

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ACADEMY: NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW (PART 1)** - January 19 - April 13  
Our next Academy class will offer a survey of the books and themes of the New Testament, with part 1 of the course beginning on January 19 and concluding on April 13. It will meet downstairs on Sundays from 8:40 AM - 9:40 AM. Childcare will be available. To sign up, please use the sign up sheet at the connection center or contact Isaac Whitney at isaac@christchurchwc.org.

**MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** - January 19 - April 13  
Our three-part membership class will be offered on Sunday mornings from January 19 to April 13 downstairs, from 8:40 AM to 9:40 AM. Classes may be attended in any order, but all must be attended before prospective members can proceed through the application process. Childcare is available.

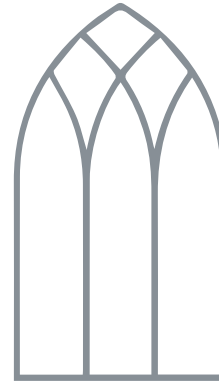
**SUNDAY NIGHT THEOLOGY** - March 30  
Our upcoming SNT lecture will take place on March 30, at 5 PM., here at Christ Church West Chester. Esther Liu, faculty member at the Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation in Glenside, PA, will deliver a lecture on the content of her book on shame. This lecture will seek to not only comfort those struggling with shame, but will also equip those walking alongside loved ones experiencing its effects. Childcare will be provided during the lecture. For more information on Sunday Night Theology, please visit our website.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** - May 2-3  
This year's women's retreat will be May 2-3, here at Christ Church West Chester. Cost is \$15. For more details, to register, or to volunteer to help, please contact Meghan Johnson.

**EVENING SERVICE** - April 13  
Please make plans to join us tonight for our next evening service on April 13, at 5 PM. In addition to corporate worship and prayer, Pastoral Intern Justin Whelchel will be preaching from Philippians 4:2-7. Childcare will be provided.

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**CHRIST  
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Service of Divine worship on the morning of  
**MARCH 16, 2025**

PREPARATION SONG  
*Psalm 121 (I Lift My Eyes)*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Psalm 134:1-3

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*O Worship The King  
All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

*There Is One Gospel*

SCRIPTURE READING  
Psalm 73

*Rejoice The Lord Is King*

CONFESSATIONAL READING

The New Hampshire Confession of Faith: Article 11;  
The Perseverance Of Saints

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING  
Hebrews 12:18-29

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*The Doxology*

*Gloryland*

SERMON  
Philippians 3:17-4:1

*Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

BENEDICTION  
1 Thessalonians 5:7-11

PREACHER: MAXWELL WILLIS  
PRESIDING MINISTER: RENE RODRIGUEZ

## CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

### **VERSE 1**

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing; I am His forevermore

### **VERSE 2**

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes his work in me

### **VERSE 3**

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for His name  
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore  
And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure; Christ is mine forevermore

### **BRIDGE**

Come rejoice now, O my soul, for His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore

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# SERMON NOTES

## **COME ON! DO YOU WANT TO LIVE FOREVER?**

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1 | MAXWELL WILLIS

# PSALM 121 (I LIFT MY EYES)

## **VERSE 1**

I lift my eyes up to the hills; from where does my help come?  
My help comes from the Maker of the heavens and the earth  
He will not let my foot be moved; He keeps my journey safe

## **CHORUS**

O, my soul, praise the Lord Most High!  
Strong to save, He upholds my life  
Forevermore He will be my light  
I lift my eyes up to the Lord Most High

## **VERSE 2**

He is the shade at my right hand, my shelter in the storm  
No sun by day nor moon by night shall ever bring me harm  
He will not slumber, will not sleep; He watches all my ways

## **VERSE 3**

I lift my eyes up to the hills; from where does my help come?  
My help comes from the Maker of the heavens and the earth  
The God of Israel is my guide wherever I may go  
And in His strength I will abide until He leads me home

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# O WORSHIP THE KING

## **VERSE 1**

O worship the King, all glorious above  
And gratefully sing His wonderful love  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

## **VERSE 2**

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light and canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

## **VERSE 3**

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air and shines in the light  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

