



# CHRIST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **The Lord's Service**

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

New Wine Skins

Mark 2:18-22

## **WELCOME TO CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Blessings to you this Lord's Day! We are thankful that you have joined us this morning for worship. At Christ Presbyterian we want to experience the fullness of our union with Him as his people. This leads us to grow in our understanding and application of life In Christ, life in His Church and life in Mission.

**Life In Christ** - Each Sunday we gather together for God honoring worship, knowing that worship is the right, fitting, and delightful response of all who come to know God by his grace, through faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ. Through songs, prayer, preaching and sacraments, we proclaim Christ and life in Him.

**Life in His Church** - As the church of Christ we are called to meaningfully love one another, pray for one another, encourage one another, serve alongside one another and in all things seek to build one another up into Christ who is Head of His Church. Belonging to Christ and his church provides us with the blessings of life in community. Here at Christ Pres. we enjoy not only our weekly worship on the Lord's Day, but also more personal times of life together in hospitality, close knit fellowship and shared study. In addition, these are times to welcome friends and neighbors within our community into hospitality and to share with them the grace of Christ.

**Life In Mission** - Reaching others with the gospel both locally and globally is at the heart of Christ Presbyterian Church. As the church, we are called to be faithful to the Great Commission, reaching those apart from Christ with the gospel of grace both locally and globally through intentional acts of service and cooperative support with those serving in missions.

If you're visiting, we're glad you're here and if you would like to learn more about life together at Christ Presbyterian I would be happy connect more personally and to share with you what God is doing here.

May God be praised and honored this Lord's Day.

In Christ,

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# Order for the Public Worship of God

GOD CALLS  
US TO  
WORSHIP

## REFLECTION

“Only God’s declarative word creates. When God created the world, he did not say, ‘Let it be possible!’ He said, ‘Let there be light! And it was so.’ It is certainly true that we must receive Christ. Yet it is because he has first received us. ‘But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become the children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12-13). | **Michael Horton, *The Gospel Driven Life***

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE + PREPARATION

❖ PLEASE STAND  
AS ABLE

Our worship begins with a scriptural call for God’s people to worship. In this way, our gathered worship is a conversation initiated by God between Himself and His people.

The congregation speaks the print in bold.

The prayer of invocation begins worship by inviting God’s presence and preparing us to encounter His redeeming grace with reverence and unity.

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

**PSALM 149:1-4**

Praise the LORD!

**Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!**

Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

**Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with the tambourine and lyre!**

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people

**He adorns the humble with salvation!**

## ❖ INVOCATION

## ❖ HYMN **Come Thou Fount** (Next Page)

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

D A D/F# G Asus D

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Hith - er - to thy love hath blessed me; thou hast brought me to this place;
3. Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!
4. Oh, that day when, freed from sin - ning, I shall see thy love - ly face;

D A D/F# G Asus D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I know thy hand will lead me safe - ly home by thy good grace.  
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.  
full ar - rayed in blood - washed lin - en, how I'll sing thy sov - reign grace!

D Dsus D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - d'ring from the fold of God.  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, bring thy prom - is - es to pass;

D A D/F# G Asus D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove!  
for I know thy pow'r will keep me till I'm home with thee at last!

GOD  
CLEANSES  
US

Within the context of our relationship with God, we are invited in safety, not in shame to consider our sins.

God loves us in spite of our sins. We rehearse this truth by confessing our sins corporately and leaning into His renewal, restoration, and cleansing.

The scripture that follows our confession assures us of God's forgiveness, grace and pardon. **This is the good news.**

The call to grateful obedience invites us to respond to God's mercy with lives shaped by grace. Having confessed our sin and received the assurance of pardon, we now turn toward faithful living—not to earn His favor, but to reflect His love with joy and purpose.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Father, receive again the thing which you have created. O Son, receive the thing which you have governed. O Holy Spirit, fetch the thing which you so bountifully have preserved. Three persons and one very God, I entreat you: remember not my offenses forever. For I cry, Lord God and Father, mercy. Lord God Son, mercy. Lord God Holy Spirit, mercy. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**ACTS 13:38-39**

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

**Praise be to God.**

## CALL TO GRATEFUL OBEDIENCE

Call To Grateful Obedience: As we move from guilt unto grace and now unto lives of gratitude, hear these words from **Titus 2:11-13**, *“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.”*

For this is God's will for you in Christ.

**Amen.**

## ❖ HYMN I Asked the Lord

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# I Asked the Lord

C/D G C/G G G/F#

1. I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith, and  
 2. 'Twas he who taught me thus to pray; and he, I  
 3. I hoped that in some fa - vored hour, at once he'd  
 4. In - stead of this, he made me feel the hid - den  
 5. Yea more, with his own hand he seemed in - tent to

Em Cmaj7 Dsus Dsus/C G/B

love, and ev - 'ry grace; might more of his sal - va - tion  
 trust, has an - swered prayer: but it has been in such a  
 grant me my re - quest; and, by his love's con - strain - ing  
 e - vils of my heart and let the an - gry pow'rs of  
 ag - gra - vate my woe, crossed all the fair de - signs I

Cmaj7 Am7 G/D C/D G

know, and seek more ear - nest - ly his face.  
 way as al - most drove me to de - spair.  
 pow'r, sub - due my sins, and give me rest.  
 hell as - sault my soul in ev - 'ry part.  
 schemed, hum - bled my pride, and laid me low.

