

# The Parish VISITOR



*"Be Transformed...By the renewing of your minds." - Romans 12:2 - NIV*

Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood  
4011 Clinton St., Los Angeles, CA 90004-2298  
The REV. STEPHEN M. BAROLDY, Pastor

cpchollywood.org

**OCTOBER  
2022**

VOL. LXXVI NO. 10

## Jesus IS COMING SOON

*your pastor writes*

By REV. STEPHEN M. BAROLDY



**G**reetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to all the readers of the *Parish Visitor*!

We continue the messages from the last chapter of the last book of the Bible. These messages talk about our eternal destiny in Jesus Christ. I pray they will encourage you.

*Jesus is Coming Soon, Rev. 22:6-21, originally given on 031322 at CPC.*

**Introduction:** This morning, we begin the final messages on the book of the Revelation.

Now, the central part of John's vision ended with Rev. 22:5. These final verses

of the book of the Revelation, verses 6-21, contain three elements: promise, confirmation and exhortation.

In these verses, there is first, a reiteration of key promises. Second, there is further confirmation of who Jesus Christ is and our portion in him. And, third, there is exhortation to keep and guard this word and do what it says. Again, promise, confirmation, and exhortation.

Here in these last verses, the Holy Spirit drives home the message of John's vision. I believe the Holy Spirit's intention is to stir up hope for Jesus' disciples. The Holy Spirit energizes our hope, and the Holy Spirit increases our confidence,

*Continued next page*



## Welcome

JOIN US AT  
CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF HOLLYWOOD

In addition to the in-person worship, we continue to stream the service on Zoom for those unable to attend in-person.

The invitation for joining the service can be found at the events page on our website at [cpchollywood.org](http://cpchollywood.org).

You can send in your prayer requests PRIOR to the service via email to [sbaroldy@gmail.com](mailto:sbaroldy@gmail.com) or text at 323-202-5078.

**Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood is an intentional, healing community; proclaiming and demonstrating the wholeness of life offered in JESUS CHRIST.**



"And behold,  
***I am coming soon.***

Blessed is the one who  
keeps the words of the  
prophecy of this book."  
*(Revelation 22:7, ESV)*

that Jesus Christ is, indeed, coming back to inaugurate the new heaven and earth. This gives us strength to remain faithful to Jesus through all the ups and downs of today.

**Promise:** These words are faithful and true: Let's begin by re-reading Rev. 22:6-7. They read, "And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."" (Revelation 22:6-7, ESV)

Now, I am not going to spend much time on this verse as Simone did a marvelous job on it last week. Simone proclaimed the words of the Revelation are trustworthy and true because God is trustworthy and true to himself and to his word.

Simone declared the words of the Revelation are trustworthy and true because the Lord Jesus is trustworthy and true to himself, and to his words. So, even though we, at times, can be faithless, Jesus Christ is always faithful to himself and his word.

Our God does not change. God is always faithful to himself and his word because God cannot do otherwise. This is why we can trust God. This is why we can trust the Lamb, Jesus Christ. Amen!

Now, the other thing the angel tells us is this. The Lord God, who sent his word to his prophets in the past, is the same God who sent his angel to give John this vision. The same Spirit who spoke to the prophets in the past, is now speaking these words to us through the angel.

This provides another reason why the words of the book of the

Revelation are trustworthy and true. Same God, same Spirit, same inspired words, as we find through the Old Testament prophets. And, because these words are trustworthy and true, those who keep and follow the words of this prophecy are blessed.

