

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME

...to all our visitors! We would like to greet you and get to know you, so please join us for fellowship following the service. Also, please be certain to complete a Visitor Card (available on back table) and put it into the offering plate or give it to the pastor. Thank you for joining us for worship.

OUR PURPOSE

...is to promote obedience to Jesus Christ, the only redeemer and Lord, as he has revealed his will in the Holy Scriptures. A summary of what the Scriptures teach may be found in the Westminster Confession of Faith, and Larger and Shorter Catechisms, available upon request.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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| Jason Wakefield | <i>Church Planter</i> |
| Rodney Collins | <i>Elder</i> |
| Doug Domin | <i>Elder</i> |
| Walter Gilde | <i>Elder</i> |
| Ralph Perrino | <i>Elder</i> |
| Dan Troy | <i>Elder</i> |

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Sunday School | 9:00 a.m. |
| Sunday Worship Service | 10:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |

Christ Presbyterian Church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America. Our meeting at a Seventh-day Adventist Church does not constitute an affiliation with this church or denomination by our congregation.

Most interpret the parable as such:

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| Host | => God |
| 1 st Invitees | => Those who reject God's call |
| 2 nd Invitees | => Those who accept God's call |
| Meal | => End Times |
| Servant | => Those who preach the Word. |

Problems

1. Why does God choose the first people?
2. God's Sovereignty
3. The host seems to change

New Interpretation

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| Host | => Follower of Christ, transformed by grace |
| 1 st Invitees | => those who reject the host |
| 2 nd Invitees | => those who enjoy the hospitality of the host |
| Meal | => End Times |
| Servant | => fellow laborers |

Verses 13,21 Verses 14,24

Conclusion

Pride & Self Preservation v. Humility & Generosity

Sermon: Parable of the Feast
Text: Luke 14:7-24

Setting => v. 1

“U” shaped pattern

1st Teaching v. 7-11 (Humility)

2nd Teaching v. 12-14 (Generosity)

1 Timothy 6:17-18

3rd Teaching v. 15-24 Parable of the Feast

1. verses 18 & 19 “Consider me excused”
extraordinary lameness.

The Greek verb = paraiteomaic

2. verse 23 “compel them to come in”

3. Who are the characters in the parable?

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 16, 2005

Prelude: We invite you to prepare your heart for the worship of our God.

Welcome and Announcements

Service of Praise

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 42:10-12

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth,

People: you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them.

Leader: Let the desert and its towns raise their voices;

People: let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice.

Leader: Let the people of Sela sing for joy; let them shout from the mountaintops.

People: Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim his praise in the islands.

*Hymn of Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

N°296

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Renewal

*Confession of Sin

O LORD, do not rebuke us in your anger, or discipline us in your wrath. For your arrows have sunk into us, and your hand has come down on us. There is no soundness in our flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in our bones because of our sin. For our iniquities have gone over our heads; they weigh like burdens too heavy for us. Forgive our sins, pardon our iniquities, and restore our communion with You, we ask through our Blessed Lord Jesus, Who for a little while was made lower than the angels, and is now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, Who by your grace tasted death for everyone. Amen.

A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon 2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*+Hymn of Thanks

Rejoice, the Lord is King N°310

Scripture Reading Proverbs 8

Prayer of Intercession

Call to Commitment

Sermon

The Feast
Luke 14:7-24

*Hymn of Response

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place N°468

Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

***All Creatures of Our God and King** N°115

Verse 5

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

***Confession of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church*; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* the universal Christian Church

***Gloria Patri** N°735

***Benediction** 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

+Young children may leave for nursery during the singing of this hymn.

Announcements for January 16, 2005

*If you have any announcements or prayer requests, please contact the Oquists.
Phone: 603-881-3808, Email: announcements@nashuaPCA.org*

Mission to the World (PCA) is helping with disaster relief in Southeast Asia after the recent tsunami. You can contribute during our regular offering time today and January 23. Make checks payable to: *Christ Presbyterian Church* with “Mission to the World” or “tsunami relief” on the memo line.

A **church luncheon** will be held after the service on Sunday, January 30. Please sign up to bring something to share.

A new **Sunday School** class based on R.C. Sproul's Psalm 51 video series is beginning. Come join us!

Women's Retreat: The retreat is hosted by Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Concord, MA. It will be held on February 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (snow date Feb. 12) in Merrimack, NH. Candy Magee will be speaking on the topic of contentment. Cost is \$25. Please see Denise Kingsley for more information or a brochure.

Nursery Care is provided during the morning worship service for young children. If you need nursery care, please bring your child to the back of the sanctuary at the beginning of the second hymn.

Nursery Schedule:

January 16 – Amy Newman and Dave Schaller
January 23 – Joan Yates and Janet Dery
January 30 – Denise Kingsley and Matt Oquist

Offering: The offering taken this morning will go toward the work of our church. Please make checks payable to *Christ Presbyterian Church*.

Tape Ministry: Tapes of the sermons and Sunday School classes are available. They may be purchased for \$2 apiece. If you are interested, please contact Pat Newman.

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The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Psalm 145:18-21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2005