



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
WHEATON

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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@cpcwheaton.com](mailto:jon.nielson@cpcwheaton.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our website [cpcwheaton.com](http://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

## STAFF

Jon Nielson, *Senior Pastor*  
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Caleb Odell, *Associate Pastor*  
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John Messer  
Caleb Odell  
Matt Roberts

**GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE:** Immortal Invisible God only  
Wise

Immortal invisible God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed most glorious the Ancient of Days  
Almighty victorious Thy great name we praise

Unresting unchanging and silent as light  
Nor wanting nor wasting Thou rulest in might  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

To all life Thou givest to both great and small  
In all life Thou livest the true life of all  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee

Great Father of glory pure Father of light  
Thine angels adore Thee all veiling their sight  
All praise we would render O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Pastor Caleb Odell

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Hebrews 13:12-15

**Leader:** So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

**All:** Through him 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:** Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah  
O my soul, Jehovah praise  
I will sing the glorious praises  
Of my God through all my days  
Put no confidence in princes  
Nor for help on man depend  
He shall die, to dust returning  
And his purposes shall end

Happy is the one who chooses  
Israel's God to be his aid  
We are blessed whose hope of blessing  
On the Lord our God is stayed  
Heaven and earth the Lord created  
Seas and all that they contain  
He delivers from oppression  
Righteousness He will maintain

Food He daily gives the hungry  
Sets the mourning prisoner free  
Raises those bowed down with anguish  
Makes the sightless eye to see  
Well Jehovah loves the righteous  
And the stranger He befriends  
Helps the fatherless and widow  
Judgment on the wicked sends

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah  
O my soul, Jehovah praise  
I will sing the glorious praises  
Of my God through all my days  
Over all God reigns forever  
Through all ages He is King  
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion  
Joyful hallelujahs sing

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

### **\*OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 19:1-9**

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.”

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**WHAT WE BELIEVE:** Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 54-55

**Leader:** What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

**All:** I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

**Leader:** What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

**All:** First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

**WHAT WE CONFESS:**

**All:** Heavenly Father, we confess that we have not lived up to our calling. You have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light, and yet we are drawn back to the darkness. We often serve our desires rather than live as your servants. We dishonor authorities. We envy, hate, lust, steal, and lie. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Help us by your Spirit to proclaim your excellencies to a watching world. Amen.

**MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** 1 Peter 3:18

**Leader:** For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

**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.

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE:** 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

*Chorus*

*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

**COVENANT BAPTISM:** Bernadette Kieta

**MEMBERSHIP VOWS:** Alex & Jess Winters, Kathy Schock, Jill  
Hannah, Chris & Lydia Baer

**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:** O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone  
Your grace a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts  
My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died  
You rose the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

**\*SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 Peter 2:4-17

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his

own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. 13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

**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:** "The Holy Huddle & A Hostile World" - 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:**

Take My Life and Let it Be

Take my life and let it be

Consecrated Lord to Thee

Take my hands and let them move

At the impulse of Thy love

At the impulse of Thy love.



Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee  
Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Always only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee  
Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love my God I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee  
Ever only all for Thee.

### O Church Arise

O church arise and put your armor on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

**\*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE:** O Church Arise (v4)

So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

**\*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 - 1 Peter 2:18-25 - Pastor Jon

*\*Indicates standing if you are able.*

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

September budget for CPC Wheaton is: **\$120,000**

September General Fund Offerings (as of 9/22) total: **\$85,941**

“Building Fund” offerings (as of 9/22) totaled: **\$847,205**

CPC Partner Ministry for September is: *Outreach Ministries*

# **SERMON OUTLINE**

“The Holy Huddle & A Hostile World” – 1 Peter 2:4-17

*Pastor Jon*

## **INTRODUCTION**

A “holy huddle” - usually a pejorative term for Christians and/or the church! But, for Peter, it’s a positive & encouraging description - even as we are called to faithful and beautiful witness in a “hostile world.”

## **OUTLINE**

- 1) The “Holy Huddle” (2:4-10)
  
- 2) A “Hostile World” (2:11-17)

## **APPLICATION**

Remember your identity (belonging to the “holy huddle”) and heed Peter’s call (a beautiful life in a “hostile world”).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

## 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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