



# Christ Presbyterian Church

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### The Session

Ruling Elders: Scott Owens, Bill Keith  
Pastor: Joshua Sparkman

### Board of Deacons

Gary Horn, Bia Xu

### Staff

Janitor: Bill Kercher  
Office Worker: Jennifer Skinner

### Sunday School Teachers

Children: Lori Sparkman, Tori Buchanan  
Adult: Joshua Sparkman, Scott Owen

### Ministry

Accompanists: Alicia Lutrell  
John Bell, Rebecca Young  
Prayer Chain Coordinator: Linda Gray  
Audio/Video Engineers: Aliyah Kennedy, Aaron  
Hudgins, Jake Horn, Robert Britton, Rick Powell  
Sick/Visitation: Linda Gray  
Weddings and Funerals: Tori Buchanan

## MISSIONARIES

- Chuck and Wyema .....*Europe* 
- David and Jan .....*Europe* 
- Robert and Lisa Stewart.....*Japan* 
- Pamyla Burrack.....*Germany* 
- Chris and Emily Teague .....*Czech Republic* 
- Sav-A-Life.....*Mobile, Al*
- Curt and Kelly Moore....*MNA Disaster Relief* 
- Jacob and Leigh Zoller @ USA ..... 
- Scott and Katie Moore.....*Trinity Gardens* 
- Jeff and Jane Pelz .....*New Zealand* 
- Seth and Leslie ..... *Middle East* 
- Walter Klopner.....*Reformed Theological Seminary* 

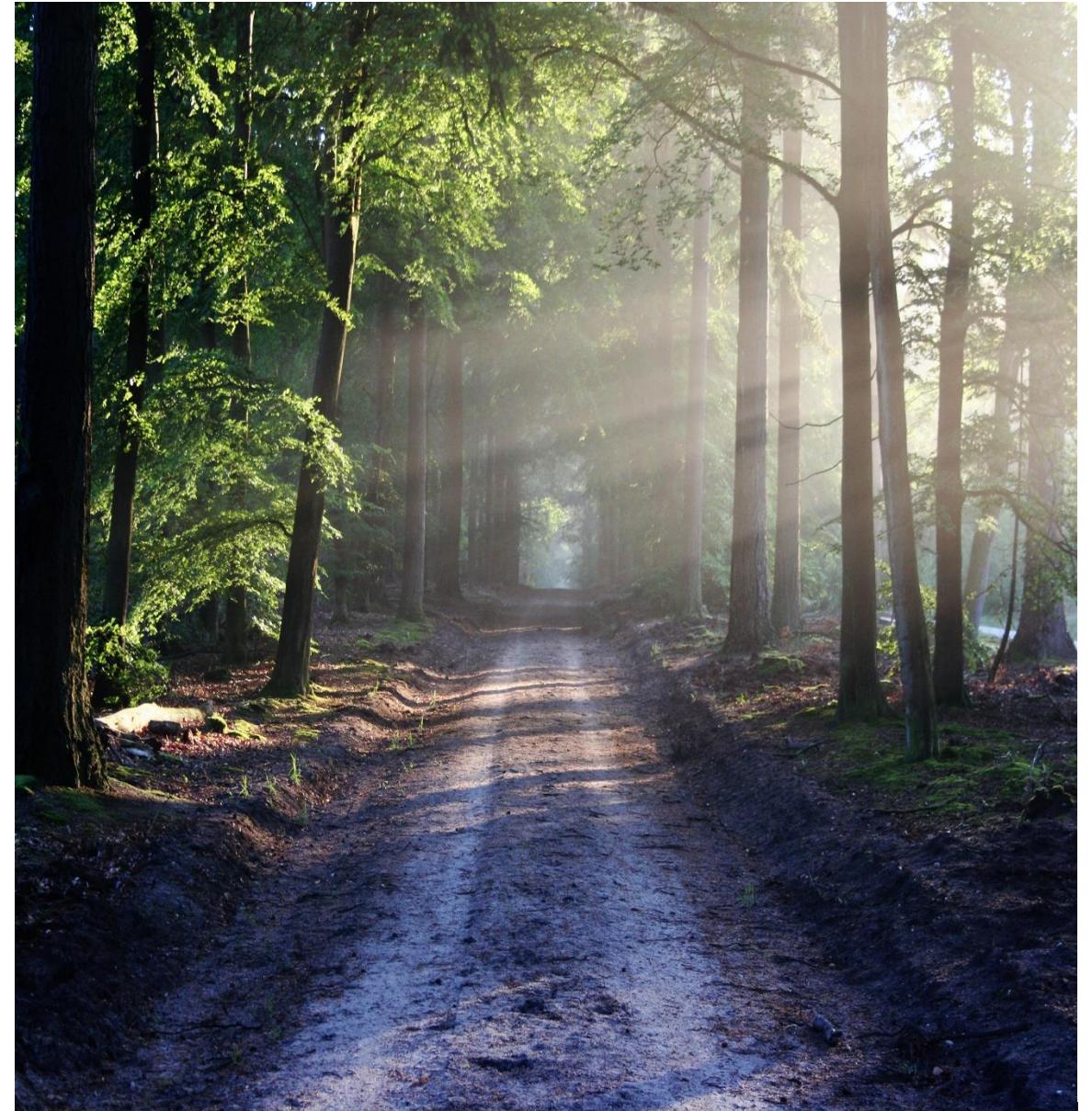
### **September Income & Expense: General Fund**

