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Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, October 5, 2025

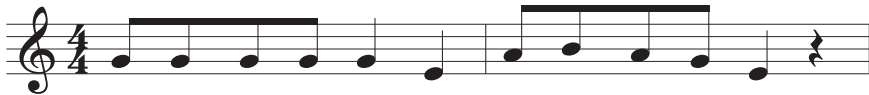
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

October 5, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

***God Is For Us**

Music & Lyrics: James Ferguson, James Tealy, Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson, and Tiarne Tranter



1. We won't fear the bat - tle, we won't fear the night.
2. Ev - en when I stum - ble, ev - en when I fall.



We will walk the val - ley with You by our side.
Ev - en when I turn back, still Your love is sure.



You will go be - fore us, You will lead the way.
You will not a - ban - don, You will not for - sake.



We have found a re - fuge, on - ly You can save.
You will cheer me on - ward with nev - er - end - ing grace.



Chorus: Sing with joy now, "Our God is for us."



The Fath - er's love is a strong and might - y for - tress.



Raise your voice now, no love is great - er.



Who can stand a - gainst us if our God is for us?



Bridge: Nei - ther height nor depth can sep - a - rate us,



Hell and death will not de - feat us. He who gave



His Son to free us holds me in His love.

**Please stand, if able.*

Welcome & Announcements

Brian Sorgenfrei

*Call to Worship¹

Psalm 57:1-2, 5, 7-11

Elder: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.

People: I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me...

Elder: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!...

People: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody!

Elder: Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

People: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

Elder: For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymn No. 38

Music: ST. DENIO, Traditional Welsh melody; Lyrics: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Affirmation of Faith

The Scots Confession, Chapter 1

All: We confess and acknowledge one only God, to whom only we must cleave, whom only we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom only we must put our trust; who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance, and yet distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; by whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable Providence, to such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice has appointed them, to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.

*Doxology

Hymn No. 731

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

Call to Confession

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2, 6-7

¹Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. ²Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few...

⁶Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? ⁷For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.

Silent Confession

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

Confession of Sin

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Micah 7:18-20

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. ¹⁹He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

*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,

all to leave and fol - low 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.

*Please stand, if able.

Yet how rich is my con - di - tion!
Storms may that Je - and sus clouds may ga - ther;
Hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion,
God and heav'n are still my own.
all must of work for good to re - me.
child of heav'n canst thou - pine.
faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Covenant Baptism

10:45 a.m. service

James Matthew Carter

Covenant Child of Dylan & Staten

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know, verse 1

Hymn No. 189

10:45 a.m. service

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1861; Lyrics: Anna B. Warner, 1859

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Webb Lewis

Offertory

"Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"

Music: Kevin Twit; Lyrics: Anne Steele, 1760

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 Johnny Barrett

Members of the Week:

Buddy Crick

Clint Crockett

Ministry of the Week:

Kairos Prison Ministry: Parchman, MS

Teachers of the Week:

Pre-K & Kindergarten: Elizabeth & John Adrian, Meg & Brett Barefoot

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Gray & Amanda Tollison

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 3:14-21

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Bowing the Knee"

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.

***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.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Hymn No. 535

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas John Williams, 1890; Lyrics: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Hymn No. 648

Music: CARITAS, Adoniram J. Gordon, 1894; Lyrics: William R. Featherstone, 1864

*Please stand, if able.

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.

The Wedding Feast

Music & Lyrics: Joe Deegan

Chorus: Oh come and buy with-out mo - ney,
oh come and feast with-out pay,
for the King has o - pened his ban-quet hall
to the beg - gar, the out - cast, and the slave.

1. Oh be - hold, he is com - ing soon
2. Go on and leave those filth - y rags be - hind,
and he will sure - ly bring his re - com - pense.
and clothe your - self in gar - ments white as snow.

Go tell the world the king - dom is at hand.
This is the hope that you've been long - ing for;
His king - dom shall make all things right a - gain.
this is the land that's al - ways been your home.

And the first shall be last; the last — shall be first.
This is love like an o - cean as deep as the sea,
The poor will have ev - 'ry - thing they need.
this is love like the clos - est of friends.

The or - phan who sleeps a - lone in the cold
This is love with - out shame, this is love with-out cost,
this shall dine at the right hand of the King.
this is love, at this is love with - out end.

*Benediction²

Musicians & AVL Team

Gabbie Bowden, violin; Alyssa Bryant, lights & projections; Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals;
Eason Caldwell, lights & projections; Connor Carlisle, cello; Noel Childress, mandolin;
Jessica Ellington, keyboard & vocals; Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer;
Dylan Gray, electric guitar; Andy Paney, piano; Daniel Spears, percussion

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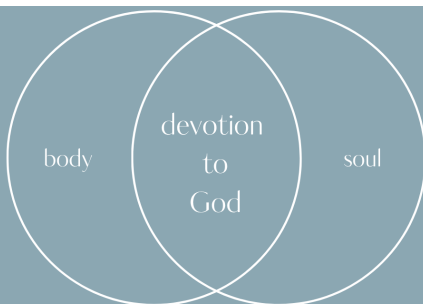
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Our next 20Somethings is **TODAY at 5:30pm** at 817 Maplewood Dr. Leaving college is a big launching time for life. What better way to walk through some exciting years than to join with others in the same boat for some fellowship, good discussion and Gospel teaching? Join us for food and fellowship throughout the semester as we seek to keep one another encouraged.



Save the Date: Our Fall Bible Conference is coming up on **October 17th & 18th**. The Psalmist directs God's people to a healthy inner life where body and soul are united in their devotion to God. But sin has created all kinds of dysfunction in our hearts that you and I call "depression" and "anxiety." Join us for our annual Fall Bible Conference where we will work through these topics together with our speaker Rev. Joe White, a pastor and counselor with years of experience in helping God's people understand how to properly think through our inner worlds and how we can move towards flourishing in God's Kingdom.

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learn what to say and when to say it



Save the date: October 26th from 5 to 7pm. As parents, if WE don't talk to our kids about sex, then who (or what?) will teach them? The Birds & Bees course is designed for parents so that families can have foundational conversations before others get the chance to make the first impression. Join us for an online course taught by Mary Flo Ridley and Megan Michelson, followed by a discussion panel Q&A. Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code above to register! *This course is designed for parents of kids ages 1 to 10. Childcare available.*

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Our Communicants Class is a class designed for kids who are ready (or think they may be ready) to stand before Christ as a communing member of His church. Our next **Communicants Class begins October 26th at 9:45am**. To fill out the parent form for your child, scan the QR code provided with your phone's camera. *If you have questions, contact Scott at scott@cpcoxford.org.*

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