



Knowing Jesus Christ

Growing in grace

Going into the world with hope

"For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people."

I Timothy 4.10

Sunday Service Times:

Adult & Children's Sunday School:

9:15 – 10:05am

Worship Service:

10:30 – 11:45am

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Song of Gathering

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You're the Lion of Judah

Words and Music by Robin Mark, 1997

You're the Lion of Judah the Lamb who was slain
You ascended to Heaven and evermore will reign
At the end of the age When the earth You reclaim
You will gather the nations before You

*And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb
Who was crucified
With wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign
At Your Father's side*

(Chorus)

And the angels will cry "Hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world, Rule in power"
And the earth will reply "You shall reign
As the King of all kings And the Lord of all lords"

*There's a shield in our hand And a sword at our side
There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied
'Cause the Father has told us For these You have died
For the nations that gather before You*

And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb
Who was crucified
Who descended to hell yet was raised up to reign
At His Father's side

(Chorus)

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Psalm 63.1-2

*O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.*

Call to Worship

From Psalm 84

Leader: *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul
longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and
flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

People: **Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

Leader: *Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!*

All: **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise

O The Valleys

Music and Lyrics Unknown

O the valleys are filled with the sound of praise
And the Lion shall lie with the lamb
Of His government there will be no end
And His glory shall fill all the earth.

(Chorus)

*May your kingdom come; May Your will be done
Let reign, let it rule in our lives
There's a shout from the camp, as we answer the call
Hail the King, Hail the Lord, Lord of all!*

O the earth has been made,
By the strength of your hand,
And the heavens the work of Your power.
Though they all will change, you remain the same,
And your years will not come to an end.

(Chorus)

O Day of Rest and Gladness

Words by Christopher Wordsworth, 1862, Music by Christopher Miner, 1997

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:
On Thee, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
Sing holy, holy, holy, to the great God Triune.

On Thee, at the creation, the light first had its birth;
On Thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
On Thee, our Lord, victorious, the Spirit sent from heaven,
And thus on Thee, most glorious, a triple light was given.

*Today on weary nations the heavenly manna falls;
To holy convocations the silver trumpet calls,
Where Gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams,
And living water flowing, with soul refreshing streams.*

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Song of Thanksgiving

Better is One Day

Words and Music by Matt Redman, 1995

How lovely is Your dwelling place, Oh Lord, Almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

(Chorus)

*Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in your courts
Than thousands elsewhere (Repeat)*

One thing I ask and I would seek To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells
One thing I ask and I would seek To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

(Chorus)

My heart and flesh cry out
For You, the living God
Your spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen,
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You (To You)

(Chorus)

Prayer for the Kingdom

Sermon

Psalm 122.1

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Pastor Doug Kittredge

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Longing for the House of the Lord

Celebration of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church. Note: Hope of Christ Presbyterian Church uses wine in this celebration. If, whether for reasons of health or conscience, you prefer grape juice it is provided in the outer ring of cups.

Prayers of Meditation for Those Not Communing

If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen. (If you are praying this today for the first time, please touch base with the Pastor after the service).

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Song of Meditation

Here O my Lord I see Thee Face to Face

Words by Horatius Bonar, 1855, Music by James Langran, 1882

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

*Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of Heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.*

I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
Another arm save Thine to lean upon;
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

*Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
Thy Blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God!*

Benediction

Calendar for this Week:

Today	9:15am	Sunday School
	10:05am	Fellowship & Refreshments
	10:30am	Worship & Communion Celebration Please welcome to the pulpit Pastor Doug Kittredge from New Life in Christ Church.
	12:30pm	Potluck picnic at Autumn Ridge Park—please bring food to share. Drinks provided. EVERYONE WELCOME!!
Tuesday	1:00pm	Backyard Bible Club Planning Meeting @ Murphy's
Thursday	7:00pm	Praise Team @ Griffin's home (Pete Griffin, 286-1821)

*Care Groups are on hiatus until the fall.

Upcoming Events:

Last Sunday Of Month	Communion Sunday followed by a potluck picnic at Autumn Ridge Park
August 4-8	Backyard Bible Club @ Wright's, 9am-noon
August 10	Pastor Leonard Bailey will preach the evening service at New Life in Christ Church in Fredericksburg. A reception for all in attendance from Hope of Christ Church will follow the service.
August 11-15	Backyard Bible Club @ Griffin's/Murphy's, 9am-noon
September 5&6	Inquirer's Weekend—for those interested in hearing more about Hope of Christ Church or membership.

Nursery Schedule:

Katie Murphy, 752-6118

July 27	<u>Sunday School:</u>	J. Jany/P. Jany/S. Gensimore
	<u>Worship:</u>	K. Murphy/Chapmans
Aug 3	<u>Sunday School:</u>	J. Jany/M. Wright/S. Griffin
	<u>Worship:</u>	A. Bailey/P. VanHooser/R. Bailey

Birthdays this week:

7/29—Robert Turner
7/30—Ruthie Wright

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