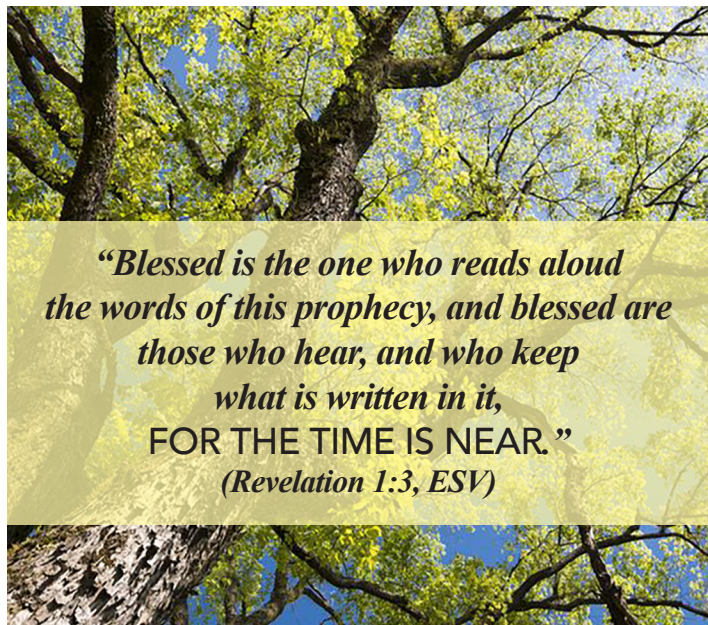
This is the same promise made to us in Rev. 1:3. Rev. 1:3 says, "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near." (Revelation 1:3, ESV)

The book of the Revelation is given so we might be blessed. So, we might be fully satisfied in Jesus Christ. Fully satisfied, **not** based on our circumstances, but because, through Christ, we belong to God and God's Spirit dwells in us.

Our circumstances in this world might be terrible. Our circumstances might be painful. Think of the Christians living in the Ukraine and Russia right now. Their circumstances are terrible. They find themselves in a war. Their lives have been upended. Yet, in Christ, they can be blessed, they can be fully satisfied, if they hear and follow these words of the living God.

Here is the blessing. In spite of our circumstances, in spite of what we see and hear with our physical senses, God is on his throne, and Jesus Christ is coming soon! Remember, the key point of the Revelation is this. Jesus wins! Evil is defeated. This ultimate outcome is not in question. In Christ, we are blessed, now and in the future!

So, **trust** these words. **Guard** these words. **Keep** these words in your heart. These words of the Revelation are a call to discipleship. And, they contain a promise. The promise is this. If we hear these words, and keep these words, and follow these



*“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, FOR THE TIME IS NEAR.”*  
*(Revelation 1:3, ESV)*

words, we will be blessed. We will be fully satisfied in Jesus Christ.

**Promise: Jesus Christ is coming soon:** Which brings us to the second promise. The book of the Revelation tells us, over and over, that Jesus Christ is coming soon.

Listen to these verses. Rev. 1:1 says, *“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,”* (Revelation 1:1, ESV)

Next, Rev. 22:6-7 says, *“And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.” “And behold, I am coming soon.”*

Next, Rev. 1:3, which we already read, *“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.”* (Revelation 1:3, ESV)

Next, Rev. 22:10, *“And he [the angel] said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.”* (Revelation 22:10, ESV)

Then, Rev. 22:12, *“Behold, I [Jesus Christ] am coming soon . . . .”* (Revelation 22:12, ESV)

And finally, Rev. 22:20, *“He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”* (Revelation 22:20, ESV)

The book of the Revelation clearly promises Jesus Christ is coming soon. It says Jesus Christ is coming soon **and** the time is near. Do you hear that? It is unmistakable.

Now, how are we to understand this? The book of the Revelation was written somewhere between 54A.D. and 96A.D. Different scholars put different dates on it.

Whichever date you use, today, we are in 2022A.D, almost 2000 years later. And still, no new heaven and earth. So, how are

we to understand these promises that Jesus is coming soon? Well, the key lies in God’s time versus calendar time. Let me explain.

Let’s begin with Mark 1:14-15. It reads, *“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand [or the kingdom has drawn near]; repent and believe in the gospel.””* (Mark 1:14–15, ESV)

Jesus Christ begins his public ministry by saying, *“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand [or the kingdom of God has drawn near].* Jesus says, *“The [kairos] time is fulfilled.”* The word used for time here is “kairos.” “Kairos” time is not calendar time. It’s not time moving on a clock or a calendar. “Kairos” time is God’s specific appointed time.

Jesus Christ comes on the scene at God’s specific, appointed time. This is the time God appointed before the creation of the world.

With the arrival of Jesus Christ, God’s appointed time has come. With Jesus Christ coming on the scene, God’s kingdom has drawn near.

