-rise), a-rise (a-rise),



a - rise, a - rise, my soul, a - rise.



Shake off your guil - ty fears and rise.

*Please stand, if able.

*Call to Worship¹

Psalm 145:10-13, 17-21

Elder: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

People: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Elder: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

People: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

Elder: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

People: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

Elder: The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

*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

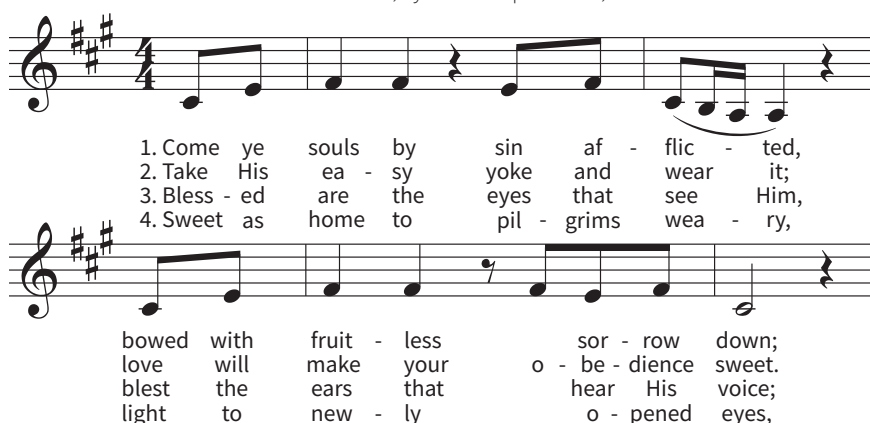
Heidelberg Catechism #60

Elder: How are you right with God?

All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

*Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted (Look to Jesus)

Music: Kevin Twit; Lyrics: Joseph Swain, 1792



1. Come ye souls by sin af - flic - ted,
 2. Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it;
 3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him,
 4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry,

bowed with fruit - less sor - row down;
 love will make your o - be - dience sweet.
 blest the ears that hear His voice;
 light to new - ly o - pened eyes,

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

by the bro - ken law con - vic - ted,
Christ will give you strength to bear it,
bless - ed are the souls that trust Him,
like full springs in de - serts drea - ry

through the cross be - hold the crown.
while His grace shall guide your feet
and in Him a - lone re - joice.
is the rest the cross sup - plies.

Look to Je - sus, look to Je - sus,
safe to glo - ry, safe to glo - ry,
His com - mand - ments, His com - mand - ments,
All who taste it, all who taste it,

look to Je - sus, mer - cy flows through
safe to glo - ry, where His ran - somed
His com - mand - ments then be - come their
all who taste it shall to rest im -

Him a - lone. Look to
cap - tives meet.
hap - py choice.
mor - tal rise.

Je - sus, look to Je - sus, look to Je - sus;

mer - cy flows through Him a - lone.

Call to Confession

Hosea 4:1-4

¹Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel, for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; ²there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. ³Therefore the land mourns, and all who dwell in it languish, and also the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens, and even the fish of the sea are taken away. ⁴Yet let no one contend, and let none accuse, for with you is my contention...

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: Heavenly Father, I can plead nothing in myself in regard of any worthiness and grace, in regard of Your providence and promises, but only Your good pleasure. Help me to honor You by believing before I feel, for great is the sin if I make feeling a cause of faith.

**Please stand, if able.*

Show me what sins hide You from me and eclipse Your love. Help me to humble myself for past evils and to be resolved to walk with more care. It is the meek and humble who are shown Your covenant, know Your will, and are pardoned and healed; who, by faith, depend and rest upon grace, are sanctified and quickened, and evidence Your love. Help me to pray in faith and so find Your will by leaning hard on Your rich, free mercy, by believing You will give what You have promised. Through Christ and for His sake. Amen.

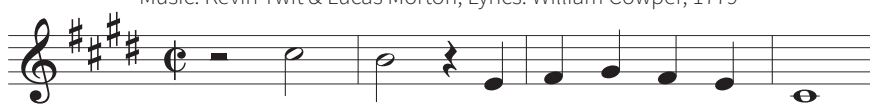
*Assurance of Forgiveness

Hosea 6:1-3

¹"Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."

*Heal Us

Music: Kevin Twit & Lucas Morton; Lyrics: William Cowper, 1779



Chorus: Heal us, Em - man - uel, here we are.



We long to feel Thy touch.



Deep wound - ed souls to Thee we fly.



O Sa - vior hear our cry.



