CHRIST PRES

Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, October 4, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

October 4, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Come, Christians, Join to Sing Hymn No. 302

Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish Melody; Lyrics: Christian H. Bateman, 1843

Welcome & Announcements Les Newsom

***Call to Worship**[1] Psalm 116:1-2, 5-7, 12-13, 17-19

Elder: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

People: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Elder: Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation… I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

Elder: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All: Praise the LORD!

O God beyond All Praising Hymn No. 660

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1918; Lyrics: Michael Perry, 1982

***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 catholic[2] **church,**
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Please stand, if able.*

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

[2] *The word "catholic" refers to the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Call to Confession John 15:4-6

4Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless
it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5I am the
vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that
bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6If anyone does
not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the
branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: O Lord, your understanding is infinite; I know nothing as I ought to know. In my ignorance, weakness, fears, depressions, may Your Spirit help my infirmities with supplies of wisdom, strength and comfort. Let me faithfully study my character, consider how I have been overcome, and be willing to bring it to light. May I never trust my heart, depend on any past experiences or magnify any present resolutions. Grant that I may be strong in the grace of Jesus, that I may know how to obtain relief from a guilty conscience without being reconciled to my imperfections. Sustain me under my trials and improve them to me. Give me grace to rest in You and assure me of deliverance. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** Psalm 103:8-13

8The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love. 9He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger
forever. 10He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us
according to our iniquities. 11For as high as the heavens are above the
earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; 12as far
as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions
from us. 13As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD
shows compassion to those who fear him.

****Great Is Thy Faithfulness*** Hymn No. 32

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1923; Lyrics: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

Offertory Prayer Deacon Bill Dabney

Offertory **"Holding Fast to Me"**

Music & Lyrics: Kirk Sauers and Paul Ranheim

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 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 Scott Byrd

Members of the Week:
Johnny & Emily Maxcy; Chappell, Rollins and Ensley
Connie Maxwell

Missionaries of the Week:
Ricky & Arely Kroeger: Wycliffe - Oaxaca, Mexico

Teachers of the Week:
1st & 2nd Grade: Susanna & Mark Levy, Sumner & Sarah Abraham

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:
Chris & Audrey Floyd

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 10:19-36** Page 1007

Elder: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **"Holding Fast to Jesus Together"** Brian Sorgenfrei
Steadfast: Enduring Faith for Weary People

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.

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

**Please stand, if able.*

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.

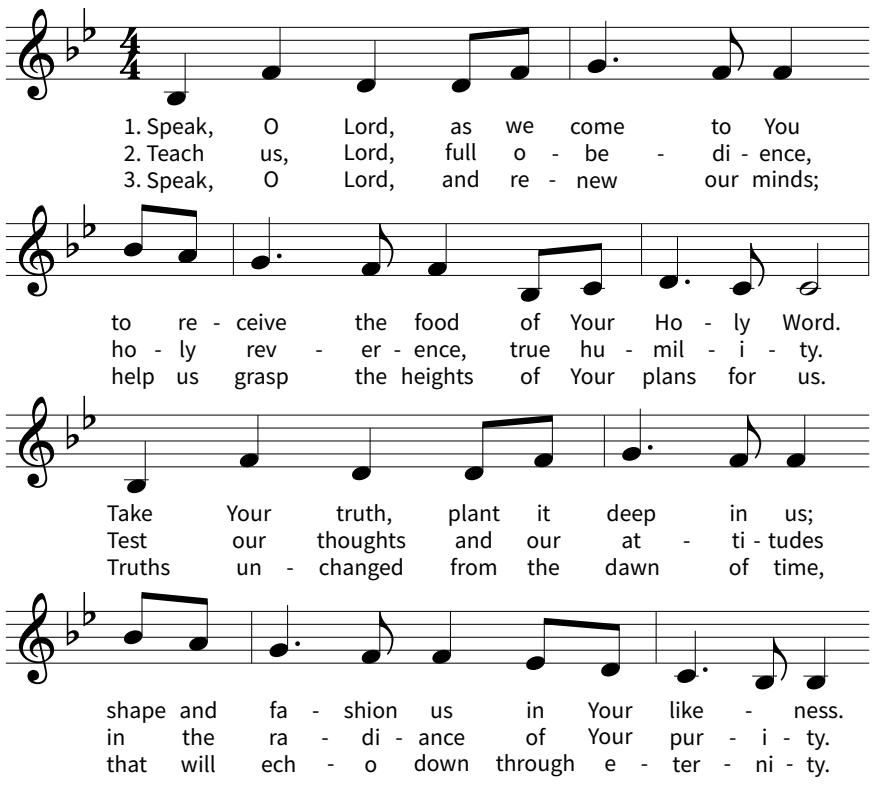
Prayer of Belief
Heavenly Father, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I owed. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Him as Savior. Amen.

