

## Worship at CHPC

This statement about our worship culture here at CHPC will serve as the basis for a common language and focus that we share about worship. Please consider reflecting on the six words as you prepare to participate in our corporate worship culture each Sunday. To God be the Glory!

*Worship is not a problem we need to solve, it is a gift that we get to open together.*

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1-2)

CHPC embraces a Sunday morning gathering that facilitates a joyful, contagious, interdependent, and God-glorifying worship culture where people are transformed and included in spite of circumstances or differences.

This is accomplished through planned opportunities that weekly encourage us to be:

### **EXPECTING** God's invitation into His presence

Believing that God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - is present and has invited us, we glorify Him by entering into His presence humbly with thanksgiving and praise. (Psalm 100, James 4:8)

We desire to be a supernatural community living with the certain knowledge that Christ has overcome sinful and man-made divisions based on generations, color, and economy through his unifying work on the cross. (Ephesians 2)  
We invite and welcome all whom God draws together through Jesus. (Romans 15:7)

### **ENCOUNTERING** God as He reveals Himself

We recognize and encourage the varied gifts, talents, and responses of our diverse church body to shape our corporate worship. (1Corinthians 12:4-13)

As we all actively participate in worship, God unites, matures and builds our unique personalities and roles into the body of Christ, a royal priesthood, a people of God who encounter Him differently together than we do separately. (Hebrews 10:19-25, 1Peter 2:9)

### **EXPERIENCING** the Truth of God's Word as it speaks powerfully to the reality of our lives

Across peoples and nations, the Word of God, correctly understood through the Holy Spirit (1Corinthians 2:6-16), is the language of God's Kingdom culture.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2Timothy 3:16-17)

### **STRUGGLING** with challenge to change

With the Spirit's leading, we share stories of our struggles and victories with other believers.

### **SURRENDERING** all that we are to God

As we continually offer ourselves in prayer to God, He transforms us into the likeness of His Son (Romans 8:26-29) and empowers us to do greater works than Jesus (John 14:12-17)

### **SENT** as transformed people to make disciples

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

## New Sunday Morning Schedule

With fall approaching, we've been looking as a staff at our worship schedule for the new school year. Most of us realize that there is no such thing as a perfect schedule that will allow us to do everything we want in the time we have, but we hope the change reflects our openness to what God is already doing and where He is leading us. This summer has been a refreshing change for many as we have had relational time built into our Sunday morning schedule. We want to continue to provide that space for people while continuing our ongoing emphases on worship and education.

### Starting September 10th, our schedule will be:

**9am - Traditional Worship**  
**10am - Education & Coffee**  
**11am - Contemporary Worship**

Our 9am worship will remain at its usual time and will be a one-hour service. At 10am, children will go to Sunday School, although it will be shorter than it has been in the past, and adults will have the option to attend one of our classes or to spend time relaxing or spending time in fellowship over a cup of coffee and a donut.

The biggest change is moving the contemporary worship service from its previous spot at 11:15am to 11am. The service will be one hour and there are several reasons that we feel this move will be helpful. For families who want attend Sunday School and worship this will be a 2-hour commitment. For guests and visitors, this time will be easier to remember.

We look forward to all that God is going to do at College Hill Presbyterian this fall and ask you to join us in prayer for our upcoming season of worship.

### Children & Youth Helpers in Worship

Children ages Kindergarten through third grade are invited to a Children's Worship service each week. Start off with your families in both the 9am and 11:15am service, then listen for the announcement dismissing the kids to their special service. Just before the sermon, children will be dismissed to their special study and worship time.

This week's helpers are:  
10am Jason M.

Next week's helpers are:  
10am Elizabeth D.

## Adult Spiritual Formation August Update

By William Custer

Fall us upon us. It is back to school excitement for some and a new schedule of Adult Spiritual Formation Classes for all of us at CHPC. Beginning Sunday, September 10 between the two worship services at 10:10am, we will offer the classes below. To help us plan we ask that you sign up for classes ahead of time. Sign up will be available at both "Worship in the Woods" and in the Atrium.

### **Book of Colossians**

What purpose did the Apostle Paul have in writing his letter to the church at Collose? What grace was he trying to impart? What does this letter say to us today? Join us as we seek answers to these questions. Led by Scott Rice at 10:10.  
Sept. 10 thru Nov. 5.

### **How Jesus Formed Community**

Mark Evans and Janet Dumford offer this four-week class to explore how Jesus formed community. How he formed community with the multitudes, with the seventy-two, with the twelve, and with the three (Peter, James, and John). Learn how each of these has a place in your life. Hear how God is using them at CHPC. Led by Mark Evans and Janet Dumford at 10:10. Sept. 10 thru Oct. 1.

### **Roadmap to Reconciliation**

Can we see injustice and inequality in our lives and in the world? Are we are ready to rise up. But how, exactly, do we do this? How does one reconcile? What we need is a clear sense of direction. Based on her extensive consulting experience with churches, colleges and organizations, Rev. Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil has created a roadmap to show us the way. She guides us through the common topics of discussion and past the bumpy social terrain and political boundaries that will arise. Class is expected to do weekly reading assignments in Brenda McNeil's *Roadmap to Reconciliation* and be ready for discussion. Led by Helen Brooks and Fran Kelley at 10:10.  
Sept. 10 thru Nov. 5.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lunch after both services today** following the 10am service.

**CHPC Childcare Hiring** Do you love working with children and are looking for a small part-time job? Childcare is looking to hire a few individuals. We are most in need of persons available in the evenings and weekends and on a substitute basis during the week. If interested, please contact Mary Clare at [mclarepeck@hotmail.com](mailto:mclarepeck@hotmail.com).

