



CHRIST **— PRES —**

Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, May 3, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

May 3, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! verses 1, 3, 5-6**

Hymn No. 296

Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1793, arr. Keith Getty & Fionán De Barra

Lyrics: Edward Perronet, 1779, John Rippon, 1787

Welcome & Announcements

Les Newsom

***Call to Worship¹**

Psalms 29:1-3, 9-11

Elder: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Elder: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

People: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters-

Elder: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!" The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

All: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

***Lift High the Cross, verses 1, 3-5**

Hymn No. 263

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1916

Lyrics: George W. Kitchin, 1887, rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1916

*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.**

¹Please stand, if able.

²We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

³The word "catholic" refers to the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Confession

Hebrews 3:14-15, 4:12-13

¹⁴For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion..."

¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: Lord, You forgive me and You bring me forth, dressed in Your Robe of Righteousness. But in my flesh, I am still in rags—my best prayers, stained with sin; my best tears, filled with impurity; my confessions of wrong, aggravated with pride; my receiving of the Spirit, subverted with selfishness. Grant me Jesus, never to lose sight of my need to be dressed by You. Help me always to see the exceeding sinfulness of my sin, the exceeding righteousness of Your salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of Your holiness, the exceeding wonder of Your grace. Yet even now, dearest Christ, as I feel the pangs of pride, I cast away my dirty rags, and clinging to Your Holy Robe, I repent of my repentance, and I rest myself in you. All for Your own sake. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Hebrews 4:14–16

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Hymn No. 499

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1830

Lyrics: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776, alt. Thomas Cotterill, 1815

Life Together

Sabbatical Update, Elder James Harper

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Mark Levy

Offertory

"I See the Birds"

Music & Lyrics: Jon Guerra

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.*

***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 Glynn Ingram

Members of the Week:

Dave & Vicki Hewett
Ray & Millie Higgins

Missionaries of the Week:

Lois Paney: InterVarsity, Ole Miss
Jonathan Fulcher: FCA, Ole Miss
Rachel Causey: FCA, Ole Miss
Joel & Kitty Hurdle: CRU, Ole Miss

Teachers of the Week:

Adult Sunday School: Les Newsom

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Whitney & Matt Reese

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

Zechariah 3:1-10

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Christ the Priest"

Brian Sorgenfrei

The Prophets & the Promise: Christ in Every Longing

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

Reception of Covenant Children as Communing Members

Scott Byrd

8:30 a.m. service

Lenna Jones

10:45 a.m. service

Jack Adrian, Palmer Brown, Mimi Ginn, Adeline McGee
& Camille Stubblefield

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.

**Please stand, if able.*

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.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn No. 283

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas John Williams, 1890
Lyrics: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Music: Brian T. Murphy; Lyrics: Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th cent.

1. Je - sus, Thou joy of lov - ing hearts,
 2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood;
 3. We taste Thee, O Thou liv - ing Bread,
 4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for Thee,
 5. O Je - sus ev - er with us stay,

Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,
 Thou sav - est those that on Thee call;
 and long to feast up - on Thee still;
 wher - ev - er our change - ful lot is cast;
 make all our mo - ments calm and bright;

from the best bliss that earth im - parts,
 to them that seek Thee Thou art good,
 we drink of Thee, the Foun - tain - head,
 glad when Thy gra - cious smile we see,
 chase the dark night of sin a - way,

we turn un - filled to Thee a - gain.
 to them that find Thee all in all.
 and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.
 blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.
 shed o - ver the world Thy ho - ly light.

