



# Christ Presbyterian Church

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# Morning Worship Service

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## The Prelude

*Lord Dissolve My Frozen Heart*

(You may use the following song for quiet reflection as you prepare to worship.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2catzibyr-0>

*Lord, dissolve my frozen heart,  
By the beams of love divine;  
This alone can warmth impart,  
To dissolve a heart like mine.*

*Savior, let thy love be felt,  
Let its power be felt by me,  
Then my frozen heart shall melt,  
Melt in love, O Lord to thee.*

*O that love, how vast it is!  
Vast it seems, though known in part;  
Strange indeed, if love like this,  
Should not melt the frozen heart.*

*Repeat Chorus x 2*

*Chorus:*

*The love of Christ passes knowledge.  
The love of Christ eases fear.  
The love of Christ hits a man's heart,  
It pierces him like a spear.*

## Call to Worship

Psalm 28:7-8

(If you are with your whole family, the dads can read the part of "pastor" and let the family respond as the congregation. If you are on your own, simply read the words out loud and reflect on their meaning as you speak. The words are used to explain why we worship Him and to entice us to do so.)

*Pastor: "The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped, my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him."*

*Congregation: "The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed."*

*Pastor: Let us worship God!*

## The Hymn of Praise

*Be Thou My Vision*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdBnu7OXk9g>

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one  
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou my Inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art  
High King of Heaven, my victory won  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all*

### **The Invocation**

(You may use the prayer below to ask the Lord's presence as you worship Him.)

"Blessed Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You are most wise and full of truth. Reveal yourself to us in the name of your Son for to him you have delivered all things and no one knows you except in him. Reveal yourself to us in the name of your son for he is gentle and lowly of heart and we would take his yoke upon us and learn from him. For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

### **Heidelberg Catechism**

(Ask one family member to read the question out loud. Then all join together to read the answer.)

Question 1- "What is your only comfort in life and death?"

*Answer- "That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.*

*He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.*

*Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him."*

### **New Testament Lesson**

Matthew 15:21-28

(This lesson captures the essence of faith that is commended by Jesus and present as Jacob clings to the Lord in Genesis 32:26)

### **Confession of Sin**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

(Read this passage and quietly confess your sins to the Lord. After the silent time, join together with the prayer of confession listed below.)

## Silent Confession

### Prayer of Confession

(Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*, p. 170)

“God of all life, quicken me to call upon your name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts wander, my affections are bound to this earth, my heart unbelieving and only your Spirit can help my infirmities. I approach you as Father and friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my strength of heart. I believe in you as the one and only true God, the ordainer of providence, the sender of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to you, but I praise you for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to you. Amen.”

### Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 10:12-14

“<sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”

If you are trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior. If you rest upon him, alone for your salvation. God’s word declares that your sins are forgiven in and through Christ. In Jesus, you are adopted to live as a son or daughter of your Heavenly Father. With thankful heart, please sing....

### The Hymn of Response

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MGv4aSRLTY>

<i>Beneath the cross of Jesus</i>	<i>I take, O cross, thy shadow</i>
<i>I fain would take my stand,</i>	<i>for my abiding place:</i>
<i>The shadow of a mighty rock</i>	<i>I ask no other sunshine than</i>
<i>Within a weary land;</i>	<i>The sunshine of His face;</i>
<i>A home within the wilderness,</i>	<i>Content to let the world go by</i>
<i>A rest upon the way,</i>	<i>To know no gain nor loss,</i>
<i>From the burning of the noontide heat,</i>	<i>My sinful self my only shame,</i>
<i>and the burden of the day.</i>	<i>my glory, all the cross.</i>

*Upon the cross of Jesus,*  
*mine eye at times can see*  
*The very dying form of One*  
*Who suffered there for me;*  
*And from my stricken heart with tears*  
*Two wonders I confess*  
*The wonders of redeeming love*  
*and my unworthiness*

## The Offertory Prayer

“Lord God, we thank you that all that we have comes from you. Our life, our safety, our health, and especially our salvation. We thank you for your generosity to us, poor sinners. We give these gifts back to you out of a heart of gratitude. You have given to us, freely...now we give back to you with thanksgiving!”

## The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

If you'd like to tithe by check, please mail to P.O. Box 2016 Auburn, AL. 36831. If you'd prefer, you can give online at the following link: <https://christpresauburn.org/online-giving/>.

## Pastoral Prayer

(Follow this link to our pastoral prayer and the sermon.)

<https://christpresauburn.org/sermons/>

## Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 32:22-32

## The Preaching of the Word of God

“When God Wrestles with You”

## The Hymn of Response

*Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=327SwiM1qMA>

*Pensive, doubting, fearful heart,  
Hear what Christ the Savior says.  
Every word should joy impart,  
Change thy mourning into praise.  
Yes, he speaks, and speaks to thee,  
May he help thee to believe!  
Then thou presently wilt see,  
Thou hast little cause to grieve.*

*Fear thou not, nor be ashamed,  
All thy sorrows soon shall end.  
I who heaven and earth have framed,  
Am thy husband and thy friend.  
I the High and Holy One,  
Israel's God by all adored,  
As thy Savior will be known,  
Thy Redeemer and thy Lord.*

*For a moment I withdrew,  
And thy heart was filled with pain,  
But my mercies I'll renew,  
Thou shalt soon rejoice again.  
Though I seem to hide my face,  
Very soon my wrath shall cease.  
'Tis but for a moment's space,  
Ending in eternal peace.*

*Though afflicted, tempest-tossed,  
Comfortless awhile thou art,  
Do not think thou canst be lost,  
Thou art graven on my heart.  
All thy wastes I will repair,  
Thou shalt be rebuilt anew,  
And in thee it shall appear,  
What the God of love can do.*

**Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

<sup>24</sup> The Lord bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*