**Parents of College Students** please update your student's contact information so they can receive care packages this school year. Send to [jschneider@chpc.org](mailto:jschneider@chpc.org)

**You are invited to attend** the service of marriage for Pamela Hanson and Eli Stipanovich, at 4pm on Saturday, September 9th, in the sanctuary.

## SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Wanted: Tutors, snack helpers, drivers.** Our tutoring ministry at Pleasant Hill Academy needs a volunteer for every kid we serve. If you can commit for one year on Tuesdays from 5pm to 6pm, please contact Colleen Scheid. [scheidison@gmail.com](mailto:scheidison@gmail.com), or 513-541-8289.

**SAVE THE DATES!!!** October 11th & 12th are the dates for Camp S'More. We need volunteers for both days. Please consider taking a day off work to spend with some great kids. We are taking Pleasant Hill Academy and Roll Hill schools. Contact Bev Graves for more information. 513-218-3316.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP & ARTS AT CHPC

**Chancel Choir News** The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals for the 2017-2018 choral season on Thursday, August 31 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Please help spread the word. We want to fill the choir loft with singers. Thursdays are our regular rehearsal night. This season rehearsals will run from 7 to 9pm. If you would like to join the choir or have questions about joining, talk to Michael Parker. There is no audition or musical training requirement to sing in the Chancel Choir. Feel free to call Michael at 513-312-9473 or speak to him after service.

**Handbell Choir** Again this worship season, Carl Bryant will be directing the Handbell Choir. The Handbell Choir will rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm beginning September 5. If interested, speak to Carl about the Choir.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**You Are Mine Women's Conference** Bridge To Thrive's 2nd Annual Conference will be Saturday, September 30, from 9:00am - 5:00pm at New Hope Church, 3707 Edgewood Drive Cincinnati, Ohio. Retreat from your daily burdens - Reflect on the hope and love of God's story - Restore your story to live the life He has called you to. Bridge To Thrive is the group that brought Jennie Allen to our church in February. You can reserve your place here: <http://www.bridgetothrive.org/nevents/>

## Sunday September 3rd LABOR DAY WEEKEND

One Service at 10am

Communion Sunday  
with Refresh  
after the service



**The One New Humanity Conference** will bring together leaders in exploring, emerging and experienced multiethnic congregations and organizations, as well as marketplace leaders. We will grow together in our understanding of Ephesians 2:15, that God is creating one new Body out of what was previously separated and that this can be seen in the local church. Those who attend will be energized and equipped with the relationships and tools for their next step in creating the churches like heaven (Revelation 7:9). You don't want to miss it! Tuesday, September 12, 2017 (9am-5pm) at Peoples Church, 220 William Howard Taft Rd Cincinnati, OH 45219. For more information about the event go to: <http://www.mosaixcincy.com/> For tickets contact Michelle Hemsath at [mhemsath@chpc.org](mailto:mhemsath@chpc.org)

Please access the Summer Devotional  
online at:

[believingjesus.net](http://believingjesus.net)

## Prayer Page

*"... without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers," Romans 1:9*

## CHPC Community

Donna Pestinger	Richard Pestinger
Ann Rainey	Allen Rainey
Kathleen Reder	Terri Risma
Kathy Rice	Scott Rice
Holly Risch	Dennis Risch

## Staff

Harold "Chappie" Chapman - Parish Associate

## Officers/Leadership

Chris Roediger - Elder

## Home Bound/Health Center

Margaret Kuyper

## Ministries

CRASH

## Global Workers

## In the Military

Adam Steveley US Army	Chris Jaeger USMC
Cary Jaeger USMC	Kirk Kalmbacher US Coast Guard
Zach Scharf Army National Guard	Nyjoel Baker US Air Force
Danny Holian US Navy Pilot	Will Connor US Army
Gus Carpenter US Marines	Andrew Deiters US Marines
Peter & Amanda Leugers US Navy	

## College/Career Students

Rachel Abbott Jenna Brown

# Believing Jesus

Through the book of John

August 27, 2017  
**Believing Jesus**  
**Better Than Google Maps**  
Preacher: Beckie Thomas

## Welcome to College Hill Presbyterian Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Single, married, with children or not, there are many opportunities for knowing Christ, worshiping, personal growth and discipleship, service and ministry within the church and beyond the walls.

Visitors - Stop by the welcome table or the desk in the Atrium to find out more about College Hill Presbyterian. Return and become part of this dynamic Church Family.

## Upcoming Services

Sept. 3 **Believing Jesus - Good Life Forever**  
**One Service at 10am**

Sept. 10 **New Series Begins - 2 Services**  
**9am and 11am - New Service Time**  
**Apprentice - Crafting Life Together**

Sept. 17 **Apprentice - Crafting Life Together**

## Today's Order of Worship

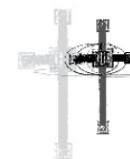
Prelude  
Call To Worship & Opening Prayer  
Songs of Praise  
Time of Confession & Forgiveness  
Passing the Peace  
Song of Response  
Scripture & Sermon  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offering / Closing Song  
Announcements  
Charge and Blessing  
Postlude

## Available Help

Ushers have copies of the song lyrics for the 9am service. Ushers can also provide help with wheelchairs and equipment for hearing assistance. Handicapped accessible restrooms are located off the exit hallway to the right side of the main platform. This exit also leads to handicapped parking spaces.



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