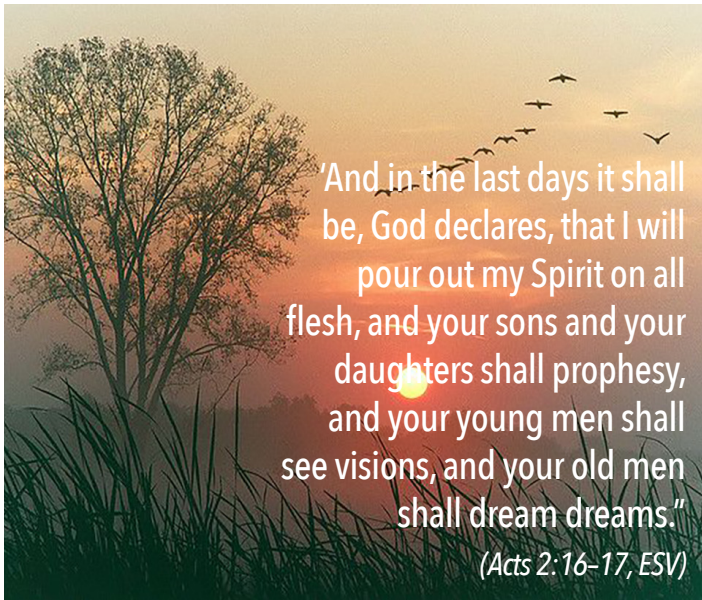
The birth, life, ministry, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ changed the time. Not the calendar time, but the time line of God’s plans and purposes for humanity. In other words, Jesus Christ’s arrival inaugurates, or begins, the final phase of God’s victorious warfare against evil.

Jesus knew God’s specific, appointed time had begun. Yet, he also knew this phase of God’s final victory over evil would require more calendar time. We see this in one of the parables he told. We looked at it two weeks ago. Again, this parable is in the section of

*Continued next page*



*“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”*  
*(Mark 1:15, ESV)*



Pentecost signified the time had changed, and the “last days” had begun. It was another signpost the final phase of God’s victorious warfare against evil had begun, and the kingdom of God had drawn near. So, when Jesus says, “I am coming soon,” he is talking about soon in God’s time, not calendar time. Does that make sense?

Since Jesus’ death and resurrection and the sending of the Holy Spirit, the “time” has always been near according to God’s time. So, what is God waiting for?

2Peter 3:8-10 gives us a clue. 2Peter 3:8-10 says, “*But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord [the day Jesus returns] will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.*” (2 Peter 3:8–10, ESV)

What is God waiting for? God is waiting for the fullness of the harvest. 2Peter 3:9 says, [God] *not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*

God is waiting for our family, and friends, and coworkers to reach repentance. God is waiting for them to repent and trust Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Isn’t that also our desire?

We should be thankful Jesus has not come yet because when God’s time has reached fullness, Jesus’ return will happen in the blink of an eye. And, the time for repentance will be gone forever. Since Jesus’ death and resurrection, God’s time is always near.

**Promise: Jesus is always coming.** The good news is this. While we wait, Jesus Christ, even now, is always coming. Notice, in Rev. 22:7, Jesus says, “*And behold, I am **coming soon.***”

Not, I will come, but I am coming. Darrell Johnson makes the point that Jesus is not standing off somewhere but that Jesus is already moving towards us.<sup>1</sup>

Jesus is always coming towards us. Jesus is always breaking through into our lives and into the lives of our family. Jesus is always coming, through the Holy Spirit, to enlighten us, and strengthen us, and encourage us, and heal us, and save us and our loved ones.

Jesus is coming soon. So what are we to do? We pray for our loved ones to repent and receive Jesus. We keep and guard this word in our hearts and follow it in our lives. And finally, we keep our eyes on Jesus. And we do not let the world pull us away from Jesus, our first love. Amen!

---

1. Johnson, Darrell W., *Discipleship on the Edge*, (Vancouver, B.C., Regent College Publishing, 2004) p. 384..

Matthew that talks about the kingdom of God coming in fullness.

In the parable of the talents in Matthew, chapter 25, Jesus tells of a master who went away. And in Mat. 25:19, Jesus says, “**Now after a long time the master of the servants came and settled accounts with his servants.**” This parable tells us the arrival of the kingdom of God in fullness, when the Lord Jesus returns, would take a long, calendar time.

Also, in Matthew, chapter 25, Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins, who went to meet the bridegroom (the bridegroom is Jesus). It says the bridegroom was delayed.

