Christ Presbyterian Church

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John Bell, Robert Britton, Tyson Hoffmann
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Staff

Janitor: Bill Kercher
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Adult Sunday School Teachers

Joshua Sparkman, Scott Owen

Ministry

Accompanists: Alicia Luttrell
Singers: John Bell, Abigail Hunt, Brooke Luttrell
Nursery Coordinator: Noreen Keith
Children's Sunday School Coordinators: Tori Buchanan, Lori Sparkman
Meals Coordinator: Noreen Keith
Decorations Coordinator: Lily Britton
Wednesday Night Women's Dinner: Lori Sparkman
Prayer Chain Coordinator: Linda Gray
Weddings, Funerals, Showers Coordinator: Tori Buchanan

MISSIONARIES

Chuck and Wyema ……*Europe* mtw

David and Jan ……*Europe* mtw

Robert and Lisa Stewart……*Japan* mtw

Pamyla Burrack……*Germany* mtw

Chris and Emily Teague ……*Czech Republic* UNITED WORLD MISSION

Sav-A-Life……*Mobile, Al*

Curt and Kelly Moore….*MNA Disaster Relief* mna

Jacob and Leigh Zoller @ USA …… RUF

Scott and Katie Moore……*Trinity Gardens* mna

Jeff and Jane Pelz ……*New Zealand* IFES

Walter Klopner……*Reformed Theological Seminary*

Ben and Katie Nelson……*Mid-town Mobile* mna

Phillip and Lori Sealy……*Ocean Springs, MS* mna

March Income & Expenses: General Fund

Income to General Fund	$19,089.61
Expenses from General Fund	$13,388.34
Total Difference	$5,701.27
Total in Reserves (Stifel Fund)	$141,998.20

March Income & Expenses: Missions Fund

Income to the Missions Fund	$1,463.13
Expenses from the Missions Fund	$1,850.00
Total Difference	-$386.67
Designated Missions Giving	$85.00

Morning Worship

04.21.2019 10:15 a.m.

Preparation for Worship

✝ Song of Ascents

Jesus is Risen Today (Sparkman)

Welcome and Announcements

Vision of God

✝ Call to Worship Psalm 84

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD
People: My soul longs for the courts of the LORD
Pastor: my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
People: Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
Pastor: Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere
Pastor: For the LORD God is a sun and shield.

✝ Invocation

✝ Song of Worship

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (Hymn 273)

Declaration of the Law Colossians 3:1-3

People: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (2) Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. (3) For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

✝ Please Stand

Earthly worship is to mirror heavenly worship:
Church worship is not to be according to the imaginations of men. God alone dictates how he'll be worshiped. The structure and content of worship is plainly set down in Scripture. **Read Hebrews 8:4-5** then **read Exodus 25**. **Read Leviticus 10:1-5** to see what happens when God's people make up their own aspects of worship.

Isaiah 6 as a template for worship:
As much as possible, worship at Christ Pres. strives to honor God by imitating the process of heavenly worship as revealed to us in Isaiah 6:1-13.

Responsive calls are not strange in heaven:
Isaiah 6:3 says, "And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts." This may sound strange to some. But notice the seraphim are inciting each other to consider God's attributes. Such responsive calls are appropriate in the call to worship and the call to repent.

God initiates worship:
Isaiah 6:1 starts: "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up…" God himself initiates worship by lifting the prophets' eyes beyond his circumstances toward God's attributes. Worship therefore ought to start with an exalted view of God. This is why we start with God calling us to worship from his prophetic word – the Scriptures. This also why we start with hymns focusing on his glory, and the law, since they exalt God's holy character.

Church Calendar

Every Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Adult Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Children's Classes
10:15 a.m.	Morning Worship

Monday

8:00 p.m.	Reformed University Fellowship @ Room 205 in Student Center jacob.zoller@ruf.com

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study through Proverbs. Postponed

Wednesday:

6:30 p.m.	Next Women's Dinner: May 1st. Please see Lori Sparkman. lorijoy88@gmail.com
7:00 p.m.	Mobile Chinese Christian Fellowship Prayer Meeting

Friday

7:00 p.m.	Mobile Chinese Christian Fellowship Bible Study **downstairs**
7:00 p.m.	Mobile Chinese Christian Fellowship's ESL Bible Study class

Saturday

9:00 a.m.	Men's group studying apologetics: jrbentley@aol.com

Upcoming Events:

May 5th: Wedding Shower for Abigail Hunt and Donald Cooper during the Lord's Day Dinner.
Their wedding registry can be found at: zola.com/wedding/abigailanddonald password:Cooper2019
May 11th: Church-wide Work Day
May 18th-19th: Missions Conference: Speakers: Al Baker and Johnny Gaston
June 1st: Hunt-Cooper Wedding – All are invited
VBS: June 10th-14th: volunteers needed

Sunday Roster:

Officer of the Day: Biao Xu
Announcements: Joshua Sparkman
Audio Tech: Robert Britton
Nursery: Jeff Knighton/Lisa Yang

Next Week:

Officer of the Day: Robert Britton
Announcements: John Bell
Audio Tech: Aliyah Kennedy
Nursery: Lisa Yang/Brooke Luttrell

✝ Please Stand

Sermon Notes

Ephesians 2:4-7 04.21.2019

"He is Risen! And us with Him!"

