

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> |
| Doug Domin | <i>Elder</i> |
| Walter Gilde | <i>Elder</i> |
| Ralph Perrino | <i>Elder</i> |
| Jon Taylor | <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. |
| Prayer Training | 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |

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Main Point # 3 – Because of Jesus' Joy, do not lose the joy / mission

Quote

Love is the overflow of joy in God, which gladly meets the needs of others.

– John Piper, *Desiring God*

John, Jesus Disciple got this

Apostle John

³John 1:3 It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth. ⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Sermon: Parable of the Lost Sheep & Lost Coin

Text: Luke 15:1-10

Proposition: Because of Jesus' Joy, we should join Him in His delight.

So what is joy?

So as we consider these 2 parables, what are you joyful about? Are you joyful? What brings joy to you?

We will primarily look at the 3 principle elements in each of these stories.

1. Lost Sheep / Coin
2. 99 Sheep / 9 Coins / Community
3. Shepherd / Woman

Main Point # 1 – Because of Jesus' Joy, restore the one who is lost

Both the lost sheep and the lost coin have similar characteristics.

1. They are lost
2. They are helpless to help themselves
3. They have priority – They are urgently looked for over the others

Main Point # 2 – Because of Jesus' Joy, celebrate joy in community

Think of various important benchmarks that we enjoy celebrating as a community.

1. A birth – baby showers
2. Baptism – with family and friends
3. Birthdays
4. Graduations
5. Weddings

The point is for us is the importance of community in celebration. In celebration of one who was lost but now was found.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 10, 2005

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

Welcome and Announcements

Service of Praise

*Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: I will extol the LORD at all times;

People: his praise will always be on my lips.

Leader: My soul will boast in the LORD;

People: let the afflicted hear and rejoice

Leader: Glorify the LORD with me;

People: let us exalt his name together.

*Hymn of Praise

When Morning Guilds the Skies

N°167

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Renewal

*Confession of Sin

Holy Lord, we are guilty--of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to see You in our daily lives. Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences with a long list of accusations, but they shall not stand! For we lay them all now on Christ, our sacrifice and advocate. Go on now, Lord, to subdue our weaknesses, granting us grace to live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but now rule over us in liberty and power. We praise and thank You for Your wisdom and love, for sometimes putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in You, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 1:3-5

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

*+Hymn of Thanks

Blessed Assurance

N°693

Scripture Reading

Psalms 23

Prayer of Intercession

Call to Commitment

Sermon

Parable of the Lost Sheep & Lost Coin
Luke 15:1-10

*Hymn of Response

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

N°455

Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

*Doxology

N°731

*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°734

*Benediction

Romans 15:5-6

Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Announcements for April 10, 2005

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

A new **Sunday School** class on Joy (using a DVD series by Jon Piper) is beginning. Join us every Sunday at 9 a.m.

New address: The Wakefield's new address is 17 Wethersfield Rd., Nashua, NH 03062. Phone: 603.888.2802.

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:

April 10 – Denise Kingsley and Eric Newman

April 17 – Linda Mason and Matt Oquist

April 24 – Pat Newman and Janet Dery

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, APRIL 10, 2005