



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN
WHEATON

SUNDAY | MARCH 15, 2026

10:30am

WELCOME

We are delighted that you have come to worship with us at CPC Wheaton today!

ABOUT US

CPC Wheaton is part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). At CPC we seek to *glorify God* and seek the *eternal good* of others in and through Jesus Christ. If you would like to receive Pastor Jon's weekly email newsletter, please email him at jon.nielson@cpwheaton.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our website cpwheaton.com for updates and information about all that's going on at CPC Wheaton.

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:15am: Sunday school for all ages

10:30am: Worship Service

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GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE: We Will Feast

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP LEADER: Elder Kevin Todd

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 98:1, Revelation 5:9-10

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

All: Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

***SONG OF PRAISE:** For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

*Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise*

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night

Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light

For the joy of ear and eye
For the heart and mind's delight
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight

For the joy of human love
Brother sister parent child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild

***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

***NEW TESTAMENT READING:** Colossians 1:9-20

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

WHAT WE BELIEVE: Westminster Confession of Faith, Chap. 4.2

All: After God had made all other creatures, he created man, male and female, with reasonable and immortal souls, endued with knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness, after his own image; having the law of God written in their hearts, and power to fulfill it: and yet under a possibility of transgressing, being left to the liberty of their own will,

which was subject to change. Beside this law written in their hearts, they received a command, not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; while they kept it, they were happy in their communion with God, and had dominion over the creatures.

WHAT WE CONFESS:

All: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are often ungrateful and disobedient children. You lavish us with good gifts—your Spirit, your provision, your Word—yet we continue to resist you. We crave what you have not given, question your goodness, and grow weary in doing good. Rather than serving those around us, we selfishly pursue our own desires. Have mercy on us and forgive us for Jesus’ sake. By your Spirit, teach us to obey you with a childlike love and a willing mind. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Galatians 3:13

Leader: 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.”

Leader: Christian, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

***SONG OF RESPONSE:** Christ the True and Better Adam

Christ the true and better Adam
Son of God and Son of man
Who when tempted in the garden
Never yielded never sinned
He who makes the many righteous
Brings us back to life again
Dying He reversed the curse then
Rising crushed the serpent’s head

Christ the true and better Isaac
Humble son of sacrifice
Who would climb the fearful mountain
There to offer up his life
Laid with faith upon the altar

Father's joy and only son
There salvation was provided
Oh what full and boundless love

*Amen amen
From beginning to end
Christ the story His the glory
Alleluia amen*

Christ the true and better Moses
Called to lead a people home
Standing bold to earthly powers
God's great glory to be known
With his arms stretched wide to heaven
See the waters part in two
See the veil is torn forever
Cleansed with blood we pass now through

Christ the true and better David
Lowly shepherd mighty King
He the champion in the battle
Where O death is now thy sting
In our place He bled and conquered
Crown Him Lord of majesty
His shall be the throne forever
We shall e'er His people be

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. (2 Corinthians 8:7)

Leader: All that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours, O Lord.

All: For all things come from you, and of your own we offer freely and joyously to you.

OFFERTORY & SONG OF PREPARATION: God the Uncreated
One

God the uncreated One
The Author of salvation
Who wrote the laws of space and time
And fashioned worlds to His design
The One whom angel hosts revere
Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand
Knows the heart of every man
He is King forever
He is King forever
He is King forevermore

God our fortress and our strength
The Rock on which we can depend
Matchless in His majesty
His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man
Never changing Great I am
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall
He is faithful through it all
Crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forevermore

Mighty God in mortal flesh
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace
Lifted high the sinless man
Crucified the spotless Lamb
Buried by the sons of man
Rescued by the Father's hand
To reign as King forever
Reign as King forever
Reign as King forevermore

King eternal God of grace
We crown You with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore
You're holy holy holy Lord
What joy in everlasting life
All is love and faith is sight
Justice rolls and praises rise

At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever
King of kings forever
King of kings forevermore

***SCRIPTURE READING:** Genesis 2:4-17

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. 5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, 6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— 7 then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. 15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***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

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor Jon

Younger children dismissed for Junior Church during “Jesus Loves Me”

SERMON: "The 1st Kingdom" - Pastor Jon

THE LORD'S SUPPER: Pastor Jon

(All bread is gluten-free)

Leader: Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

HYMNS FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER:

All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life*

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Jesus Paid it All

I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

*Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb

***CLOSING SONG:** Jesus Paid it All (v. 4)

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

***BENEDICTION:** Pastor Jon

The Benediction is a “good word” to the people – a word of blessing as we leave the time of corporate worship. It should be received with hands and eyes open.

Next Sunday - Genesis 2:18-25 - Pastor Jon

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

YTD General Fund Budget/Actual (as of 2/28): **\$185,000 / \$188,303**

March General Fund Budget: **\$120,000**

March General Fund Actual (as of 3/8): **\$52,146**

Mortgage Payoff (as of 3/8): **\$142,397**

CPC Partner Ministry for March: **Naomi's House**

Missionary for March: **Neopolis Network**

SERMON NOTES

“The 1st Kingdom” - Genesis 2:2-17

Pastor Jon

INTRODUCTION

The story of David & Goliath...ruined! And the beginning of biblical theology (God’s *kingdom*)...

MAIN POINTS

1. God’s People (2:4-7)
 - a. God’s care and provision (vv. 4-5)
 - b. God’s personal & intimate creation (v. 7)

2. God’s Place (2:8-14)
 - a. God’s lavish planting & provision
 - b. The “Mount” of Eden...

3. God’s Rule (2:15-17)
 - a. God’s work for the man (v. 15)
 - b. God’s Word over the man (vv. 16-17)

APPLICATION

God’s people, in God’s place, under God’s rule – *back then* in Eden, *one day* in the New Creation, and *right now* in the church of Jesus Christ!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL - MARCH 22

We will resume Sunday School for all ages on **next Sunday at 9:15am**. Come and join us then!

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SERVICES

We'll have our annual Good Friday Service on April 3rd at 6:00pm -- and our Easter Sunday Service on April 5th at 10:30am. Please prayerfully consider inviting an unchurched friend/neighbor to join you for these services as we proclaim the crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS



Our children's ministry mission is to partner with families in training children to know and love Jesus. We'd love to have you join us. Follow the QR code to indicate your interest, and we'll be in touch.

VISITORS AND GUESTS



Visitors and guests – we are SO glad you've joined us today at CPC! We would love to be in touch with you and share with you more about getting plugged in at CPC. Please scan the QR code to connect with us and share your contact information. Again, welcome!

GIVING TO CPC WHEATON

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