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Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, September 27, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word, Prayer and Sacrament of Baptism

September 27, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

***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

Clint Wilcke

***Call to Worship¹**

Psalm 118:14-24

Elder: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

People: **the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**

Elder: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

People: **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

Elder: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

***All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above, verses 1, 4-6**

Hymn No. 4

Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, Gesangbuch, 1566

Lyrics: Johann J. Schütz, 1675, tr. Frances E. Cox, 1864

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism #49

Elder: How does Christ’s ascension to heaven benefit us?

All: **First, he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven—a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to himself in heaven. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit’s power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand.**

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.

Confession of Sin

All: **Heavenly Father, I know I am righteous through the righteousness of another. Enable me to recognize my death to sin; when it tempts me may I be deaf to its voice. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin; grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of His life—the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness.**

Have mercy on my unbelief, on my corrupt and wandering heart. When Your blessings come I begin to idolize them and set my affection on some beloved object. Cleanse this spiritual adultery and give me chastity; close my heart to all but You. Let Your victory be apparent to my consciousness and displayed in my life. Amen.

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

Silent Confession

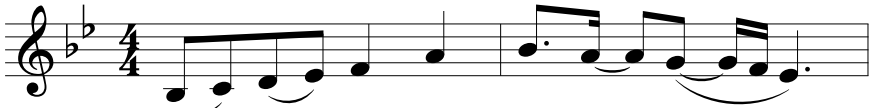
*Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18

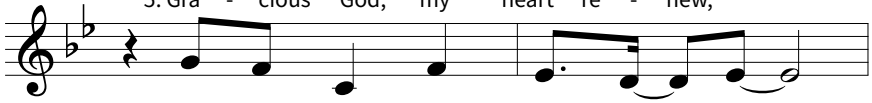
¹⁸“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

*God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)

Music: Christopher Miner; Lyrics: Scottish Psalter, 1912



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me,
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess,
3. I am e - vil, born in sin;
4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust
5. Gra - cious God, my heart re - new,



on Thy grace I rest my plea;
grief and guilt my soul op - press;
Thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
by Thy wrath and judg - ment just,
make my spi - rit right and true,



plen - teous in com - pas - sion Thou,
I have sinned a - gainst Thy grace
Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art,
let my con - trite heart re - joice
cast me not a - way from Thee,



blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
and pro - voked Thee to Thy face;
teach Thy wis - dom to my heart;
and in glad - ness hear Thy voice;
let Thy Spi - rit dwell in me;



wash me, make me pure with - in,
I con - fess Thy judg - ment just,
make me pure, Thy grace be - stow,
from my sins O hide Thy face,
Thy sal - va - tion's joy im - part



cleanse, o cleanse me from my sin.
speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
wash me whit - er than the snow.
blot them out in bound - less grace.
stead - in - fast make my will - ing heart.

Covenant Baptism

8:30 a.m. service

Sylvie Jean Ernst & Ann Ramsey Karr
(Covenant Children of Konrad & Jenny Kate Ernst)

10:45 a.m. service

Clayton Wilson Gowen
(Covenant Child of Greg & Tracy Gowen)

Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd

Music: Christopher Miner; Lyrics: Jane E. Leeson, 1842

Grac - ious Sav - ior, gen - tle Shep - herd,
our lit - tle ones are dear to Thee; gath - ered with Thine
arms and car - ried, in Thy bo - som may they be
sweet - ly, gent - ly, safe - ly tend - ed,
from all want and dan - ger free.

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Pete Bishop

Offertory

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Music & Lyrics: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

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 service for 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

Clint Wilcke

Members of the Week:

Callie Martin

Jim & Natalie Matthews: Hampton and Miller

Missionaries of the Week:

Kairos Prison Ministry: Parchman, MS

Teacher of the Week:

Pre-K & Kindergarten: Elizabeth & John Adrian, Julie Harper, Sarah Randle, Maggie McKinnis

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Gray & Eden Flora

***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!*

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

Hebrews 7:18-28

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"What Do You Look Like?"

Les Newsom

Steadfast: Enduring Faith for Weary People

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

*Christ the True and Better

Music & Lyrics: Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, and Matt Papa

1. Christ, the true and bet - ter Ad - am;
2. Christ, the true and bet - ter I - saac;
3. Christ, the true and bet - ter Mo - ses;
4. Christ, the true and bet - ter Da - vid;

Son of God and Son of man.
hum - ble God and of ri - fice,
called to Son and a sac - ri - fice,
low - ly Shep - a peo - ple home;

Who, when tempt - ed in the gar - den,
who would climb the fear - ful moun - tain,
stand - ing bold to earth - ly pow - ers,
He, the champ - ion in the bat - tle;

nev - er yield - ed, nev - er sinned.
there to of - fer up His life.
God's great glo - ry is now His known.
where O death, is now thy sting?

He, who makes the up - man - y right - eous,
Laid with faith the stretched on the al - tar,
With His arms stretched He wide to heav - en,
In our place He bled and con - quered;

brings us back to life a - gain.
Fa - ther's joy and part on - ly Son.
see the Him Lord - ters of Maj - es - ty.
crown Him

Dy - ing, He re - versed the curse; then
There sal - va - tion was pro - vid - ed,
See the veil is torn for - ev - er,
His shall be the throne for - ev - er.

*Please stand, if able.

ris - ing, crushed the ser - pent's head.
oh - what full and bound - less love!
cleansed with blood we pass now through.
We shall e'er His peo - ple be.

Chorus: A - men, a - men from be - gin - ning to — end.
Christ, the sto - ry; His, the glo - ry. Al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

*Benediction²

Sermon Notes

"What Do You Look Like?"

Hebrews 7:18-28

1. What the Priest Did

2. What Jesus Does

Musicians & AVL Team

Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals; Noel Childress, mandolin; Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer;
Allison Lavender, violin; Slade Lewis, bass; Gabriel Miña-Reyes, cello;
Caroline Newton, vocals; Andy Paney, piano; Anna Sayre, lights & projections;
Molly Singletary, keyboard & vocals; Daniel Spears, percussion

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² 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



We're excited to celebrate the end of our Rooted & Raised campaign together! Join us for a special Victory Celebration Dinner **TODAY at 5pm** as we give thanks for all God has done and celebrate this milestone as a church family. We hope you'll join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and celebration!



Join our International Ministry and Bridges International as we team up for a three-part workshop series exploring how we can connect with and share Christ with internationals in Oxford. Our last meeting is today, **September 27th from 3-4pm**, at Grace Bible Church (1720 University Ave). Everyone is welcome!



Ladies, our next Mahjong Monday is **September 28th at 6:30pm**. Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious to learn, this is a perfect opportunity to connect with other women and enjoy the timeless game of Mahjong. Bring supplies if you have them, or just bring yourself!



All 7th & 8th grade students are invited to join us for the Covenant Presbytery Youth Conference, **November 13-15th** in Cordova, TN! This year's theme is "The Bringer of Life," which will be taught by Austin McCann, RUF Minister at Mississippi State University. It will be a wonderful weekend of faith, fellowship, fun & making memories. We hope you'll join us! The deadline to sign up is September 30th.

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