



CHRIST **— PRES —**

Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, November 2, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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

* In the Hours

Music: Kevin Twit; Lyrics: Helen L. Parmelee, alt. Kevin Twit



1. In the hours of pain and sor - row,
2. When the snares of death sur - round us,
3. When for - sak - en in dis - tress,
4. Thou the hat - ed and for - sak - en,
5. Thou the Fa - ther's best be - lov - ed,



When the world brings no re - lief,
Pride, am - bi - tion, love of ease,
Poor de - spised and tem - pest - tossed,
Thou the bear - er of the cross,
Thou the throned and scept - ered King,



When the eye is dim and heav - y,
Mam - mon with her false al - lure - ments,
With no an - chor here to stay us,
Crowned of thorns and mocked and smit - ten,
Who but Thee should we a - dor - ing,



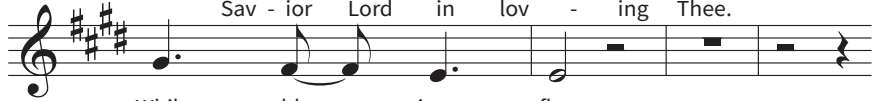
And the heart op - pressed with grief,
Words that flat - ter, smiles that please.
Drift - ing, sail and rud - der lost,
Count - ing earth - ly gain but loss.
All our prayers and prais - es bring?



While bless - ings flee,
Then ere we yield,
Then save us Thou,
When scorned are we,
So blessed are we,



Sav - ior Lord we trust in Thee!
Sav - ior Lord be Thou our shield.
who trod this earth with wear - y brow.
we joy to be the more like Thee.
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Welcome & Announcements

Les Newsom

*Call to Worship¹

Psalm 95:1–6

Elder: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Elder: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his· for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

All: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain, verse 1, 3-5

Hymn No. 455

Music: SAGINA, Thomas Campbell, 1825, arr. Wendell Kimbrough; Lyrics: Charles Wesley, 1783

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism #103

Elder: What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

All: First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I regularly attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.

Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin already in this life the eternal Sabbath.

Call to Confession

Isaiah 1:11a, 12-13, 15

¹¹“What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD...

¹²“When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts? ¹³Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly...¹⁵When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18

¹⁸“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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

***There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood, verses 1-2, 5**

Hymn No. 455

Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830; Lyrics: William Cowper, 1771

Covenant Baptism

10:45 a.m. service

Margaret Anne Young & Hallie Henderson Young
James & CiCi

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 Allen Thigpen

Offertory

"Hast Thou Seen Him Heard Him Known Him"

Music: Joel Littlepage; Lyrics: Ora Rowan, 1834-1879, alt. Kevin Twit

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 & Lord's Prayer

Elder Steve Redding

Members of the Week:

Ty & Sara Deemer
David & Suzie Dixon; Knox and Holt

Ministry of the Week:

Reclaimed: Marks, MS

Teachers of the Week:

Ty & Sara Deemer

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Johnny & Ev Barrett

Scripture Reading

Matthew 12:1-8

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Mercy Is Our Means"

Austin Brasch

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

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.

**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!*

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.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Music & Lyrics: Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.
Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.
I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ;

His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Music: Greg Thompson; Lyrics: Charles Wesley, 1740

Jesus, lover of me soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
I helpless hang on Thee;
Leave oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen cheer the faint,
Heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name;
I am all unrighteousness,
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart
For all eternity,
For all eternity,
For all eternity.

All Must Be Well

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

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well;
Free and changeless is his favor, all is well;
Precious is the blood that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well;
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well;
Happy still in God confiding,
Fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding,
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well;
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
Yes in living or dying,
All must be well.

***Benediction²**

***Doxology**

Hymn No. 731

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

Sermon Notes

"Mercy Is Our Means"

Matthew 12:1-8

1. The Details of the Conflict

2. The Heart of the Conflict

3. The Application of the Conflict

Musicians & AVL Team

William Atchley, lights & projections; Matt Bishop, guitar; Randall Bryant, keyboard & vocals;
Noel Childress, mandolin; Nelson Crawford, guitar; Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer;
Dylan Gray, bass; Harper Holley, viola; Matthew Parks, piano; Daniel Spears, percussion;
John Spencer, vocals; Bekah Trapnell, 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

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SOMETHINGS

Our next 20Somethings is **today at 5:30pm** at 824 Tuscan Ridge, Oxford, MS 38655. 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.

join us for a time to

PRAY TOGETHER

November 2nd at 5:30pm

Please join us for a dedicated time of prayer **today at 5:30 p.m.** at Christ Pres. Errol Castens will guide us in prayer as we seek God's direction and blessing over our capital campaign, building project, global needs, and other important areas of ministry.



RUF will be hosting a clothing drive at Christ Pres on **November 2nd & 9th**. The items needed include shirts, pants/shorts, socks, shoes, and Crocs for boys and girls (ages 7-18) and adult staff (men's and women's M-L). The kids especially love college gear! They are also collecting old suitcases to carry donations to Honduras. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kristen Braasch at 601.941.2393.

RUF Milk & Cookies



It is RUF Milk & Cookies time again! We are looking for volunteers to bake cookies, brownies, whatever you love to bake! Everyone loves homemade, but it doesn't have to be from scratch, boxed mixes and slice and bake are delicious too. **Drop off baked goods between 10am-4pm on Nov 19th.** *Baked goods need to be on a disposable container. If gluten free or contains nuts, please label.* Use the QR code above to signup!

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