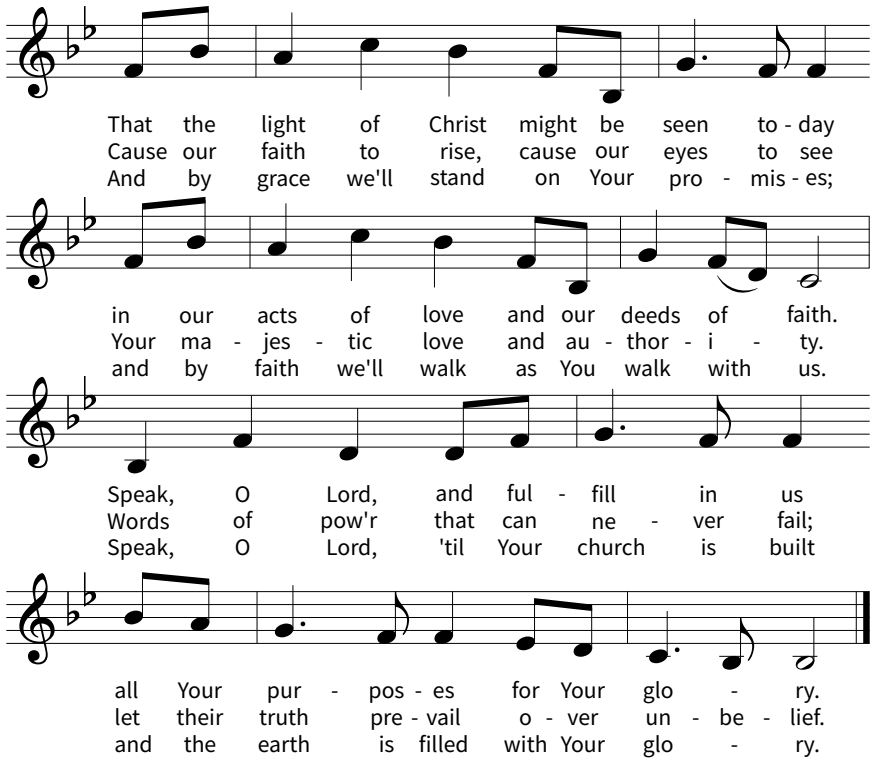
Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin
Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking 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.

Speak, O Lord

Music & Lyrics: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



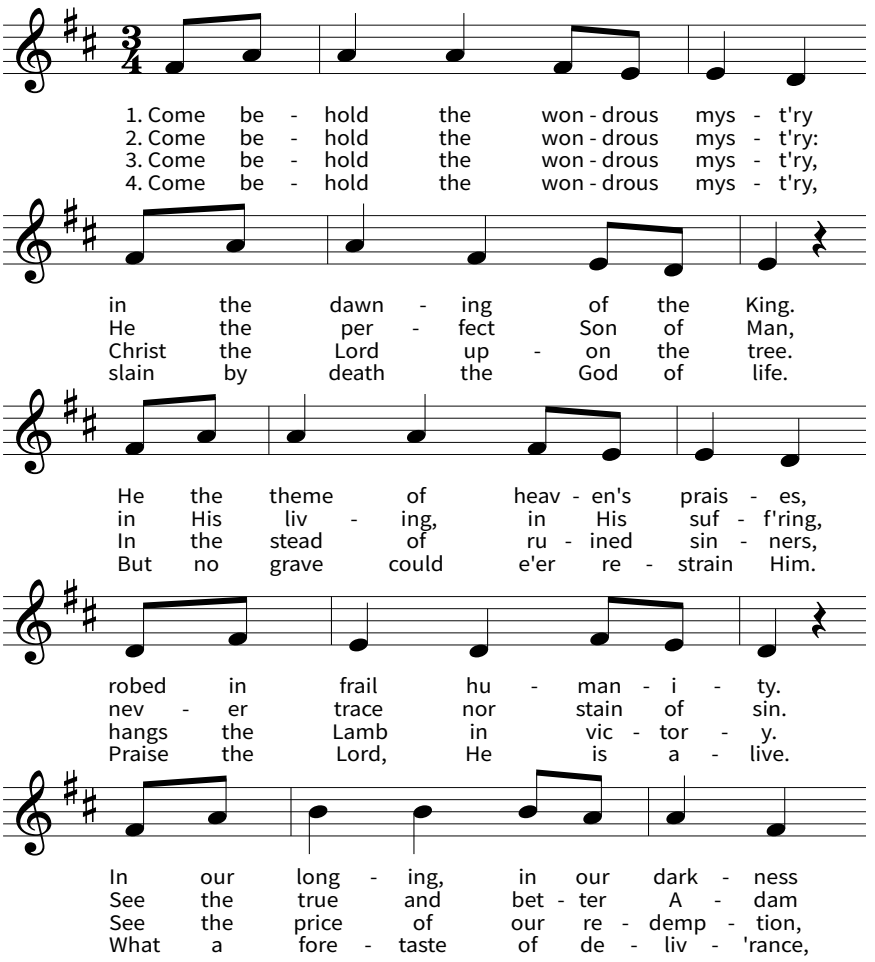


Take My Life, and Let it Be, verses 1, 4-6 Hymn No. 585

Music: HENDON, Henri A. César Malan, arr. Paul Zach; Lyrics: Frances R. Havergal, 1874