6. "Lord, why is this?" I trembling cried;  
 "Wilt thou pursue my soul to death?"  
 "'Tis in this way," the Lord replied,  
 "I answer prayer for grace and faith."

7. "These inward trials I employ,  
 from self and sin to set thee free,  
 to break thy schemes of worldly joy,  
 that thou may'st seek thy all in me."

Words: John Newton, 1774

Music: Folk Songs from Somerset, Series 3, 1906; harm. Dan Kreider, 2016

THE WATER IS WIDE

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GOD  
CONSECRATES  
US

## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**...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; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **PRESENTATION OF OFFERING & PRAYER**

**O Lord our God, who gives liberally and reviles us not, teach us to give cheerfully of our substance for your cause and kingdom. Let your blessing be upon our offerings, and grant us to know the joy of those who give with their whole heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**



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## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 8:14-19

New Testament Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Sermon Text: Mark 2:18-22

The Word of the Lord...

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON:** New Wine Skins

Following the sermon, we profess the Nicene Creed as a shared declaration of faith, rooted in the gospel we have just heard. This ancient confession unites us with believers across time and place, affirming the core truths of God's redemptive work in Christ and anchoring our lives in His story of grace.

## ❖ CONFESSION OF FAITH

## THE NICENE CREED

WE 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; through 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.

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.

GOD  
COMMUNES  
WITH US

Communion is a holy sacrament of the Church. The word, "sacraments" is a translation of a greek word which means "mystery".

Baptism and Communion are the "mysteries" of the Church that God uses to powerfully nourish our faith. Communion is not just a ritual or a memorial, it is a fellowship with the risen Christ.

We invite all who are baptized Christians and members in good standing of a gospel-believing church to receive the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward, the pastor or elder will be available to serve you where you are.

Baptized Children can only eat and drink after they have made a profession of faith approved by the Session. If you would like to know more, please reach out to the pastor or one of the elders.

For those not communing, we are so glad you're here!

We invite you, including non-communing children, to come forward and receive a gospel blessing.

Or feel free to remain in your seat to sing joyfully with the congregation or meditate in prayer.

The prayers in the bulletin may help you in your prayers.

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Communion is served weekly at Christ Presbyterian. Note that the bread is gluten-free and non-alcoholic wine is available in the colored cups in the center of both trays.*

### THE INVITATION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Minister prays...

**Amen.**

### COMMUNION

**[ Hymn during distribution: We Come O Christ to You &  
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing] (Next Page)**

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### **We Come O Christ To You**

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man, by whom all things consist, in whom all life began. In you alone we live and move and have our being, in your love.

You are the way to God, your blood our ransom paid; in you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid. Before the throne absolved we stand; your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living truth! All wisdom dwells in you, the source of ev'ry skill, the one eternal True! O great I AM! in you we rest, sure answer to our ev'ry quest.

You only are true life, to know you is to live; the more abundant life that earth can never give. O risen Lord! we live in you: in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King; to you our youth and strength adoringly we bring: so fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us and turn to you!

### **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread throughout the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin, he sets the pris'ner free; his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf, his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

## **PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING**

Please use the prayers below during communion as guides to reflect and respond to what God is doing in your life.

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING**

“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, teach me and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.”

### **PRAYER OF BELIEF**

“Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, and yet, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.”

### **PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

“Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.”

# There Is One Gospel

D G D

1. There is one gos - pel on which I stand for all e - ter - ni -  
 2. There is one gos - pel to which I cling, all else I count as  
 3. There is one gos - pel where hope is found, the emp - ty tomb still  
 4. And in this gos - pel, the church is one; we do not walk a -

A D G

ty. It is my sto - ry, my Fa - ther's plan, the  
 loss. For there, where jus - tice and mer - cy meet, he  
 speaks. For death could not keep my Sav - ior down, he  
 lone. We have his Spir - it as we press on to

D/A A D D G D

Son has res - cued me. Oh, what a gos - pel, oh, what a peace:  
 saved me on the cross. No more I boast in what I can bring,  
 lives and I am free. Now on my Sav - ior I fix my eyes,  
 lead us safe - ly home. And when in glo - ry still I will sing

G D Bm A D Em7

my high - est joy and my deep - est need. Now and for - ev - er, he  
 no more I car - ry the weight of sin. For he has brought me from  
 my life is his and his hope is mine. For he has prom - ised I,  
 of this old sto - ry that res - cued me. Praise to my Sav - ior, the

is my light. I stand in the gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.  
 death to life. I stand in the gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.  
 too, will rise. I stand in the gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.  
 King of life. I stand in the gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.

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GOD  
 COMMISSIONS  
 US

Our worship concludes with God's sending us into the world with his blessing as we seek to love our community in the power of the Spirit.

❖ **HYMN There Is One Gospel**

❖ **BENEDICTION**

... and all God's people...

**Amen!**

❖ **DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



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