



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN
WHEATON

SUNDAY | MAY 11, 2025

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 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@cpcwheaton.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our website cpcwheaton.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

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GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE: And Can it Be

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me
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'Tis mystery all th'Immortal dies
Who can explore His strange design
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine
'Tis mercy all let earth adore
Let angel minds inquire no more
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

He left His Father's throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP LEADER: Elder Kevin Todd

CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 55:1-3

Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live.

***SONG OF PRAISE:** Living Waters

Are you thirsty, are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken, peace unspoken

Rest beside these living waters
Christ is calling, find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down, all the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

*There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters*

Spirit moving, mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

Are you thirsty, are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters

***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

***OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of

stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

WHAT WE BELIEVE: Westminster Confession, Chap. 25

All: The visible Church, which is also catholic or universal under the Gospel (though not confined to one nation, as before under the Law), consists of all those throughout the world who profess the true religion, and their children. It is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, the house and family of God, outside of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation. Christ has given to this catholic, visible Church the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God, for the gathering and perfecting of the saints in this life, up to the end of the world. He makes them effective for these purposes by his own presence and Spirit, according to his promise.

WHAT WE CONFESS:

All: Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF CONFESSION Lord Have Mercy

For what we have done and left undone
We fall on Your countless mercies
For sins that are known and those unknown
We call on Your name so holy
For envy and pride for closing our eyes
For scorning our very neighbor

In thought word and deed we've failed You our King
How deeply we need a Savior

*Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us*

For what You have done Your life of love
You perfectly lived we praise You
Though tempted and tried You fixed Your eyes
You finished the work God gave You
And there on the tree, a King among thieves
You bled for a world's betrayal
You loved to the end, our merciful friend
How pure and forever faithful

*For hearts that are cold for seizing control
For scorning our very Maker
In thought word and deed we've failed You our King
How deeply we need a Savior*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Matthew 20:28

Leader: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

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.

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: Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

*You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne

***SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 21:23 - 22:22

And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 26 But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. 28 "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he

answered, 'I will, sir,' but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him. 33 "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. 34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' 39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? 43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. 46 And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

22:1 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy.

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 Caleb

SERMON: "Those God Accepts" - Pastor Caleb

THE LORD'S SUPPER: Pastor Caleb

(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:

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

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone Christ alone

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ?

***CLOSING SONG:** Christ Our Hope in Life and Death (v3)

Unto the grave what will we sing?
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore!

***BENEDICTION:** Pastor Caleb

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 22:23 - 23:39 - Pastor Jon

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

May Operating Budget: **\$105,000**

May General Fund Offerings (as of 5/4): **\$25,378**

YTD Operating Actual/Budget (as of 4/30): **\$397,017 / \$435,000**

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

Remaining need for building completion (as of 5/4): **\$922,346**

CPC Partner Ministry for May: *By the Hand*

Missionary for May: *Hunter & Laura Quinn (South Africa)*

SERMON NOTES

“Those God Accepts” - Matthew 21:23 - 22:22

Pastor Caleb

INTRODUCTION

Who are those who are accepted by God?

MAIN POINTS

1. The Jewish Leader's Unbelief (v. 23-27)
2. God's Rejection of the Jewish Leaders (v. 28-46)
3. Our Hope of Acceptance (v. 1-22)

IMPORTANT TAKEAWAYS

Those who accept God's Son are accepted by God and only those who accept God's Son. Let that be a warning and a comfort to us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S SUMMER GATHERINGS

The CPC men will be gathering for dinner in backyards on **May 14, June 18, July 16, August 13**. Mark your calendars now. More details to come.

WORD TRAINING CLASS FOR WOMEN

We will have six Summer Sunday mornings 9:00-10:00, June 1-July 13 (no class July 6).

To register or to inquire further, please contact Cindy Cochrum (cindy.cochrum@cpwheaton.com). Registration is available on our website.

SUMMER CONVERSATIONS: WOMEN AND THE CHURCH

Be sure to mark your calendars now for our monthly conversations with other CPC women and Elders highlighting various aspects of life at CPC.

Dates: June 4, July 9, August 6.

GIVING TO CPC WHEATON

Tithes and offerings can be given by check/cash during worship services, online via our website (cpwheaton.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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