



Christ Presbyterian Church

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Ruling Elders: Scott Owens, Bill Keith
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Robert Britton, Gary Horn, Biao Xu

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Janitor: Bill Kercher
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Adult Sunday School Teachers

Joshua Sparkman, Scott Owen

Ministry

Accompanists: Alicia Luttrell
Singers: John Bell, Rebecca Young
Nursery Coordinator: Noreen Keith
Children's Sunday School Coordinators: Tori Buchanan,
Lori Sparkman
Meals Coordinator: Noreen Keith
Decorations Coordinator: Lily Britton
Wednesday Night Women's Dinner: Denise Dorizotti
Prayer Chain Coordinator: Linda Gray
Weddings, Funerals, Showers Coordinator: Tori
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MISSIONARIES

Chuck and Wyema*Europe* 
David and Jan*Europe* 
Robert and Lisa Stewart.....*Japan* 
Pamyla Burrack.....*Germany* 
Chris and Emily Teague*Czech Republic* 
Sav-A-Life.....*Mobile, Al*
Curt and Kelly Moore....*MNA Disaster Relief* 
Jacob and Leigh Zoller @ USA 
Scott and Katie Moore.....*Trinity Gardens* 
Jeff and Jane Pelz*New Zealand* 
Walter Klopner.....*Reformed Theological Seminary* 
Ben and Katie Nelson.....*Mid-town Mobile* 

April Income & Expense: General Fund

Income to General Fund \$17,040.49
Expenses from General Fund \$12,231.27
Total Difference \$4,809.22
Total in Reserves (Stifel Fund) \$140,290.39

April Income & Expenses: Missions Fund

Income to the Missions Fund \$1,909.64
Expenses from the Missions Fund \$1,790.00
Total Difference \$119.64
Designated Missions Giving \$135.00



Morning Worship

05.13.2018

10:15 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

† Song of Ascents

What Wondrous Love is This (Hymn 261)

Welcome and Announcements

VISION OF GOD

† Call to Worship

Psalm 97

Pastor: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice

People: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him

Pastor: righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne

People: Fire goes before him and burns up his enemies

Pastor: His lightnings light up the world

People: The heavens proclaim his righteousness

People: and all the peoples shall see his glory

† Invocation

† Song of Worship

Come Christians Join to Sing (Hymn 302)

Declaration of the Law

1 John 2:15-16

People: Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world--the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life--is not from the Father but is from the world.

† Please Stand

Why worship on Sundays?

In the Old Testament worship was on Saturday celebrating God's finished creation. But His work of redemption was finished at Jesus' resurrection on the first day of the week. On multiple Sundays the resurrected Lord visited the assembled Church establishing a new day for corporate worship (Luke 24:1-3, John 20:1,26, Acts 20:7-9, 1 Cor 16:1-2, & Rev 1:10).

The Song of Ascents encourages all present in the building to come and join in corporate worship.

Worship's who, what, & where:

God alone initiates the church's corporate worship. He summons us, not privately, but corporately, through the Word & His Holy Spirit (John 4:19-24) into His heavenly presence (Psalm 100, Hebrews 12:22-24) in order to adore and obey Him.

How do we respond to God's call?

Worship, though initiated by God, is a dialogue between God and His people. The people of God are called to humbly respond to him by praying to him to help us focus on his attributes, and by singing his praises, focusing on his glory.

What is, and why read, the law?

The law is a reflection of God's perfect character, **AND** what He requires of us. Through its reading (Nehemiah 8:1-3, Luke 4:16-21) God's glorious character convicts us of our sin (Isaiah 6:1-5). We ought to respond in praise, reverence & awe, and repentance & faith.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Every Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Adult Class: The Book of Hebrews
9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Children's Class
10:15 a.m.	Morning Worship

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.	Group studying <u>The Psalms</u> Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday

6:30 p.m.	Women's Dinner NEXT Thursday night! Please see Denise.
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Friday

7:00 p.m.	Mobile Chinese Christian Fellowship Bible Study downstairs in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Mobile Chinese Christian Fellowship's ESL class

Upcoming Events:

New Members Class tonight

Going Away Party for Rebecca Young Thursday night May 17th @ 6616 Gaslight Lane N

CPC SUMMER BOOK CLUB: First book: Knowing God by J.I. Packer

email: dick@buchananlumbermobile.com, cell: 251-454-5398

VBS July 9th-13th, 15th!! Please see Lori if you want to help

Sunday Roster:

Officer of the Day: Scott Owens
Announcements: Biao Xu
Audio Tech: Rick Powell
Nursery: Jennie Knighton/Wen Chen

Next Week:

Officer of the Day: Gary Horn
Announcements: Scott Owens
Audio Tech: Jake Horn
Nursery: Wen Chen/Anna Rhodes

† Please Stand

SERMON NOTES

Song of Songs 1:5-2:1

05.13.2018

“Christ’s Love Resolving our Insecurity”

I. The Insecurity of the Bride

II. The Security of the Love of the Hero

III. The Joy of Mutual Love

CONFESSION OF SIN

Corporate & Personal Confession

Remember, O my soul,
It is your duty and privilege to rejoice in God:
He requires it of you for all his favors of grace.
Rejoice then in the Giver and his goodness,
Be happy in him, O my heart, and in nothing but God,
For whatever a man trusts in,
From that he expects happiness.

