



## Christ Presbyterian Church

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Pastor: Joshua Sparkman

#### Board of Deacons

Bill Keith (May 2024)  
Jack Bentley (May 2024)  
Donald Cooper (May 2026)

#### Staff

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#### Adult Sunday School Teachers

Scott Owens, Lukasz Myc

#### Ministry

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05.12.24

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## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion,

hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

25. Ex 38, Jn 17, Prv 14, Phil 1	5. Nm 15, Ps 51, Is 5, Heb 12
26. Ex 39, Jn 18, Prv 15, Phil 2	6. Nm 16, Ps 52-54, Is 6, Heb 13
27. Ex 40, Jn 19, Prv 16, Phil 3	7. Nm 17-18, Ps 55, Is 7, Jas 1
28. Lv 1, Jn 20, Prv 17, Phil 4	8. Nm 19, Ps 56-57, Is 8:1-9:7, Jas 2
29. Lv 2-3, Jn 21, Prv 18, Col 1	9. Nm 20, Ps 58-59, Is 9:8-10:4, Jas 3
30. Lv 4, Ps 1-2, Prv 19, Col 2	10. Nm 21, Ps 60-61, Is 10:5-34, Jas 4
31. Lv 5, Ps 3-4, Prv 20, Col 3	11. Nm 22, Ps 62-63, Is 11-12, Jas 5
<b>April</b>	
1. Lv 6, Ps 5-6, Prv 21, Col 4	12. Nm 23, Ps 64-65, Is 13, 1 Pt 1
2. Lv 7, Ps 7-8, Prv 22, 1 Thes 1	13. Nm 24, Ps 66-67, Is 14, 1 Pt 2
3. Lv 8, Ps 9, Prv 23, 1 Thes 2	14. Nm 25, Ps 68, Is 15, 1 Pt 3
4. Lv 9, Ps 10, Prv 24, 1 Thes 3	15. Nm 26, Ps 69, Is 16, 1 Pt 4
5. Lv 10, Ps 11-12, Prv 25, 1 Thes 4	16. Nm 27, Ps 70-71, Is 17-18, 1 Pt 5
6. Lv 11-12, Ps 13-14, Prv 26, 1 Thes 5	17. Nm 28, Ps 72, Is 19-20, 2 Pt 1
7. Lv 13, Ps 15-16, Prv 27, 2 Thes 1	18. Nm 29, Ps 73, Is 21, 2 Pt 2
8. Lv 14, Ps 17, Prv 28, 2 Thes 2	19. Nm 30, Ps 74, Is 22, 2 Pt 3
9. Lv 15, Ps 18, Prv 29, 2 Thes 3	20. Nm 31, Ps 75-76, Is 23, 1 Jn 1
10. Lv 16, Ps 19, Prv 30, 1 Tm 1	21. Nm 32, Ps 77, Is 24, 1 Jn 2
11. Lv 17, Ps 20-21, Prv 31, 1 Tm 2	22. Nm 33, Ps 78:1-37, Is 25, 1 Jn 3
12. Lv 18, Ps 22, Eccl 1, 1 Tm 3	23. Nm 34, Ps 78:38-72, Is 26, 1 Jn 4
13. Lv 19, Ps 23-24, Eccl 2, 1 Tm 4	24. Nm 35, Ps 79, Is 27, 1 Jn 5
14. Lv 20, Ps 25, Eccl 3, 1 Tm 5	25. Nm 36, Ps 80, Is 28, 2 Jn 1
15. Lv 21, Ps 26-27, Eccl 4, 1 Tm 6	26. Dt 1, Ps 81-82, Is 29, 3 Jn 1
16. Lv 22, Ps 28-29, Eccl 5, 2 Tm 1	27. Dt 2, Ps 83-84, Is 30, Jude 1
17. Lv 23, Ps 30, Eccl 6, 2 Tm 2	28. Dt 3, Ps 85, Is 31, Rv 1
18. Lv 24, Ps 31, Eccl 7, 2 Tm 3	29. Dt 4, Ps 86-87, Is 32, Rv 2
19. Lv 25, Ps 32, Eccl 8, 2 Tm 4	30. Dt 5, Ps 88, Is 33, Rv 3
20. Lv 26, Ps 33, Eccl 9, Ti 1	31. Dt 6, Ps 89, Is 34, Rv 4
<b>June</b>	
21. Lv 27, Ps 34, Eccl 10, Ti 2	1. Dt 7, Ps 90, Is 35, Rv 5
22. Nm 1, Ps 35, Eccl 11, Ti 3	2. Dt 8, Ps 91, Is 36, Rv 6
23. Nm 2, Ps 36, Eccl 12, Phlm 1	3. Dt 9, Ps 92-93, Is 37, Rv 7
24. Nm 3, Ps 37, Sg 1, Heb 1	4. Dt 10, Ps 94, Is 38, Rv 8
25. Nm 4, Ps 38, Sg 2, Heb 2	5. Dt 11, Ps 95-96, Is 39, Rv 9
26. Nm 5, Ps 39, Sg 3, Heb 3	6. Dt 12, Ps 97-98, Is 40, Rv 10
27. Nm 6, Ps 40-41, Sg 4, Heb 4	7. Dt 13-14, Ps 99-101, Is 41, Rv 11
28. Nm 7, Ps 42-43, Sg 5, Heb 5	8. Dt 15, Ps 102, Is 42, Rv 12
29. Nm 8, Ps 44, Sg 6, Heb 6	9. Dt 16, Ps 103, Is 43, Rv 13
30. Nm 9, Ps 45, Sg 7, Heb 7	10. Dt 17, Ps 104, Is 44, Rv 14
<b>May</b>	
1. Nm 10, Ps 46-47, Sg 8, Heb 8	11. Dt 18, Ps 105, Is 45, Rv 15
2. Nm 11, Ps 48, Is 1, Heb 9	12. Dt 19, Ps 106, Is 46, Rv 16
3. Nm 12-13, Ps 49, Is 2, Heb 10	13. Dt 20, Ps 107, Is 47, Rv 17
4. Nm 14, Ps 50, Is 3-4, Heb 11	14. Dt 21, Ps 108-109, Is 48, Rv 18
	15. Dt 22, Ps 110-111, Is 49, Rv 19