Please Stand

Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

O God of Our Exodus from sin and death,
Greatest of joys to see the Redeemer's foe lie crushed.
Jesus rides forth as the victor:
Atoner of sin;
Conqueror of death;
Defeater of Satan and his minions.
He's burst through the bonds of death.
He's trampled the powers of darkness down.
And now he lives in resurrected glory forever.
And yet, so often I do not live as though he's won.
Remind me the law's loud voice has been hushed.
Show me again the claims of your justice are satisfied.
Assure me my life is hidden now with Christ on high.
Recall to me the reality of being a new creation;
Of living in his resurrection power
Teach me yet again we're indwelt forever by the Spirit.
May the warming rays of your resurrection
Dissolve our frozen hearts unto renewed love.
What more could be done for us than has been done!?
Adorable Redeemer,
You were lifted up high on the cross
And now sit reigning on high.
Your were Man of Sorrows, acquainted with grief,
And now you are crowned with life.
May your resurrection be our peace; your ascension our hope.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Please Stand

Repentance ought to be a part of all biblical worship:
Isaiah 6:2 states, "Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet….." These are literally sinless beings who humble themselves in the presence of God. Even Isaiah says, "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips…" Isaiah very naturally senses his sin in the presence of God is completely unraveling him. He even leads his people into repentance. Don't just stare at the floor bored here. Review your life, your relationships, things you've done wrong or left undone. Confess them to your holy God. Turn away from them and to him.

Atonement ought to be the central message of God's grace:
Isaiah 6:6-7 "Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. (7) And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." Ultimately we know Jesus' death for us is the only way our sins are covered, and his sinless life is the only grounds by which we are washed and treated as perfect (legally) before our holy God. But how glorious it is that all Isaiah's' sins are atoned for here. Yours can too.

Praise of God

✝ Songs of Praise

Up From the Grave He Arose! (Hymn 276)
Hail to the Risen Christ (Sparkman)

Intercession: Spread of the Gospel & Chuck and Wyema

Offering

✝ "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above; ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

Instruction of God

Confession of Faith — The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

✝ Please Stand

Read back through Isaiah 6. Notice that singing isn't all worship is. In fact, it may be better to say, singing is either preparatory for or responsive to either God himself or God's redemptive acts. Though we ought to sing, and sing with full hearts, singing is not the center of worship. Rather Yahweh himself is.

Atonement to Service:
Notice the relationship of pardon for sin to service in the kingdom. Isaiah 6:8 states God's commission of service. But service must always follow complete forgiveness. Justification is the glorious door to the Christian life. But that's not all there is. Praise, tithing, prayers, serving God always comes as the natural outflow of thankfulness for sins forgiven. Service before atonement is legalism. Atonement that doesn't motivate to service will lead to stagnation, disobedience, and excusing sin. We are saved and washed in order to live for his glory as sons of God.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

New Testament Text: Psalm 16:1-11

✝ Sermon Text: Ephesians 2:4-7

Sermon: "He is Risen! And us with Him!"

Responding to His Word

✝ Praise-response to the Word

Worship Christ, the Risen King (Hymn 286)

✝ Benediction

✝ Response

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end! Amen. Amen."

✝ Please Stand

* "catholic" simply means "universal"

Preaching God's Word as the most important aspect of Christian ministry:
Isaiah 6:8-9 "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." (9) And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "'Keep on hearing …" Preaching and teaching is the high point and apex of Christian worship because it's the primary means God has blessed to convert souls. This is why we confess the faith together, why we read substantial parts of God's Word in worship, why we do expository preaching: because God's people needs God's Word. Even communion around table with Jesus is a continuation of the sermon, but in the forms of sensible signs. Will you, like the seraphim, and like Isaiah, sit at Jesus' glorious feet and be discipled?

Each of us have a role to play:
None of us are Isaiah, but we each have Holy Spirit endowed gifts for both life in the body and gifts for drawing in the lost. Will you speak of such a holy God with your friends and family? Will you love people well who are hardened in sin? Will you strive to point them to Christ? Go into the world with God's blessing, working for his glory.