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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



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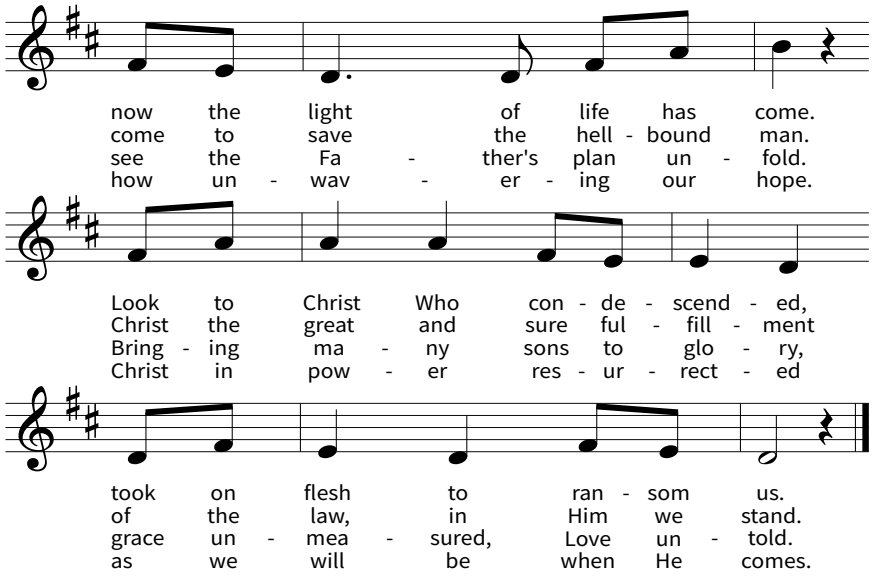

Sermon Notes **"Holding Fast to Jesus Together"** Hebrews 10:19-36

1. Be Who We Are (vv. 19-25)

2. Be Together (vv. 24-25)
   a. Stir (vv. 24-25)

   b. Beware (vv. 26-31)

   c. Encourage (vv. 25, 32-36)

***Benediction**[3]

Musicians & AVL Team

Denease Bishop, vocals; Gabbie Bowden, violin; Randall Bryant, keyboard & vocals; Amanda Fliflet, percussion;Dylan Gray, bass; Lee Harrington, guitar; Erik Hom, viola; Max McDonaldson, sound engineer;Starkey Morgan, cello; Andy Paney, piano; Whitney Reese, lights & projections

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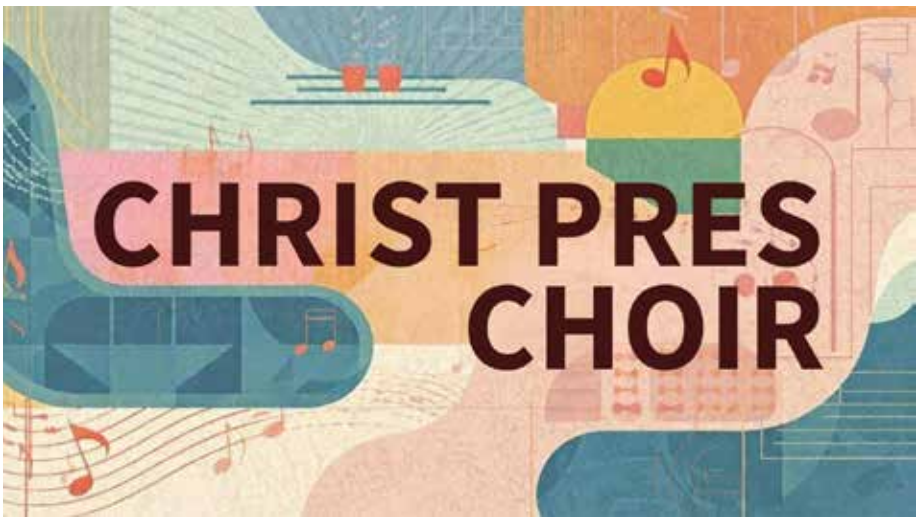
[3] *Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Most of our weekly programming will take a break next week for Fall Break. Our Thursday morning Bible Study and The Sages Men's Small Group will still meet as scheduled. The W2W Book Club will also meet on October 5th.



The Christ Pres Choir will have its next rehearsal on **October 4th at 4:15pm**. The choir will rehearse every other week this semester, making this a great time to jump in—especially if you're interested in singing with the group for the first time! If you'd like to be added to the choir email list, contact Randall