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,

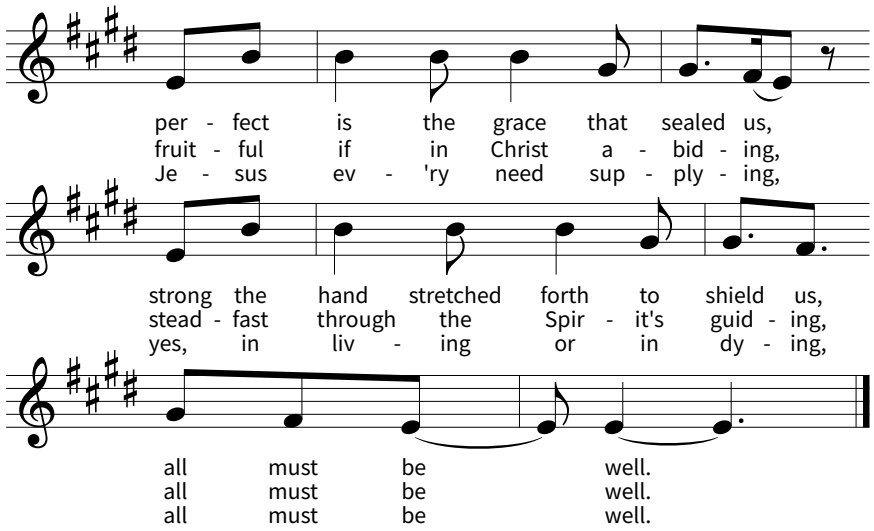
all will be well;
 all will be well;
 all will be well;

free and change - less is His fav - or,
 ours is such a full sal - va - tion,
 faith can sing through days of sor - row,

all is well;
 all is well;
 all is well;

pre - cious is the blood that healed us,
 hap - py still in God con - fid - ing,
 on our Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing,

*Please stand, if able.



per - fruit is the grace that sealed us,
 Je - sus ev - 'ry need sup - ply - ing,
 strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,
 stead - fast through the 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.

***Benediction³**

Sermon Notes

"Christ the Priest"

Zechariah 3:1-10

1. ???

2. ???

3. ???



The flowers in the sanctuary were donated from the wedding of Hannah Randall and Russ Upton.

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Musicians & AVL Team

Denease Bishop, vocals; Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals; Connor Carlisle, cello; Noel Childress, mandolin; Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer; Dylan Gray, electric guitar; Allison Lavender, violin; Slade Lewis, bass; Andy Paney, piano; Anna Sayre, lights & projections; Molly Singletary, keyboard & vocals; Daniel Spears, percussion

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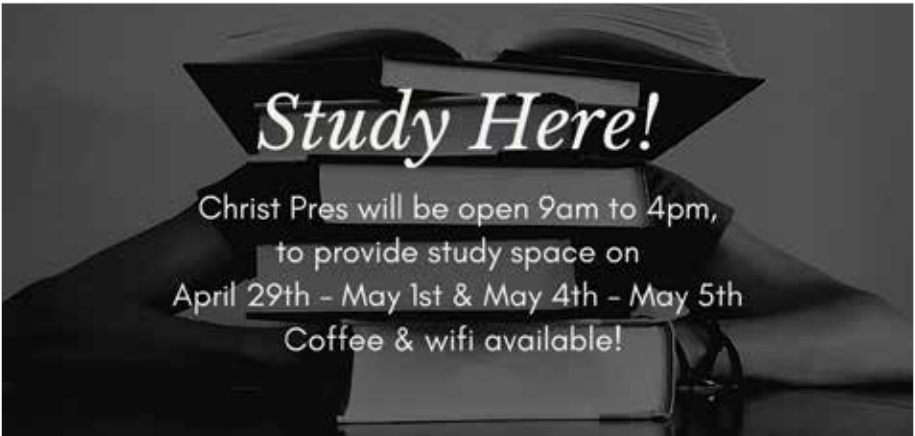
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³Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DINNER WITH RICKY KROEGER

Come hear from our very own Ricky Kroeger about the work God is doing through Wycliffe and his family in San Pablo Guila and how you can partner with him.

When: May 9th @ 5:30 PM
Where: 21 CR 274, Oxford, MS 38655

Hosted by Tim & Megan Kempe.
Adults only.

Tim & Megan Kempe are hosting a dinner on **May 9th at 5:30pm** for Ricky Kroeger. Come hear about the work Ricky has been doing with Wycliffe and how you can come alongside him in his mission.



VBS will be **June 1st through 5th from 9 to 11:45am** each day. Please register your child for their upcoming grade in the 2026-2027 academic year. VBS is open to kids four years of age by September 1, 2026 up to 6th grade.

We are still looking for volunteers for any day that week - if you are interested contact Elizabeth Adrian at elizabeth@cpcoxford.org.



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