1. Our faith is fee - ble, we con - fess;
2. Re - mem - ber him who once ap - plied
3. She, too, who touched you in the press
4. Like her, with hopes and fears we come



we faint - ly trust Thy word.
with tremb - ling for re - lief.
and heal - ing vir - tue stole,
to touch You if we may.



But will You pi - ty us the less?
"Lord, I be - lieve," with tears he cried,
was an - swered, "Daugh - ter, go in peace;
O send us not des - pair - ing home;



Be that far from You Lord!
"O help my un - be - lief!"
Thy faith has made thee whole."
send none un - healed a - way.

Offertory "Come, Let Us Return to the Lord"

Music & Lyrics: Matt Boswell, Michael Cochren, and Matt Papa

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 both 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 Errol Castens

Members of the Week:

Keith & Kristina Collins

Jeff Covington

Missionaries of the Week:

Clarke & Khrystya Norton: MTW - Lviv, Ukraine

Teachers of the Week:

Women's Ministry: Denease Bishop, Anna Dabbs & Eden Flora

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Earl & Jenny Stubblefield

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

Ephesians 2:1-10

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Dead Men Walking"

Les Newsom

Ephesians: The Keys to Unlocking the Mystery of the Church

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

***All Must Be Well**

Music: Matthew S. Smith; Lyrics: Mary Bowley Peters, 1847, alt. Matthew S. Smith

1. Through the love of God our Sa - vior,
2. Though we pass through trib - u - la - tion,
3. We ex - pect a bright to - mor - row,
all will be well;
all will be well;
all will be well;
free and change - less is His fav - or,
ours and is such a full sal - va - tion,
faith can sing through days of sor - row,

**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!*



all is well;
all is well;
pre - cious is the blood that healed us,
hap - py is still in God con - fid - ing,
on our Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing,
per - fect is the grace that sealed us,
fruit - ful if in Christ a - bid - ing,
Je - sus ev - 'ry need sup - ply - ing,
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,
stead - fast in through liv - ing Spir - it's guid - ing,
yes, in liv - ing or in dy - ing,
all must be well.
all must be well.
all must be well.

*Benediction²

Sermon Notes

"Dead Men Walking"

Ephesians 2:1-10

1. Man is Dead

2. God is Gracious

Musicians & AVL Team

Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals; Connor Carlisle, cello; Amanda Fliflet, percussion;
Lee Harrington, mandolin; Erik Hom, violin; Jonathan Klingler, lights & projections;
Slade Lewis, bass; Max McDonaldson, sound engineer; Andy Paney, piano;
Molly Singletary, vocals; Matthew Tidwell, trumpet; Damein Wash, keyboard & vocals

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²Just 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

GET CONNECTED.

Men's Fall Nights

September 22, 2025 at 5:30pm

Similar to our spring & summer Men's series, we will be hosting a Men's Fall Night once a month this September, October & November. Come to Christ Pres for a night to connect with other men, by eating dinner together, hearing a topic presented and having a discussion. Our first Men's Fall Night is **Monday, September 22nd at 5:30pm**. Let us know you are coming by scanning the QR code to the right with your phone's camera so we have a correct count for dinner.



CPC SUPPORTS

THE PANTRY

IN SEPTEMBER

Every September Christ Pres serves The Pantry of Oxford & Lafayette County. The Pantry serves hundreds of needy families in our community each month and is dependent on volunteers to make sure it runs smoothly. If you'd like to help, scan this QR code with your phone's camera to signup for a slot. Questions? Contact Lisa Gathright (lisagath@gmail.com).



YOUTH EVENTS



- SR. HIGH GIRLS OASIS RETREAT: SEPT 14-21ST
- SR. HGH BOYS OASIS RETREAT: OCT 17-19TH
- COVENANT PRESBYTERY YOUTH CONFERENCE (JR. HIGH ONLY): NOV 14-16TH
- JR. HIGH RYM: JUNE 22-26, 2026
- SR. HIGH RYM: JULY 7-12, 2026

Scan the QR code above with your phone's camera to register for these events.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS GROUPS

14

9:45AM

14

12:00PM

14

5:30PM

18

12:00PM



Above are the dates and times of this week's Focus Groups for Phase 2. Scan the QR code above with your phone's camera to register for one of these dates or any future date. All meetings are held at the church. Come and hear the vision for Phase 2 and view preliminary images of a possible new building. All meetings are the same and you are welcome to come to more than one. *If both adults in a household would like to attend, childcare can be reimbursed by contacting Susanna Levy at susanna@cpcoxford.org. Onsite childcare is available for the following meetings: Sept 14th at 9:45am & 5:30pm.*

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