## READ THE BIBLE WITH CHRIST PRES. IN 2024

<b>January</b>	11. Gn 46, Mk 16, Jb 12, Rom 16
1. Gn 1, Mt 1, Ezr 1, Acts 1	12. Gn 47, Lk 1:1–38, Jb 13, 1 Cor 1
2. Gn 2, Mt 2, Ezr 2, Acts 2	13. Gn 48, Lk 1:39–80, Jb 14, 1 Cor 2
3. Gn 3, Mt 3, Ezr 3, Acts 3	14. Gn 49, Lk 2, Jb 15, 1 Cor 3
4. Gn 4, Mt 4, Ezr 4, Acts 4	15. Gn 50, Lk 3, Jb 16–17, 1 Cor 4
5. Gn 5, Mt 5, Ezr 5, Acts 5	16. Ex 1, Lk 4, Jb 18, 1 Cor 5
6. Gn 6, Mt 6, Ezr 6, Acts 6	17. Ex 2, Lk 5, Jb 19, 1 Cor 6
7. Gn 7, Mt 7, Ezr 7, Acts 7	18. Ex 3, Lk 6, Jb 20, 1 Cor 7
8. Gn 8, Mt 8, Ezr 8, Acts 8	19. Ex 4, Lk 7, Jb 21, 1 Cor 8
9. Gn 9–10, Mt 9, Ezr 9, Acts 9	20. Ex 5, Lk 8, Jb 22, 1 Cor 9
10. Gn 11, Mt 10, Ezr 10, Acts 10	21. Ex 6, Lk 9, Jb 23, 1 Cor 10
11. Gn 12, Mt 11, Neh 1, Acts 11	22. Ex 7, Lk 10, Jb 24, 1 Cor 11
12. Gn 13, Mt 12, Neh 2, Acts 12	23. Ex 8, Lk 11, Jb 25–26, 1 Cor 12
13. Gn 14, Mt 13, Neh 3, Acts 13	24. Ex 9, Lk 12, Jb 27, 1 Cor 13
14. Gn 15, Mt 14, Neh 4, Acts 14	25. Ex 10, Lk 13, Jb 28, 1 Cor 14
15. Gn 16, Mt 15, Neh 5, Acts 15	26. Ex 11:1–12:21, Lk 14, Jb 29, 1 Cor 15
16. Gn 17, Mt 16, Neh 6, Acts 16	27. Ex 12:22–51, Lk 15, Jb 30, 1 Cor 16
17. Gn 18, Mt 17, Neh 7, Acts 17	28. Ex 13, Lk 16, Jb 31, 2 Cor 1
18. Gn 19, Mt 18, Neh 8, Acts 18	<b>March</b>
19. Gn 20, Mt 19, Neh 9, Acts 19	1. Ex 14, Lk 17, Jb 32, 2 Cor 2
20. Gn 21, Mt 20, Neh 10, Acts 20	2. Ex 15, Lk 18, Jb 33, 2 Cor 3
21. Gn 22, Mt 21, Neh 11, Acts 21	3. Ex 16, Lk 19, Jb 34, 2 Cor 4
22. Gn 23, Mt 22, Neh 12, Acts 22	4. Ex 17, Lk 20, Jb 35, 2 Cor 5
23. Gn 24, Mt 23, Neh 13, Acts 23	5. Ex 18, Lk 21, Jb 36, 2 Cor 6
24. Gn 25, Mt 24, Est 1, Acts 24	6. Ex 19, Lk 22, Jb 37, 2 Cor 7
25. Gn 26, Mt 25, Est 2, Acts 25	7. Ex 20, Lk 23, Jb 38, 2 Cor 8
26. Gn 27, Mt 26, Est 3, Acts 26	8. Ex 21, Lk 24, Jb 39, 2 Cor 9
27. Gn 28, Mt 27, Est 4, Acts 27	9. Ex 22, Jn 1, Jb 40, 2 Cor 10
28. Gn 29, Mt 28, Est 5, Acts 28	10. Ex 23, Jn 2, Jb 41, 2 Cor 11
29. Gn 30, Mk 1, Est 6, Rom 1	11. Ex 24, Jn 3, Jb 42, 2 Cor 12
30. Gn 31, Mk 2, Est 7, Rom 2	12. Ex 25, Jn 4, Prv 1, 2 Cor 13
31. Gn 32, Mk 3, Est 8, Rom 3	13. Ex 26, Jn 5, Prv 2, Gal 1
<b>February</b>	14. Ex 27, Jn 6, Prv 3, Gal 2
1. Gn 33, Mk 4, Est 9–10, Rom 4	15. Ex 28, Jn 7, Prv 4, Gal 3
2. Gn 34, Mk 5, Jb 1, Rom 5	16. Ex 29, Jn 8, Prv 5, Gal 4
3. Gn 35–36, Mk 6, Jb 2, Rom 6	17. Ex 30, Jn 9, Prv 6, Gal 5
4. Gn 37, Mk 7, Jb 3, Rom 7	18. Ex 31, Jn 10, Prv 7, Gal 6
