



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
WHEATON

SUNDAY | MARCH 9, 2025

10:30am

# WELCOME

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

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## ABOUT US

CPC Wheaton is part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). At CPC we seek to grow together – the whole body, in every way, equipped and working properly so that we build ourselves up in love (Eph 4:14-16). If you would like to receive Pastor Jon’s weekly email newsletter, please email him at [jon.nielson@cpwheaton.com](mailto:jon.nielson@cpwheaton.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our website [cpwheaton.com](http://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 at Crossway in Wheaton

**5:00pm:** (1st Sunday of the month) - Evening Worship at Crossway

## STAFF

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Jon Nielson, *Moderator*  
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Kent Cochrum  
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Matt Roberts

**GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE:** Come Christians Join to Sing

Come Christians join to sing, alleluia amen  
Loud praise to Christ our King, alleluia amen  
Let all with heart and voice  
Before His throne rejoice  
Praise is His gracious choice, alleluia amen

Come lift your hearts on high, alleluia amen  
Let praises fill the sky, alleluia amen  
He is our Guide and Friend  
To us He'll condescend  
His love shall never end, alleluia amen

Praise yet our Christ again, alleluia amen  
Life shall not end the strain, alleluia amen  
On heaven's blissful shore  
His goodness we'll adore  
Singing forevermore, alleluia amen

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Elder Kent Cochrum

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Hebrews 13:15

**Leader:** Through Jesus then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

**\*SONG OF PRAISE:** Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till sun shall rise and set no more

Blessings abound where'er He reigns  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains  
The weary find eternal rest  
And all the sons of want are blessed

*To our King be highest praise  
Rising through eternal days  
Just and faithful He shall reign  
Jesus shall reign*

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song

And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name

Let every creature rise and bring  
Blessing and honor to our King  
Angels descend with songs again  
And earth repeat the loud amen

### **\*PRAYER OF BLESSING**

#### **\*OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Isaiah 61:1-4

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

#### **WHAT WE BELIEVE:** Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch. 33

**All:** God has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ, to whom all power and judgment is given to by the Father. In that day, not only the apostate angels will be judged, but also all persons that have lived on the earth will appear before the tribunal of Christ to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds and to receive judgement according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil.

#### **WHAT WE CONFESS:**

**All:** Heavenly Father, we confess that our hearts are divided. We often follow after our sinful desires rather than walk by the Spirit. Our selfishness and pride lead to immorality, sensuality, strife, hatred, jealousy, bitterness, and anger. With our mouth we bless you, our Father, and with it we curse people who are made in your likeness. Have mercy on us and forgive us for Jesus' sake. Help us by your Spirit to follow your Son, giving thanks to you for all of your good gifts. Amen.

## **MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Psalm 103:10-13

**Leader:** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

**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:** Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord the Almighty  
The King of creation  
O my soul praise Him  
For He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord Who over all things  
So wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings  
Yea so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly for all we adore Him

**MEMBERSHIP VOWS** - Steve & Lori Scholes, Frank & Annie Della Torre, Bruce & Arlene Meyer, Dave & Jenny Meyer

**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:** Psalm 24 - O Gates Lift Your Heads (sung to the tune of Immortal Invisible)

The earth and its riches abundantly stored  
The world and its dwellers belong to the Lord  
For He on the seas its foundation has laid  
And from on the waters its pillars has stayed

O who shall the mount of the Lord God ascend?  
And who in the place of His holiness stand?  
The man of pure heart and of lips without stain  
Who swears not to idols nor serves what is vain

Yes he from the Lord shall a blessing receive  
The God of salvation shall righteousness bring  
Thus looking to Him is a whole blessed race  
All those who like Jacob are seeking his face

O gates lift your heads ancient doors lift them high  
The great King of glory to enter draws nigh  
O who is the King that in glory draws near?  
The Lord mighty Lord of the battle is here

O gates lift your heads ancient doors lift them high  
The great King of glory to enter draws nigh  
This great King of glory, oh who can he be  
The Lord God of hosts King of Glory is He

**\*SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 12:22-50

Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." 25 Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. 26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? 27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. 30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. 31 Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. 33 Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. 34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. 36 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, 37 for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." 38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." 39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. 42 The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. 43 When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. 44 Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. 45 Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be

with this evil generation.” 46 While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. 48 But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” 49 And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

*(Children come forward for Children's Sermon as Doxology is sung)*

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

**SERMON:** “Sin, Signs, and Siblings” - 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:**

Here is Love

Here is love vast as the ocean

Loving-kindness as the flood

When the Prince of Life our Ransom

Shed for us His precious blood

*Who His love will not remember*

*Who can cease to sing His praise*

*He can never be forgotten*

*Throughout Heav'n's eternal days*

On the mount of crucifixion

Fountains opened deep and wide

Through the floodgates of God's mercy

Flowed a vast and gracious tide



*Grace and love like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above  
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love*

Christ is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me*

**\*CLOSING SONG:** Christ is Mine Forevermore (v3)

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore*

*Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward*

*Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore*

**\*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 - Matthew 13:1-58 - Pastor Jon

## **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

March Operating Budget: **\$135,000**

March General Fund Offerings (as of 3/2): **\$24,780**

Building Project Budget: **\$2,800,000**

Remaining need for building completion (as of 3/2): **\$983,225**

CPC Partner Ministry for March: *Safe Families*

Missionary for March: *Neopolis Network (Global)*

Read more about our missionaries and partner ministries on our website!

# SERMON NOTES

“Sin, Signs, and Siblings” - Matthew 12:22-50

*Pastor Jon*

## INTRODUCTION

10,000 ways to get Jesus “wrong” – and only 1 way to get Jesus “right”...!

## MAIN POINTS

1. The “Unforgivable *Sin*” (12:22-37)
2. The Insincere Demand for *Signs* (12:38-45)
3. The Family of the *Savior* (12:46-50)

## IMPORTANT TAKEAWAYS

There are lots of ways to miss Jesus (the Scribes & Pharisees show us how!) – but when we “do the will of the Father” by believing in him, we find not only a Savior...but a *Sibling*.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MARCH IT INTO THE SAFE FAMILY CLOSET

We are having a diaper, wipes and pajama drive for the Safe Family closet during the month of March. We are collecting all sizes of diapers, and pajamas sizes newborn-6T. There will be a box near the doors that you can leave all donations in. These donations go towards supporting and loving on children that come into the care of Safe Family homes.

## CPC DIRECTORY

We are beginning to gather information from all CPC members and regular attenders to be able to publish a digital church directory. Don't miss out! Please scan the QR code below and fill out the form once for every member of your family. Thank you!



## GIVING TO CPC WHEATON

Tithes and offerings can be given by check/cash during worship services, online via our website ([cpcwheaton.com](http://cpcwheaton.com)) or by mailing a check to our CPC Wheaton office (933A College Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187).

*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!*



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