He who is the ground of your faith
Should be the substance of your joy.
Whence then comes heaviness and dejection,
When joy is sown in you,
Promised by the Father,
Bestowed by the Son,
Inwrought by the Holy Spirit,
Yours by grace,
Your birthright in believing?

Are you seeking to rejoice in yourself
From an evil motive of pride and self-reputation?
You have nothing of your own but sin,
Nothing to move God to be gracious
Or to continue his grace towards you.

If you forget this you will lose your joy.
Are you grieving under a sense of indwelling sin?
Let godly sorrow work repentance,
As the true spirit which the Lord blesses,
And which creates fullest joy;
Sorrow in self opens rejoicing in God,
Self-dissatisfaction draws down divine delights.

Have you sought joys in some creature comfort?
Look not below God for happiness;
Fall not asleep in Delilah’s lap.
Let God be all in all to you,
And joy in the fountain that is always full.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON PRAISE OF GOD

Why confess sins as Christians?

Confession of sins is our agreement that God is holy and righteous **AND** that we have failed in what He requires of us in the law. We have sinned against God in particular (Psalm 51:4). We have fallen short of God’s glory (Romans 3:23). Confession of sin is our being honest and “real” with God and ourselves in the light of God’s perfections and Word (Genesis 6:5). In confession we turn from our sins because they grieve Him, and we turn toward God (Romans 6:3-18). Confession then is a right **RESPONSE OF WORSHIP** to our holy triune God.

How do I respond, if I am forgiven?

You need an hourly call to believe the gospel. We don’t just repent once. We live a life of repentance (Mark 1:14-15). Neither do we believe just once. We live a life of faith (Romans 1:14-15, 14:23). And we need the regular reminder of the sufficiency of Christ’s substitutionary law-abiding life and wrath-satisfying death for our sin (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). Christians are indeed saved by works. Not your works (Galatians 2:15-16); but Christ’s work (Philippians 3:8-11). So that we might boast and glory in Him alone and not ourselves (Galatians 6:14).

† Songs of Praise

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (Hymn 342)

Hymn of the Month:

There is a Land of Pure Delight (Getty's)

Ordination Vows:

Mr. John Bell

Offering

† “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. Amen.”

INSTRUCTION OF GOD

Confession of Faith

Colossians 1:13-22

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,
So 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,

[How do we respond to the gospel?](#)

In faith! In dependence upon Christ
as your source of life! In
thankfulness! In praise! In obedience!
All of which are now the overflow of
the soul's thankfulness to the Lord.

[Why confess a creed?](#)

There are many creeds in the Bible
(Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Ephesians 4:3-
6, 1 Timothy 3:16). Creeds are the
universal church's attempt to
summarize the saving truths of
Scripture. This is a power given to
the church by the Lord Jesus Christ
(1 Tim 3:14-15). Creeds therefore sit
under the authority of Scripture.
Creeds also connect us with our
brothers and sisters around the
world (Romans 1:8), **AND** in all times
(Hebrews 3:1-6), as we confess the
one true faith.

[Why confess Scripture?](#)

We believe meditating on God's
Word is how we are transformed by
God's power and grace. (Psalm 1)
We want Scripture to be second
nature to us: to comfort each other
(Colossians 3), to use in evangelism
and edification (Matthew 4). Share it
with each other. Memorize it.

making peace by the blood of his cross.

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind,

doing evil deeds,

he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death,

in order to present you holy and blameless

and above reproach before him.

New Testament Reader:

Richard Crow

New Testament Text:

Luke 4:14-22

† Sermon Text:

Song of Solomon 1:5-2:1

Sermon:

“Love Resolving Insecurity”

RESPONDING TO HIS WORD

† Praise-response to the Word

Wonderful, Merciful, Savior (Selah)

† Benediction

† Response

“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.”

[Why do we read the Scriptures?](#)

Because God's people are to be
primarily marked by knowledge of,
and communion with, the true God
of the Bible (1 John 2:13-14). It is
imperative therefore that you
know, read, and apply the truth of
God's Word to your life (Psalm
119:105, 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

[Why did we stand while reading the Scriptures?](#)

Because standing is a body-posture
of attentiveness and respect to
God's Word (Nehemiah 8:1-4). Pray
the Holy Spirit would give you the
soul-posture of attentiveness and
respect to the Scriptures.

[How should I prepare my heart to hear God's Word?](#)

By looking beyond the preacher
knowing that Christ himself is
personally teaching his Bride in so far
as what is said is the purpose God
has for the text preached. Corporate
worship and preaching are the
primary means of New Testament
discipleship.

[What should I do now?](#)

Go into the world knowing God is
with you, and empowering you by
the Holy Spirit, to be salt, light, and
children of God in all spheres of
your life. Live to his glory!