5. Gn 38, Mk 8, Jb 4, Rom 8	19. Ex 32, Jn 11, Prv 8, Eph 1
6. Gn 39, Mk 9, Jb 5, Rom 9	20. Ex 33, Jn 12, Prv 9, Eph 2
7. Gn 40, Mk 10, Jb 6, Rom 10	21. Ex 34, Jn 13, Prv 10, Eph 3
8. Gn 41, Mk 11, Jb 7, Rom 11	22. Ex 35, Jn 14, Prv 11, Eph 4
9. Gn 42, Mk 12, Jb 8, Rom 12	23. Ex 36, Jn 15, Prv 12, Eph 5
10. Gn 43, Mk 13, Jb 9, Rom 13	24. Ex 37, Jn 16, Prv 13, Eph 6

## MORNING WORSHIP

05.12.2024

10:15 a.m.

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

† Song of Ascents

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (TH 598)*

#### 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

Take a look at Psalms 120-134. God has given us a gift: we are not naturally inclined to worship him. He has given us the songs of ascents to stir up our hearts to worship Him. it's a call to all present in the building to come and join in corporate worship.

## EVERY SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

9:00 a.m. Children and Adult Sunday School Classes & Nursery  
10:15 a.m. Morning Worship w/ Nursery and Cry Room: The Book of Acts  
10:15: a.m. Mobile Chinese Christian Fellowship Downstairs in Fellowship Hall  
10:15 a.m. First Sundays of the Month: the Lord's Supper (please prepare your hearts)  
12:00 p.m. First Sundays of the Month: Lord's Day Meal (please prepare a dish to share)  
5:00 p.m. Evening Service: "Images of the Spirit"

### Monday Evenings:

- Every other week – 6:30 p.m.: Campus Christian Fellowship @ South Alabama (see Mr. Devin Brown).

### Tuesdays:

- 9:30 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study through 1 Peter
- This Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Diaconate Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m.: Campus Christian Fellowship @ South Alabama (see Mr. Devin Brown).

### Wednesdays:

- Women's Discipleship Group (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks @ 7:00 p.m.) @ 624 Shenandoah Dr. W.  
Studying: A.W. Pink's *The Attributes of God*
- Men's Groups (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks @ 7:00 p.m.) @ 624 Shenandoah Dr. W

### Thursdays:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday: Session Shepherding Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday: Session Business Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

### Sunday Nights:

- 8:00 p.m. – Monthly Men's Get Togethers (notification sent through text and/or email)

5:00 p.m.