Income to General Fund	\$8,411.55
Expenses from General Fund	\$13,600.00
Total Difference	-\$5,188.45

### **September Income & Expenses: Missions Fund**

Income to the Missions Fund	\$1,240.27
Expenses from the Missions Fund	\$1,735.00
Total Difference	-\$479.61
Designated Missions Giving	\$2,033.00

If you have a prayer request for our prayer chain,  
please call or email Linda Gray (661.0162) chaslingray@gmail.com



# "The Christian Pilgrimage"

# Morning Worship

10.08.2017

10:15 a.m.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

† Song of Ascents

*All Creatures of Our God and King (Hymn 115)*

Welcome and Announcements

## VISION OF GOD

† Call to Worship

† Invocation

† Song of Worship

*Hymn of the Month!*

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Hymn 92)*

Declaration of the Law

James 1:22-25

People: But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

† Please Stand

### Why worship on Sundays?

In the Old Testament worship was on Saturday celebrating God's finished creation. But His work of redemption was finished at Jesus' resurrection on the first day of the week. On multiple Sundays the resurrected Lord visited the assembled Church establishing a new day for corporate worship (Luke 24:1-3, John 20:1,26, Acts 20:7-9, 1 Cor 16:1-2, & Rev 1:10).

The Song of Ascents encourages all present in the building to come and join in corporate worship.

### Worship's who, what, & where:

God alone initiates the church's corporate worship. He summons us, not privately, but corporately, through the Word & His Holy Spirit (John 4:19-24) into His heavenly presence (Psalm 100, Hebrews 12:22-24) in order to adore and obey Him.

### How do we respond to God's call?

Worship, though initiated by God, is a dialogue between God and His people. The people of God are called to humbly respond to him by praying to him to help us focus on his attributes, and by singing his praises, focusing on his glory.

### What is, and why read, the law?

The law is a reflection of God's perfect character, **AND** what He requires of us. Through its reading (Nehemiah 8:1-3, Luke 4:16-21) God's glorious character convicts us of our sin (Isaiah 6:1-5). We ought to respond in praise, reverence & awe, and repentance & faith.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Every Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Adult: **Sexuality and Divinity – please invite**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Children Class  
10:15 a.m. Morning Worship

## Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Small group studying The Psalms @ **CPC Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall**  
9:30 a.m. Gulf Coast Presbytery Meeting in Pensacola, Fl.  
11:30 a.m. Brookside Bible Study @ Brookside Retirement Community  
8:00 p.m. RUF Small group Bible Study: Rm 254 in Student Center

## Wednesday

3:00 p.m. RUF Small group Bible Study: Rm 123 in Library  
6:30 p.m. Weekly Women's Dinner! Please talk to Lori for details  
8:00 p.m. RUF Small group Bible Study: Rm 254 in Student Center

## Friday

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

## Upcoming Events:

New Members Class starting soon – contact Pastor Josh

October 14<sup>th</sup>: Church-wide Work Day @ 9:00 a.m.

