

PRAYER

HYMN #561 *

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

SCRIPTURE READING * Acts 6:1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Growing Pains”

~Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN #587 *

Who Is on the Lord’s Side?

BENEDICTION *

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*“If one member suffers, all suffer together;
if one member is honored, all rejoice together.”*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *

We love the LORD, because he has heard
our voice and our pleas for mercy.

**Because he inclined his ear to us,
therefore we will call on him as long as we live.**

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**For you have delivered our souls from death,
our eyes from tears, our feet from stumbling;**

What shall we render to the LORD
for all his benefits to us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
We will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.**

CELEBRATE THE LORD OF LOVE *

Trade your heavy heart for a heart of joy,
Celebrate what God has done;

Join the song of praise as we gather here,
Celebrate the Lord of Love.

* Stand as you are able

Bold Print – speak together in unison

CELEBRATE THE LORD OF LOVE *

Jesus is our Lord, He is reigning here,
We declare "His kingdom's come."
Darkness has to flee in His holy light,
Celebrate the Lord of Love.

Bridge:

All creation sings,
Hear the oceans roar;
Let the earth proclaim that Christ is Lord.

(Back to beginning; sing both verses)

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HYMN #267 *

The Day of Resurrection!

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL *

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me bless His holy name.

(Repeat all)

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INVOCATION *

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father in heaven,

**Father, forgive us for not approaching you
with confidence, expectation, and reverence.**

Hallowed be your name.

**Father, forgive us for constantly trying to put
our name forward instead of yours.**

Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

**Father, forgive us for seeking to build a kingdom
for ourselves, for being more concerned
about our nation prospering
than your kingdom advancing,
and for resisting your will
when it doesn't match up with ours.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**Father, forgive us for wanting more
than we have, for collecting things
we do not need, and for being so focused
on our individual situation, that we do not see
our brothers and sisters in need.**

Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**Father, forgive us for thinking that we could
or should withhold our sin from you,
and for seeking mercy
while withholding it from others.**

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

**Father, forgive us for so often pursuing evil,
not just in our hearts and minds,
but with our words and deeds.**

For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever.

**Father, forgive us for putting so much effort
into that which is temporary, when you
welcome us into your kingdom forever.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

For parents who are interested in nursery care

Children 3 and under

may be brought to the nursery at this time.

Please plan to pick your child up after the sermon.

WELCOME!

Christ Church PCA is part of the body of Christ where the Word of God is taught, heard, and lived. We provide a friendly place of worship for all people, minister to the needs and aspirations of our congregation, and extend Christian outreach to the community and the world. More information about our church can be found at www.ccpca.org and on our Facebook page.

NEWS AND EVENTS IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE TEAM

April 8th

Greeter – Dean Jore
Nursery – Meghan LaCombe
Refreshments – Gayle Troy and Alice Young

April 15th

Greeter – Jason LaCombe
Nursery – Teresa Saltsman
Refreshments – Teresa Saltsman & Heather LaCombe

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

The elders have called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, April 15th**. The fellowship meal will be replaced with a dinner at 5pm, to be followed by the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to provide financial and ministry updates, as well as to have a church-wide conversation about the ministry of the church. All those at the church are invited to come and participate in the discussion.

MARKET DAYS VOLUNTEERING:

If you are interested in helping with Christ Church's booth at Market Days, please contact Pastor Ian. The Market Days festival is a great opportunity for our church to be in the community and share what we are doing to the glory of God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday school meets every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Classes for children, teens, and adults are available.

CHOIR:

Choir practice is every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Please see Gayle Troy with any questions.

REVIVAL PRAYER:

Next meets on Wednesday, April 11th, at 7:00 p.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

Next breakfast is Saturday, April 14th, at 8:00 a.m.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES:

A small group, led by Pastor Ian Hard, meets at the Hard home the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (*off on fellowship lunch Sundays*) at 6 p.m. to study the books of 2nd and 3rd John.

*If you are interested in attending, please contact
Pastor Ian Hard at 319-855-2748.*

A small group, led by Chris McMillan, meets at the LaCombe home each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. The study series is entitled "Shepherding Grace" and focuses on how to be intentional in our love for God and our neighbor through leadership.

*If you are interested in attending, please contact
Jason LaCombe at 603-731-8991.*

A men's small group, led by Mark Saltsman, meets at Havenwood (on Christian Avenue in Concord) every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. for a topical study on the work of the Holy Spirit.

There are two women's study groups that will examine gospel-centered community.

Rebecca Hard will be hosting a morning study at the Hard home every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Please let Rebecca know if you plan to participate.

Elaine Welch will be hosting an evening study at her home every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Please let Elaine know if you plan to participate.

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Nature of the Church

Root of the Threat

A Biblical Response