



JESUS STORIES

PARABLES FOR
PEOPLE LIKE US

*"Lord, how many times
shall I forgive my
brother or sister who
sins against me?"*

- MATTHEW 18:21

LEARNING TO FORGIVE

MATTHEW 18:21-35



SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Welcome!

Are you new at Christ Church? Please stop by our Welcome Table in the Gathering Hall or Family Life Center Lobby to learn more about our church and how to get involved.

We offer three worship services each Sunday morning. Preaching today are:

**8:30 BLENDED SERVICE
(MASK ONLY)**
Pastor Michelle Hall

**10:30 TRADITIONAL SERVICE
IN THE SANCTUARY**
Pastoral Intern William Murphree

**10:30 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
IN COVENANT HALL**
Pastor Michelle Hall



WORSHIP TEAM

Dr. C. Chappell Temple
Lead Pastor

Dan Conway
Pastor of Discipleship & Outreach

Michelle Hall
Pastor of Congregational Care & Missions

R. DeAndre Johnson
Pastor of Music & Worship Life

GT Mangum
Director of Contemporary Worship

Beth McConnell
Organist / Accompanist

For a full list of our staff members, please visit christchurchsl.org/staff.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

It's a crazy idea, really. For why anyone should pay attention, much less *intentionally listen*, to someone else reading out of an old book and standing up front to speak for twenty minutes or so, is rather puzzling indeed. Especially when the person talking is someone far younger and with less experience in the world than you might be.

Long ago, at the tender age of just twenty-four, for instance, I went to my first church as a pastor, and for many in that dear assembly, I was quickly labeled the "boy preacher." Still, with the patience of true saints, they not only listened each Sunday, but they managed to even nod without *nodding off* most days. For it wasn't my insights at all that they had come to hear, but the wisdom of God's Word, something alive and active, as Hebrews 4:12 describes it. And, in turn, I discovered too that the danger of a two-edged sword, capable of judging the thoughts and attitudes of the heart, is that it can easily cut both ways, that is, in both the listeners' and the speaker's hearts.

Maybe that's why when St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that he told them that God was pleased "through the *foolishness* [literally, the *moria*—think of the word moron] of what was preached to save those who believe." (1 Corinthians 1:21). This morning, as yet another "boy preacher" will stand before some of us in the sanctuary at 10:30, I trust that the hearts of all those who hear our pastoral intern will be touched as well. For in the end, it's not about the messenger but the Message.

Truth is, it always was.

C. Chappell Temple

CURRENT SERMON SERIES:

JESUS STORIES (Parables for People Like Us)

SEPT 26 | **SOWING IN THE RIGHT PLACES** | MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23
Pastor Temple preaching at 8:30 Blended and 10:30 Contemporary;
Pastor Conway preaching at 10:30 Traditional.



OCTOBER SERMON SERIES, BEGINNING OCTOBER 3:
"LET'S GET SERIOUS:
BECOMING A WORLD CHRISTIAN"

OCT 03 | **THE MAN AT YOUR DOOR** | LUKE 16:19-31
Pastor Temple preaching at 8:30 Blended and 10:30 Traditional;
Pastor Hall preaching at 10:30 Contemporary.

BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

8:30 AM • SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Welcome home to worship! As a means of caring for each other, in this service we ask that you keep your face covering on for our entire time together. Children in worship are invited to pick up a take-home activity packet on the tree on the landing for use in worship and afterwards.

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation
arr. Carlton Forrester
BETH McCONNELL

GREETING

*OPENING SONGS

Grace On Top Of Grace
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNITY MOMENTS

SHARING OF OUR PRESENCE & GIFTS

When Morning Gilds the Skies
arr. V. Labenske, L. Larson, and M. Hayes
Giving today may be made online at
christchurchsl.org/give, or at the entrance
to the sanctuary. Please register attendance
online today at ***christchurchsl.org/attend***.

LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON SERIES: JESUS STORIES, PARABLES FOR PEOPLE LIKE US

"Learning To Forgive"
PASTOR MICHELLE HALL

*CLOSING SONG

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Blessing and Honor by Carl Simone



REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE
OR GIVE ONLINE

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** in the Sanctuary today are donated by the family in memory of Reba McNally.

If you would like to commemorate a special event, donations of altar flowers may be made by signing up on the calendar in the hallway next to Pastor Dan's office, or by contacting Jan Randolph at janr@christchurchsl.org.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 AM • SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Welcome home to worship! To care for each other, those in the mask-only section are asked to keep their face-coverings on throughout the service. Activity packets for children are available on the tree on the landing.

PRELUDE

O Worship the King arr. Dan Forrest
BETH McCONNELL

GREETING

*HYMNS OF PRAISE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (UMH 140)
Depth Of Mercy (UMH 355)

COMMUNITY MOMENTS

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

When Morning Gilds the Skies
arr. V. Labenske, L. Larson, and M. Hayes

SHARING OF OUR PRESENCE & GIFTS

I Love to Tell The Story arr. John A. Behnke
CHRIST CHURCH RINGERS

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DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON SERIES: JESUS STORIES, PARABLES FOR PEOPLE LIKE US

"Learning To Forgive"

PASTORAL INTERN WILLIAM MURPHREE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UMH 881)

*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive (UMH 390)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Blessing and Honor arr. Carl Simone



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*Please stand as you are able.