October 15<sup>th</sup>: Meeting of Parents Downstairs in Fellowship Hall after service

October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Meeting of Women to gauge interest in women's ministry

October 29<sup>th</sup>: Reformation Worship Service

## Sunday Roster:

Officer of the Day: Gary Horn  
Announcements: Biao Xu  
Audio Tech: Jake Horn

## Next Week:

Officer of the Day: Biao Xu  
Announcements: Joshua Sparkman  
Audio Tech: Aliyah Kennedy

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† Songs of Praise

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus (RUF)*  
*Arise, My Soul, Arise (Hymn 305)*

Membership Vows: The Hoffmanns

Intercessory Prayer: Jacob & Leigh Zoller @ South/ESPC

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 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

For the love of Christ controls us,  
because we have concluded this:  
that one has died for all,  
therefore all have died;  
and He died for all,  
so that those who live  
might no longer live for themselves  
but for him who for their sake died and was raised.  
therefore from now on we regard no one according to the flesh.  
Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh,  
But we regard him thus no longer.  
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away;  
behold, the new has come.  
All this is from God,  
who through Christ reconciled us to himself  
and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation;  
In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,  
not counting their trespasses against them,

[How do we respond to the gospel?](#)  
In faith! In dependence upon Christ  
as your source of life! In  
thankfulness! In praise! In obedience!  
All of which are now the overflow of  
the soul’s thankfulness to the Lord.

[Why confess a creed?](#)  
There are many creeds in the Bible  
(Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Ephesians 4:3-  
6, 1 Timothy 3:16). Creeds are the  
universal church’s attempt to  
summarize the saving truths of  
Scripture. This is a power given to  
the church by the Lord Jesus Christ  
(1 Tim 3:14-15). Creeds therefore sit  
under the authority of Scripture.  
Creeds also connect us with our  
brothers and sisters around the  
world (Romans 1:8), **AND** in all times  
(Hebrews 3:1-6), as we confess the  
one true faith.

[Why confess Scripture?](#)  
We believe meditating on God’s  
Word is how we are transformed by  
God’s power and grace. (Psalm 1)  
We want Scripture to be second  
nature to us: to comfort each other  
(Colossians 3), to use in evangelism  
and edification (Matthew 4). Share it  
with each other. Memorize it.

and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.  
Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,  
God making his appeal through us.  
We implore you on behalf of Christ,  
"be reconciled to God."  
For our sake  
he made him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become  
the righteousness of God.

Old Testament Reader: Sam Pomier

Old Testament Text: Numbers 6:13-27

† Sermon Text: Romans 10:1-9

Sermon: “Christ: the Goal, part II”

### Distribution of the Elements

\*Note: In the communion tray, the cups along the outer circle contain grape juice and the cups in the inner circle contain wine.

## RESPONDING TO HIS WORD

† Praise-response to the Word

*How Deep the Father’s Love For Us (Townend)*

† 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.”

\*[catholic](#) means “universal”; that is,  
the visible church throughout the  
world.

[Why do we read the Scriptures?](#)  
Because God’s people are to be  
primarily marked by knowledge of,  
and communion with, the true God  
of the Bible (1 John 2:13-14). It is  
imperative therefore that you  
know, read, and apply the truth of  
God’s Word to your life (Psalm  
119:105, 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

[Why did we stand while reading the Scriptures?](#)  
Because standing is a body-posture  
of attentiveness and respect to  
God’s Word (Nehemiah 8:1-4). Pray  
the Holy Spirit would give you the  
soul-posture of attentiveness and  
respect to the Scriptures.

[How should I prepare my heart to hear God’s Word?](#)

By looking beyond the preacher  
knowing that Christ himself is  
personally teaching his Bride in so far  
as what is said is the purpose God  
has for the text preached. Corporate  
worship and preaching are the  
primarily means of New Testament  
discipleship.

[What should I do now?](#)  
Go into the world knowing God is  
with you, and empowering you, to  
be salt, light, and sons of God in all  
spheres of your life. Live to his  
glory.