The five wise virgins, in the parable, remained alert and took flasks of additional oil so their lamps would not go out.

The five foolish women did not take additional flasks of oil and their lamps went out before the bridegroom arrived.

The parable closes with this warning. “*Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour [when the bridegroom returns].*” (Matthew 25:13, ESV) Again, the point is the bridegroom did not come quickly, according to calendar time. The bridegroom would come in God’s “kairos” time.

Another sign the time had changed was the sending of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. God pouring out the Spirit on his people is also a sign that God’s time had changed.

The Apostle Peter, after he is filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, gives a powerful sermon. As part of his sermon, he quotes the book of Joel.

In Acts 2:14-15, Peter says, “*But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: “ ‘And in the **last days** it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.*” (Acts 2:16–17, ESV)

Joel’s prophecy was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost.



# PASTOR Appreciation Day

Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood (CPC) celebrated Pastor Appreciation on Sunday, October 16, 2022 in honor of Pastor Steve and Simone Baroldy.

Thank you, Pastor Steve and Simone for all the things that you do!




*Our Father,*

Who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil

*Amen.*



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

DON'T FORGET to reset your clocks  
on November 6, 2022,  
when Daylight Savings Time ends.



**December 3rd from 10 AM to 3 PM**

The annual church rummage sale is back!  
Christ Presbyterian Church in partnership  
with Faro De Luz will be hosting a rummage sale.  
We are now accepting donations of gently used  
clothing and household items.

Donations may be delivered to:

4011 Clinton St, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

For deliveries Monday through Saturday, please  
contact by email, Simone, for an appointment.  
[simonebaroldy@gmail.com](mailto:simonebaroldy@gmail.com)



*Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer*

***“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him that if we ask anything according to His will, He will hear us.”***

***(1 John 5:14)***

**PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING:**

• Christ Presbyterian Church as a people of God have entered their 100th year of community. A people called out to worship our Lord Jesus Christ and to witness to HIS Love for the world.

• We are thankful! that “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sin, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence...” (Ephesian 1:7-8)

• Philip Nozaki is doing very well after his kidney surgery.

• Alice’s ulcerative colitis, (Pastor Steve and Simone’s granddaughter), has been in remission for four weeks!

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:**

Grieving is a long process. Let us keep remembering:

• Janet Nozaki and Kay Kamiyama: Emiko Kamiyama died September 23rd. Janet, Kay and Emiko were very close. Kay and Emiko are Janet’s aunts but more like dear sisters.

• Sueko whose brother Pat passed away in Sept.

**FOR THOSE WHO NEED PHYSICAL HEALING:**

• Dora, Sueko’s sister, general healing and arrest of dementia.

• Janet, Stella’s sister, needs wisdom for making medical decisions.

• Yuri received treatment to reduce pain. Praying it is efficacious and long lasting.

• Dave Kamiyama, Janet Nozaki’s cousin, has been diagnosed with cancer, praying for healing.

• Philip Nozaki, Janet’s son, has one kidney. Pray for protection of his remaining kidney.

• Brian, praying chemo treatments will destroy spots on his bladder and any other spots that may have developed. And continued prayers for healing from bell’s palsy. Or, as Brian says, “healing from the inside out.”

• Michael Morrow, complete healing from long-covid. The continual coughing is wearing him down.

• Andrew Yee, Ron Jung’s nephew, pray for the restoration of the kidneys.

• Pastor Steve’s and Simone’s four-year-old granddaughter Alice has Ulcerative Colitis, a degenerative disease. Praying it will remain in remission.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOME BOUND  
OR IN A CARE FACILITY:**

Leland Hayashi, Joan Janecek, Barbara Kashiwagi, Kimi Fujitani, Karen Koranye, Frank Morimoto, Janet Nozaki, Jean Sakai, Irene Mayeda caring for her mother Harumi. Each one has extended their greetings and send their love to each of us in the CPC community.

**GENERAL:**

• For the Dixon family: Father and husband, Will, lost his job for refusing to do what was wrong. Praying for a new job. Mother, Michelle, who is fighting the medical system for needed treatment.

• Young Life ministry to reach more kids. And let’s

***How can we pray for you?***

If you have prayer requests, you can send them via email or text PRIOR to our service each Sunday.

My email is sbaroldy@gmail.com.

