

Announcements

Our next **church luncheon** will be Sunday, September 25 after the service. Please bring something to share.

Mercy needs: If you are interested in helping the communities in Vermont that were affected by Hurricane Irene, go to usharenh.org or ask Jason about opportunities to help.

Upcoming Events:

- Sat., Sept. 24 – Heart for Asia Conference, West Congregational Church, Peabody, MA.
- Fri., Sept. 30 – New Hampshire Night of Worship, 7 p.m., Capital Center for the Arts, Concord, NH.
- Sat. and Sun., Oct. 1-2 – America's First Missions Movement Historical Tour. See Jason for details.
- Fri. and Sat., Oct. 28-29 – White Horse Inn Conference, Bradford, MA. Dr. Michael Horton is speaking; the cost is \$25 per person.

Worship Service Participants:

September 18

Greeter – Janet Surprenant
Nursery Workers – Danica Rines, Eric Anderson
Preschool Assistant – Bridget Reichl
Scripture Reading – Mark Snyder

September 25

Greeter – Linda Mason
Childcare Workers – Matt Oquist, Allison Wakefield
Preschool Assistant – Tori Wakefield
Scripture Reading – Kirsten Snyder

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Prayer	Sanctuary
	10 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Monday	7-8:30 p.m.	Leadership Training	Snyder Home

Budget Information: Three Months Data June through August 2011

Regular Giving	\$20,199.50
<i>(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Memorials)</i>	
Fund Raising	\$380.00
Total Giving (Income)	\$20,579.50
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$24,529.31
Budget	\$28,183.26
Shortfall to Expense (Income – Expense)	(\$3,949.81)
Shortfall to Budget (Income – Budget)	(\$7,603.76)

Information

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 fill out a visitor information card 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. We are affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America. For more information about the PCA visit www.pcanet.org.

Service Information:

There is a crying room in the back of the sanctuary available for parents with babies. During the hymn of thanks, children may be dismissed to the basement. Childcare is available for babies up to 24 months of age, toddler church is available for children ages 2-4, and children's church is available for children in elementary school.

Restrooms are located in the basement to the left at the bottom of the stairs.

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

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated the first, third, and fifth Sunday of each month. Changes will be noted by a special announcement.

MP3s of sermons can be downloaded from www.nashuapca.org.

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Sunday Service:

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Church Leadership:

Minister
Rev. Jason Wakefield

Elders

Aaron Brooks
Matt Oquist

Christ Presbyterian Church

September 18, 2011

Service of Praise

*Please stand if you are able.
+Young children may be dismissed at this time.

Reflection

The man who, despite the teaching of Scripture, tries to pray without a Savior, insults the deity.

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 57:9-11 (NIV)

Leader: I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

***Hymn of Praise**

To God Be the Glory
Number 55 in Trinity Hymnal

Prayer of Adoration

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
CPC Songbook

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

Eternal God, in every age

you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith.

Forgive our indifference to your will.

You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent.

You have called us to do what is just,

but we have been fearful.

Have mercy on us, your faithless servants.

Keep before us faithful people for us to follow

so that, living with courage and love,

we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ,

and reign with him forever. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7-8 (NIV)

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us.

***+Hymn of Thanks**

There Is A Redeemer

CPC Songbook

Call to Commitment

Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:21-30 (ESV)

Prayer of Intercession

Renewal

Sermon

See bulletin insert

***Hymn of Response**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Number 32 in Trinity Hymnal

Service of Communion

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Guidelines for Reception of Communion

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, it is important that you carefully consider the claims of the gospel and the grace that is offered through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to talk with an elder of the church and spend this time now in prayer and meditation on the scriptures in the bulletin.

Scripture Verses for Those Not Communing

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

- John 14:6

Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 6:6-8, 22-23

Mercy Offering

***Song of Benediction**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (verse 5)

Number 342 in Trinity Hymnal

Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

Benediction

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Please be seated.

Sermon

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Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-9 (ESV)

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²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

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⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

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