



CHRIST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Lord's Service

May 3rd, 2026

Disciple or Follower?

Mark 3:7-12

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,

Pastor Adam Thomas

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Order for the Public Worship of God

GOD CALLS
US TO
WORSHIP

REFLECTION

“To see the glory of Christ requires a change of heart. The natural self-centered condition of human hearts cannot believe, because they cannot see spiritual beauty. It is not a physical inability, as though they can’t act even if they have a compelling desire to act. It is a moral inability because they are so self-absorbed, they are unable to see what would condemn their pride and give them joy through admiring another. That is why seeing the glory of Christ requires a profound spiritual change.” | **John Piper**, *God Is the Gospel*

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 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

In him we have redemption in his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses

According to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us.

❖ INVOCATION

❖ HYMN **Complete In Thee** (Next Page)

Complete In Thee

Com - plete in Thee! no work of mine May take, dear
 Com - plete in Thee! no more shall sin, Thy grace hath
 Com - plete in Thee each need sup - plied, And no good
 Dear Sav - ior! when be - fore Thy bar All tribes and

Lord, the place of Thine; Thy blood hath par - don bought for
 con - quered, reign with - nied; Thy voice shall bid - the temp - er
 thing to me de - nied; Since Thou my por - tion, Lord, wilt
 tongues as - sem - bled are, A - mong Thy cho - sen will I

me, And I am now com - plete in Thee.
 flee, And I shall stand com - plete in Thee.
 be, I ask no more, com - plete in Thee.
 be, At Thy right hand, com - plete in Thee.

fied! O bless - ed thought! And sanc - ti - fied! Sal - va - tion wrought! Thy blood hath

par - don bought for me, And glo - ri - fied, I too shall be!

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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

Lord God, eternal and Almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge without pretense before your Holy Majesty, that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption; prone to do what is evil, incapable of any good; and that in our depravity, we endlessly transgress your holy commandments. And so, in your just judgment, we deserve ruin and damnation. But Lord, we are displeased with ourselves for having offended you, and we condemn ourselves and our vices with true repentance, longing for your grace to relieve our distress. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GALATIANS 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Praise be to God.

CALL TO GRATEFUL OBEDIENCE

As we move from guilt unto grace and now unto lives of gratitude, hear these words from **Philippians 2:1-5**, “*So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves which is yours in Christ Jesus.*”

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

Amen.

❖ **HYMN Psalm 34 – The Lord is Good**
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The Lord Is Good

Unison D G/D Response (harmony) D Dsus D

1. Oh, taste and see the Lord is good,
 2. I sought the Lord, he answered me; the Lord is good.
 3. And to our children we will say,
 4. Let all his people sing in praise,

Our dai - ly bread, his mer - cies new;
 And from my fears he set me free; the Lord is good.
 Walk in the wis - dom of his ways;
 For he will soon re - new these days;

All earth - ly riv - ers will run dry, yet there is One who
 Through songs of joy and tears of pain, through ev - 'ry sea - son
 What peace his word a - lone can give, for all who trust in
 The dawn of righ - teous - ness will break, all sin and sor - row

sat - is - fies. My full sal - va - tion he pro - vides,
 un - ex - plained, I know this cer - tain truth re - mains:
 him will live. How rich - ly blessed our por - tion is:
 cast a - way. And safe - ly home, how we will say,

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THE LORD IS GOOD
 88 888 4 with refrain

Harmony Asus D A A/C# G/B D

the Lord is good. The Lord is good, the Lord is good,

Bm G D/F# G G/A D

oh, taste and see, oh, come and feast; the Lord is good.

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

Mighty God, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—our selves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118:19-29

New Testament Reading: Luke 6:12-19

Sermon Text: Mark 3:7-12

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God!

SERMON: Disciple or Follower?

Our giving is an act of worship; it is both a response to God's generosity toward us and a sign of faith in God's future provision.

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: O the Deep Deep Love – Amazing Grace]
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COMMUNION HYMNS

O the Deep Deep Love

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free, rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love; leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread his praise from shore to shore! How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore! How he watcheth o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of ev'ry love the best; 'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my Shield and Portion be as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow; the sun forbear to shine; but God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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.”

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 O Great God**

❖ **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.*

O Great God

1. O great God of high - est heav'n, Oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.
2. I was blind - ed by my sin, Had no ears to hear Your voice.
3. Help me now to live a life That's de - pend - ent on Your grace.

Own it all and reign su - preme, Con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r.
Did not know Your love with - in, Had no taste for heav - en's joys.
Keep my heart and guard my soul From the e - vils that I face.

Let no vice or sin re - main That re - sists Your ho - ly war.
Then Your Spir - it gave me life, O - pened up Your Word to me,
You are wor - thy to be praised With my ev - 'ry thought and deed.

You have loved and pur - chased me, Make me Yours for - ev - er - more.
Through the gos - pel of Your Son, Gave me end - less hope and peace.
O great God of high - est heav'n, Glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

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