Our Bride's Room is also open for the use of parents or those needing more privacy.



October 2-3
Registration is open!
christchurchsl.org/ctw

OCTOBER 2

8:30 AM - breakfast
9:00 AM - Sending Service
9:15 AM - serve!
(most projects end by noon)

OCTOBER 3

9:15 AM - serve at the church
10:30 AM - break for worship

**YOU CAN ALSO SERVE
FROM HOME!**

MASKS ENCOURAGED

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE
Contact: sarahs@christchurchsl.org

Join the Christ Church family in our annual weekend of service. We will come together to be the servant hearts that Christ has called us to be. Opportunities are available on-site and off-site to help those in need. This is a great opportunity to serve together as a family! We have projects to suit all ages. We will be filling food bags, constructing, crocheting, coloring and creating, and maybe even caroling. Whatever your gifts, they can be put to use. You can also participate at home via zoom! Teams can fill quickly, so sign up soon! You can find a full list of our on-site and off-site projects at christchurchsl.org/ctw.

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

10:30 AM | SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Welcome home to worship! Children are invited to pick up a take-home activity packet at the entrance and on the tables reserved for families today.

GREETING

OPENING SONGS

*I Thank God
Goodness Of God*

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SARAH STEWART

COMMUNITY MOMENTS

SHARING OF OUR PRESENCE & GIFTS

Whole Heart (Hold Me Now)

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LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD

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"Learning To Forgive"

PASTOR MICHELLE HALL

CLOSING SONG

Holy Water

BLESSING & DISMISSAL



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Honor a loved one.

MEMORIAL PAVERS

SEPTEMBER 1-30

Want to remember a loved one or honor someone? Do so by ordering an engraved paver to be placed in front of the Sanctuary entrance. Orders may be placed through September 30 by contacting Benita Sebesta at benitas@christchurchsl.org or **281.732.2217**, at the church office, or online at christchurchsl.org/paver. The cost is \$100 each, and proceeds will benefit Christ Church's Trust Fund. We will celebrate a special All Saints Day service at 11:45 am Sunday, November 7 in front of the Sanctuary, where the memorial pavers will be consecrated.

WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on September 12 were Maverick & Jaxson Dyer, pictured here with their parents, Austen & Marissa Dyer. Proud grandparents are Bret & Jacque Dyer.



PRAYERS

In Our Prayers:

Doris St. Cyr; David Daniels; Claire Unger's friend; Sarah Guffey's friend

Our Love & Sympathy:

Mike and Debora Thelen on the death of his father; Kevin and Amber Epps on the death of his grandmother; Ray Singelton on the death of his relative

Prayers of Joy:

Bob and Sarah Guffey's neighbor

You may submit any prayer requests 24 hours a day by visiting our website at christchurchsl.org/prayer. For confidential spiritual care, please connect with Stephen Ministry at christchurchsl.org/stephenministry.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Received this week: **\$35,875**

2021 Annual Budget: **\$2,827,334**

Projected Year-to-Date: **\$1,895,534**

Received Year-to-Date: **\$1,895,201**

Giving may be made, scheduled, or reviewed at any time at christchurchsl.org/give.



67% OF BUDGET NEEDED
67% OF BUDGET FULFILLED

THIRD GRADE BIBLE

Sunday



Share your favorite verse!

Next Sunday, our new class of 3rd graders will be receiving their Bibles! We would like to invite the congregation to share your favorite verse, to be highlighted into each Bible. Visit our ministry table today to write down your favorite verse, or send them to Sarah at sarahs@christchurchsl.org.

LEARNING TO USE MY BIBLE also begins next Sunday, September 26. We'll meet from 5-7 pm for a meal and a deep dive into our bibles. Sign up with sarahs@christchurchsl.org.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 3 | 4 - 5 pm | Church Parking Lot

Join us in the parking lot on Sunday, October 3, for our Blessing of the Animals service. We will celebrate and give thanks for the wonderful animals that God has blessed us with. Bring your leashed or crated animals so that you and they may receive a blessing. Those with pets who are unable to be physically present, or any whose animal companions have died, are also invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of our pets.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE EFBHNM FOOD PANTRY

Every other Tuesday | 9:30 am - approx. 1:30 pm | East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry's food pantry

Your help is needed. Every other Tuesday, Christ Church provides an 8 member team to fill grocery baskets for needy families. We work for approximately a 4 hour shift at East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry's food pantry. Light lifting ability is needed. Questions? Contact Judith Edmondson at **281.701.3640**.

AFTER SCHOOL WITH FCMS

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4 - 5:30 pm | Family Life Center

After School with First Colony Middle School is back! Students can hangout in our open gym or get a head start on homework in our study room. Students can also join us for quick daily devotions and prayer groups!

SAVE THE DATE FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!

Christ Church's annual Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 30 from 10 am - 12 pm! Bring your decorated trunks and we will have games, crafts, and more! We will begin collecting candy down in the 11/12 bins next Sunday! *Who will win our annual Trunk competition?* Visit our website to sign up for a trunk or volunteer to help.

Worship
WITH US ON SUNDAYS

BLENDED SERVICE (masks required) | 8:30 am in the Sanctuary
TRADITIONAL SERVICE | 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
CONTEMPORARY SERVICE | 10:30 am in Covenant Hall

To worship from home, visit CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/LIVESTREAM.



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