## EVENING SERMON NOTES

05.12.2024

### "Images of the Spirit"

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mondays are Pastor Josh's day off to spend with his family

- We have begun a New Series in Adult Sunday School: The Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism. Please plan to attend.
- A New Members Class will be starting soon. Please let Pastor Josh know if you are interested.
- Next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Called Congregational Meeting for Officer Elections
- Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – PCA General Assembly Prep night. Please join us at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall or via Zoom to hear what's on the agenda for this year's General Assembly.
- Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Spanish-Speaking Bible Study Starting (If you are interested or know someone who might be, please see Mr. Pablo Rose-Perez)
- Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – New Officer Installations
- June 10-14, 2024 – 51<sup>st</sup> PCA General Assembly in Richmond, VA

### Sunday Roster:

Officer of the Day: Donald Cooper

Announcements: Lukasz Myc

Audio Tech: Matt Flowers

Nursery: Gabby Smith/Rachel Krause

### Next Week:


Officer of the Day: Lukasz Myc

Announcements: Scott Owens

Audio Tech: Seth Flowers

Nursery: Shanna Diggs/David Wunderlich

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 Please Stand

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# Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

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Where, O death, is your sting? 1 Cor. 15:55

1. Je - sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone for - ev - er!  
 2. Je - sus lives and reigns su - preme; and, his king - dom still re - main - ing,  
 3. Je - sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my pas - sions giv - ing,  
 4. Je - sus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sev - er,  
 5. Je - sus lives and death is now but my en - trance in - to glo - ry.

He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sev - er.  
 I shall al - so be with him, ev - er liv - ing, ev - er reign - ing.  
 • I will cleanse my heart and ways, ev - er to his glo - ry liv - ing.  
 life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, hence - forth for - ev - er.  
 Cour - age, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life be - fore thee;

He shall raise me from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
 God has prom - ised; be it must: Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
 • Me he rais - es from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
 None of all his saints is lost: Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
 thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Je - sus is the Chris - tian's trust.

† Please Stand

## Welcome and Announcements

### VISION OF GOD

† Call to Worship

from Psalm 67

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us

**People: and make his face to shine upon us**

Pastor: that your way may be known on earth

**People: your saving power among all nations.**

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**People: let all the peoples praise you!**

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**People: for you judge the peoples with equity**

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**People: God shall bless us;**

Pastor: let all the ends of the earth fear him!

† Invocation

Pastor: And all God's people said...

**People: Amen!**

† Song of Worship

*My Tribute (TH 640)*

† Declaration of the Law

John 12:35-36

**People: The light is among you for a little while longer.**

**Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake**

**you. The one who walks in the darkness does not**

**know where he is going. While you have the light,**

**believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.**

† Please Stand

#### 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.

#### Responsive calls to worship:

Isaiah 6:3 says, "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.

#### 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.

## 640 MY TRIBUTE

How can I say thanks for the things  
you have done for me?  
Things so undeserved,  
yet you gave to prove your love for me;  
The voices of a million angels  
could not express my gratitude.  
All that I am, and ever hope to be,  
I owe it all to thee.

To God be the glory,  
to God be the glory,  
to God be the glory  
for the things he has done.

With his blood he has saved me;  
with his pow'r he has raised me;  
to God be the glory  
for the things he has done.

Just let me live my life –  
let it be pleasing, Lord, to thee;  
and if I gain any praise,  
let it go to Calvary.

With his blood he has saved me;  
with his pow'r he has raised me;  
to God be the glory  
for the things he has done.

† Scripture Reading

Various Texts

Sermon

“Images of the Spirit”  
Rev. Joshua Sparkman

† Hymn of Response

Jesus Lives and So Shall I (TH 706)

† Benediction

## By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven

*That, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:7*

1. By grace I am an heir of heav - en; why doubt this,  
 2. By grace a - lone shall I in - her - it that bliss - ful  
 3. By grace! These pre - cious words re - mem - ber when sore - ly  
 4. By grace! Be this in death my com - fort; de - spite my

O my trem - bling heart? If what the Scrip - tures prom - ise clear - ly  
 home be - yond the skies. Works count for naught, the Lord in - car - nate  
 by your sins op - pressed, when Sa - tan comes to vex your spir - it,  
 fears, 'tis well with me. I know my sin in all its great - ness,

is true and firm in ev - 'ry part, this al - so must be  
 has won for me the heav'n - ly prize. Sal - va - tion by his  
 when trou - bled con - science sighs for rest; what rea - son can - not  
 but al - so him who sets me free. My heart to naught but

truth di - vine: by grace a crown of life is mine.  
 death he wrought, his grace a - lone my par - don bought.  
 com - pre - hend, God does to you by grace ex - tend.  
 joy gives place since I am saved by grace, by grace.

