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# CHURCH OF CHRIST



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 p.m.

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**WELCOME!**

We invite you to all of our services.

*“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)*

# CHRIST: PROPHET, PRIEST, AND KING

## INTRODUCTION: Hebrews 1:1-3

1. The 3 main “offices” spoken of in the Old Testament—prophet, priest, and king—normally were distinct from each other, with no overlap.
2. Jesus perfectly fills all three roles simultaneously: He is the Prophet, Priest, and King,

### **I. PROPHET (Heb. 1:1-2).**

- A. What Is a Prophet? One commissioned to speak forth on behalf of another. Less about “foretelling”; more about “forth-telling.”
  1. Some prophets told of current, at-hand events: Jonah.
  2. Some told of past events: Moses (Gen. 1:1f).
  3. Many did tell of remote, future events (Dan. 2:44).
- B. Christ Being a Prophet Prophesied.
  1. The prophecy (Dt. 18:15-18).
  2. The prophecy fulfilled (Jn. 1:45; Acts 3:19-22).
- C. Christ’s Claim to be a Prophet.
  1. Rejection at Nazareth (Lk. 4:16-24).
  2. Confrontation with some Scribes/Pharisees (Mt. 12:38-42).
- D. Christ’s Acclaim as a Prophet.
  1. Triumphal entry (Mt. 21:11, 46).
  2. When He raised the widow’s son in Nain (Lk. 7:16).
  3. Woman at the well (Jn. 4:19).

### **II. PRIEST (Heb. 1:3a).**

- A. The function of a priest: *gen*—approach God on behalf of man. *spec.* to appease the wrath of God on behalf on sinful man until absolute forgiveness could be had.
  1. Patriarchs: Melchizedek (Gen. 14:18), Cain & Abel, Abraham to “offer” Isaac (Gen. 22:2), Jacob 1<sup>st</sup> use of “sacrifice” (Gen. 31:54)
  2. Mosaic- typically think of the High Priest, Day of Atonement (Exo. 30:10; Lev. 23:26f).
- B. Christ Functioned as a Priest (3). He *purged/cleansed* us from the guilt/punishment of our sins.
  1. Christ shed His blood (Eph. 1:7; cf. Col. 1:14).
  2. Thus becoming the sacrifice, *and* priest ... our perfect High Priest (cf. Heb. 3:1; 7:23-27).

### **III. KING (Heb. 1:3b).**

- A. Christ, our King reigns from His throne at the right hand of the Majesty (divine greatness) on High (Heb. 8:1).
- B. Our King Has a Kingdom.
  1. Jesus foretold the establishment of His kingdom, the church- Mt.16:18-19,
  2. Kingdom established on Pentecost after His resurrection (cf. Acts 1-2).
- C. “King of kings, and Lord of lords” (1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 19:16).

## CONCLUSION:

1. God has spoken unto us “by His Son” (Heb. 1:2). Christ is a Prophet (John 6:63).
2. Christ purged our sin (Heb. 1:3) He is our Priest— (Heb. 9:12).
3. Christ is setting on His throne in Heaven (Heb. 1:3b), He is our King—(Jn. 18:37).

# LIES PEOPLE PROTECT

Terry Wane Benton

In the first century, Paul exposed the lies people were telling each other. It was that an animal is a god to be worshiped (Romans 1:18-26) and that such gods allow us to make up our moral standards as we desire. Thus, one lie protected all kinds of sin.

Since the moral system was actually immoral, the first lie protected the entire immoral system and made truth-tellers like the apostles of Jesus the bad guys. The only immorality in such a system was to judge anybody who challenged such a system as hateful and immoral. Thus, the apostles got railroaded out of town quite often or stoned to death.

Today, you might lose your job if you refuse to go along with the lie that a man is a woman or if you refuse to pretend that he is a woman if he chooses to present himself as one. The lie is not evil in this case, but you are evil if you refuse to pretend the lie is true. Paul said that they "exchanged the truth of God for the lie" (Romans 1:25). The creature has become greater than the Creator. The creature can change the truth that he is a male into the lie that he is female, and the only one that gets punished or ostracized is the truth-teller that God is the source of all truth that humanity is made in only two categories: male and female, nothing more or less or other than male and female.

The truth of God is clearly under attack today. The lie that a male can choose to be a female, and all have to accept that choice is pushed with political clout into companies so that Christians will often have to pretend the lie is true or lose their job and career opportunities. You have to allow men into women's restrooms and sports, or you are tagged as evil. That is the system that is growing more and more powerful because we pushed God aside.

When God is pushed aside, the only moral compass will be the lies we invent and perpetrate as true. We give those lies the strength to rule us by refusing to "expose the unfruitful works of darkness" (Ephesians 5:11).

"Let God be true and every man a liar" (Romans 3:4). God is true and righteous altogether. In Him is no darkness at all. People love darkness because their deeds are evil (John 3:17ff). There is a standard that is true (John 17:17; II Timothy 3:16-17).

Be kind to all sinners, love their souls, but do so without legitimizing sin based on lies. All liars will have their part in the lake of fire (Revelation 21:8). Put away lies and speak the truth with your neighbor (Ephesians 4:25). Don't go along with pretending a lie is true. That only protects lies and harms truth and becomes a trap for whole segments of God-fearing people.

*Welcome! We are thankful for your presence. To our visitors, please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one of the collection plates.*

**AM Bible Study:** Romans 1:16  
**AM:** Christ Our Prophet, Priest, and King (Hebrews 1:1-3)  
**PM:** A Heart Like God's (Psalm 82).  
**Wednesday Bible Study:** Revelation 15:7

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Hazel Leap** had two stints put in on Thursday. She is still not feeling well at all.
- **Congratulations** to **Lucas and Amanda Watson** at the birth of their daughter, **Elsie** came into the world at 2:39 p.m. on Friday. 7 lbs., 9oz., and 20 3/4" long. Everybody is doing well!



**REMINDERS:**

- ❖ There are change cans for **Potter Children's Home** on the back table.
- ❖ **Oct. 7—Men's Encouragement Day** here with **Roger Rush**.

<p><b><u>IN OUR PRAYERS:</u></b> Kevin Adkins, Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike &amp; Karen Grove, Cathy Jackson, Katelynngayle Jamiel, Bruce &amp; Kim Johnson, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Jody Main, Carol Mitchell, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, Jean Whitley, and Randy Yost.</p>	<p><b><u>SHUT-INS:</u></b> Debbie Jones, Nancy Love,</p>
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**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** **Weston Boulet** (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Betty Cox** (Diann Bachmann's sister), **T.J. Hart**, **Trudy Kerby**, **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Addy Reed**, **Rodney Reeves** (Erica Cunningham's father), **John Rockhold**, **John Shipley** (New Concord), **Conrad Schultz**, the U.S.A., **Ukraine** and remember to pray for one another.

<b>AM STUDY</b>	<b>SUN. AM</b>	<b>SUN. PM</b>	<b>GIVING \$2,460)</b>	<b>WED.</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$2,191</b>	<b>30</b>