## **VERSE 4**

O measureless might, ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship above  
Thy mercies—how tender, how firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

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# SERMON NOTES

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PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1 | MAXWELL WILLIS

## GLORYLAND

### **VERSE 1**

If you have friends in Gloryland  
Who left because of pain,  
Thank God up there, they'll die no more  
They'll suffer not again

### **VERSE 2**

Then weep not friends,  
I'm going home  
Up there we'll die no more  
No coffins will be made up there  
No graves on that bright shore

### **VERSE 3**

The lame will walk in Gloryland  
The blind up there will see  
The deaf in Gloryland will hear  
The dumb will talk to me

### **VERSE 4**

The doctor will not have to call  
The undertaker - no  
There'll be no pain up there to bear  
Just walk the streets of gold

### **VERSE 5**

We'll need no sun in Gloryland  
The moon and stars won't shine  
For Christ himself is light up there  
He reigns of love divine

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## ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

### **VERSE 1**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

### **VERSE 2**

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God  
Who from His altar call,  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

### **VERSE 3**

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race  
Ye ransomed from the fall  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all

### **VERSE 4**

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go spread your trophies at his feet,  
And crown Him Lord of all

### **VERSE 5**

Let every kindred, every tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

### **VERSE 6**

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

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## CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

### **1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-10 (ESV)**

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

### **1 CORINTHIANS 6:11 (ESV)**

## SCRIPTURE READING

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

### **HEBREWS 12:18-29 (ESV)**

## THE DOXOLOGY

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

# CONFSSIONAL READING

We believe all genuine believers endure to the end. Their persevering obedience to Christ and attachment to his people are the primary mark distinguishing them from superficial professors. A special providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God through faith to salvation.

*(John 8:31; I John 2:27-28; I John 3:9; I John 5:18; I John 2:19; John 13:18; Matt. 13:20- 21; John 6:66-69; Job 17:9; Rom. 8:28; Matt. 6:30-33; Jer. 32:40; Ps. 121:3; Ps. 91:11-12; Phil. 1:6; Phil. 2:13; Jude 24:25; Heb. 1:14; II Kings 6:16; Heb. 13:5; I John 4:4)*

## **THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFESSION OF FAITH: ARTICLE 11; THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS (Adapted; 1833)**

# THERE IS ONE GOSPEL

## **VERSE 1**

There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity  
It is my story, my Father's plan  
The Son has rescued me  
Oh, what a Gospel! Oh, what a peace!  
My highest joy and my deepest need  
Now and forever He is my light  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

## **VERSE 2**

There is one Gospel to which I cling  
All else I count as loss  
For there, where justice and mercy meet,  
He saved me on the cross  
No more I boast in what I can bring  
No more I carry the weight of sin  
For He has brought me from death to life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

## **VERSE 3**

There is one Gospel where hope is found  
The empty tomb still speaks  
For death could not keep my Savior down  
He lives and I am free  
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes  
My life is His and His hope is mine  
For he has promised I, too, will rise  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

## **VERSE 4**

And in this Gospel the church is one  
We do not walk alone  
We have His Spirit as we press on  
To lead us safely home  
And when, in glory, still I will sing  
Of this old story that rescued me  
Praise to my Savior, the King of life!  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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## SCRIPTURE READING

A Psalm of Asaph. Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth. Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them. And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?" Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning. If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children. But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms. When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you. Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

### **PSALM 73 (ESV)**

## REJOICE THE LORD IS KING

### **VERSE 1**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore  
Mortals give thanks and sing  
And triumph evermore

### **CHORUS 1**

Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice,  
Rejoice! Again, I say, rejoice!

### **VERSE 2**

Jesus, the Savior, reigns  
The God of truth and love  
When He had purged our stains  
He took His seat above

### **VERSE 3**

His kingdom cannot fail  
He rules o'er earth and heaven  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given

### **VERSE 4**

He sits at God's right hand  
Till all His foes submit  
And bow to His command  
And fall beneath His feet

### **VERSE 5**

Rejoice in glorious hope  
Jesus, the Judge, shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home

### **CHORUS 2**

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound; rejoice!

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