✠ Please Stand

## CONFESSION OF SIN

## Corporate Confession of Sin

Pastor: Almighty and merciful Father, we have sinned and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

People: **We have followed our own thoughts and desires rather than your holy law.**

Pastor: We have not loved our fellow man as ourselves in our thoughts, words, or deeds.

People: **We have left undone the things we should have done and have done that which we should not have done.**

Pastor: There is no righteousness in us, apart from your grace.

People: **You, Oh Lord, are merciful; be merciful to us. Forgive our sins and restore us in heart and mind and soul.**

## Silent Confession of Sin

Pastor: And all God's people said...

People: Amen!

## ✠ 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.

# PRAISE OF GOD

† Songs of Praise

*Jesus Calls Us (TH 591)*

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.

*More Love to Thee, O Christ (TH 649)*

† Please Stand

Prayer of Praise and Confession of Sin

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

† Offertory Response

We Give Thee but Thine Own

**We give thee but thine own.**

**Whate're' the gifts may be**

**All that we have is thine alone**

**A trust, O Lord, from thee**

Intercessory Prayer

† Evening Psalm

By Grace I am an Heir of Heaven (TH 695)

† Please Stand



1. Like a riv-er glo-ri-ous is God's perfect peace, o - ver all vic - to-ri-ous  
 2. Hidden in the hol-low of his blessed hand, nev - er foe can fol-low,  
 3. Ev-'ry joy or tri - al fall-eth from a - bove, traced up-on our di - al

in its bright in-crease; perfect, yet it flow-eth full-er ev - 'ry day,  
 nev-er trai-tor stand; not a surge of wor-ry, not a shade of care,  
 by the Sun of Love. We may trust him ful - ly all for us to do;

## REFRAIN

per-fect, yet it groweth deep-er all the way.  
 not a blast of hur-ry, touch the spir-it there. Stayed up-on Je - ho-vah,  
 they who trust him whol-ly find him wholly true.

hearts are ful-ly blest, finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said... At once they left their nets and followed him.  
 Matt. 4:19, 20

1. Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2. As, of old, a - pos - tles heard it by the  
 3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5. Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his sweet voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 • vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
 • keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

# More Love to Thee, O Christ

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*Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you. John 21:17*

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
 2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
 3. Let sor - row do its work, send grief and pain;  
 4. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee;  
 now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best:  
 sweet are thy mes - sen - gers, sweet their re - frain,  
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise,

**REFRAIN**

this is my ear - nest plea,  
 this all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,  
 when they can sing with me,  
 this still its prayer shall be,

more love to thee, more love to thee!

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# EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

05.12.2024

5:00 p.m.

*When you enter into the doors of the sanctuary, silently prepare to meet the triune God. Focus on God's attribute of mercy as you prepare to worship.*

Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship

† Invocation

† Hymn of Worship

Like a River Glorious (TH 699)

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# MORNING SERMON NOTES

Acts 10:1-48

05.12.2024

“The Gospel Goes to the Gentiles, part 1”

Yahweh sends his apostle to preach the gospel to include Gentiles in the Kingdom of God

I. Yahweh's saving revelation goes to believing Gentiles and Jews

II. Yahweh's gospel goes to the Gentiles through the apostles

III. Yahweh's kingdom comes to the Gentiles through apostolic witness

Worship by Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

† “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.”

Intercession:

Christ Presbyterian: The Bells, The Krauses, The Pomiers, Ethel  
Local Reformed Work: Lillian Fellowship  
Missions or Persecuted Church: The Brycko's

Pastor: And all God's people said...  
**People: Amen!**

## INSTRUCTION OF GOD

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the 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;

### 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 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 sits on 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.

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 worshipped 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.

† Opposite Text Ezekiel 37:15-28

† Sermon Text: Acts 10:1-48

Sermon: "The Gospel Goes to the Gentiles, part 1"  
 Preacher: Rev. Joshua Sparkman

## RESPONDING TO HIS WORD

† Praise-response to the Word

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† Benediction

† Please Stand

### 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.

## Be Thou My Vision

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*Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7*

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er  
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my  
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -  
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by  
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,  
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,  
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,  
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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