You can text me at 323-202-5078.



pray that these kids will grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. Let's pray specifically for the salvation for Abdul, Eric, and Allan.

- In the last week Helen Bernstein High School reports 3 more overdoses of fentanyl laced pills. In the last month there have been 12 overdoses on campus and 18 known overdoses off campus. Praying that the kids would develop an aversion to all pills that are not prescribed by their doctor.

- Spiritual revival across the country. That truth would not only be known but also embraced.

- For our Afghan, Ukrainian and Iranian brothers and sisters in Christ: to have strength and courage to persevere in their witness of the life and hope we have in Christ Jesus.

- May the people in same sex relationships know the Lord Jesus Christ. That they may know that Jesus Christ is the only one who saves, restores, heals, and makes whole. (1Peter 2:9)

- For Mary Tran and family (Mary is the receptionist and all-around assistant in Kris' and Ida's dental office.) For Mary: wisdom, peace, strength and authority with the family. For salvation for parents, husband and sisters.

- For Eric and Kris Lin and Eric's family. Eric's 102-year-old grandmother was hospitalized with covid but now sent home. She lives in Taiwan. The gathering of the family is very complicated and some members got covid after arriving in Taiwan. Please cover this family in prayer. And may salvation abound.

**OUR MISSIONARIES:**

The Kenya REAL Ministries, and Janet who does the administrative work for Kenya REAL Ministries. The Kostov family who pastors in Vidin, Bulgaria. The Masons who are missionaries and pastor a church in Japan. Zebley family who pastor in Tokyo, Japan. The Rice's who pastor in South Sudan. Morsan McSweeny who pastors in the US military. Praying for a great harvest and workers for the harvest. Alison Puzio, area coordinator of Young Live ministries to junior and senior high school students, post high school young people and teen moms in foster care who live at St. Annes.



Join us in  
**Worship**  
SUNDAYS at 11:00 A.M.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/384758031?pwd=ZnEySIBjL1VkuMhiTWRCREdmZVhJZz09>  
Meeting ID: 384 758 031 • Password: 351955  
One tap mobile  
+16699006833,,384758031# US (San Jose)  
+13462487799,,384758031# US (Houston)

**REMEMBERING OUR FORMER INTERNS:**

Tamara John -Pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church Lakewood. Bob and Kristi Rice – Missionaries in the South Sudan, Sam Codington, Pastor in San Diego, Allison Becker – Pastor of a church in Scotland, Diane White -Pastor at Community Presbyterian, Pinetop, AZ, Holly Haines, Morsan McSweeny, Charity Ngaruiya – hospital chaplain in LA county. (Ephesians 1:17-21)

**FOR OUR SHEPHERDS:**

Alison Puzio and Matty Miranda (Young Life ministry to at risk kids, middle school through high school.), Pastors Ernesto and Juana Salguero (Faro de Luz), Pastors Damon and Guia Woods, (Church on Melrose), Pastor Ted Esaki (El Estero Presbyterian Church), Pastors Andrew, and Kate Alesso (Thrive LA), Pastors Logan and Gaby Lee launching a new church plant, Ignite LA, in the Jefferson Park area.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**SEPT. 2022**



|                    | <u>SEPT. 2022</u> | <u>YTD</u>  |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Receipts           | \$ 5,429          | \$ 96,661   |
| Disbursements      | \$ 11,325         | \$ 111,636  |
| Increase (Deficit) | (\$ 5,896)        | (\$ 14,975) |

*Gifts & Offering*



*We are grateful for your continued generosity in supporting our ministry.*  
*Please consider sending a gift or donation to:*

**Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood**  
**4011 Clinton Street, Los Angeles, CA 90004**

# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOLLYWOOD



**SUNDAYS at 11:00 A.M.  
IN-PERSON OR ON ZOOM**

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/384758031?pwd=ZnEySjBjL1VkUmhiTWRCREdmZVhJZz09>

Meeting ID: 384 758 031  
Password: 351955  
One tap mobile  
+16699006833,,384758031# US (San Jose)  
+13462487799,,384758031# US (Houston)

*"Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood is an intentional healing community; proclaiming and demonstrating the wholeness of life offered by Jesus Christ."*

DATED MATERIAL

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

the Parish Visitor  
Published by  
Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood  
4011 Clinton St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90004-2298  
(323) 665-3581

