

Christ Presbyterian Church

Theology Conference



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Christ Presbyterian Church is a congregation of individuals and families who profess faith in Jesus Christ. We gather for worship, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship so that we can grow in Christian love, doctrine, and discipleship; and so that we can reach out in love to people in Janesville and beyond, according to Christ's purpose and for His glory.

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The Shape of Ministry and Witness in the Current Cultural Climate

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Conference Schedule

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

11:00 am, Talk 1 *Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Peter 3:15, 1 Corinthians 2*

What's So Great about the Great Commission?

The Hope We have in Christ

The Great Commission is great not only in breadth and depth, but also because it is the Lord who calls his church to do the work. All Christians, though not called to be ministers, are to be ready to give a reason for the hope within, doing so from the perspective of Christ and him crucified. We are to give such to friend and foe alike, whether at school, work, or in other communities.

Noon *Catered lunch*

1:15 pm, Talk 2 *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

Faithful and Effective Ambassadors

Q&A time following a short break

Christians, in their witness and ministry, are called to be faithful and effective. This means, on the one hand, that we must, even in reaching out and engaging the culture, be certain not to compromise the truth. We also must reach out without dumbing down. On the other hand, we must in our reaching out do so in a way that seeks to be effective, properly becoming all things to all men.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:30 am, Worship Service *Psalm 15*

The Genius of the Reformation

11:15 am, Talk 3 (during adult Sunday school) *Matthew 28:1-17*

Covenantal (Presuppositional) Apologetics

We can best do this with a clear understanding of evangelism and apologetics, particularly as we engage unbelievers. We do not do so by making a direct appeal to the evidence, as if unbelievers were fit judges of God and his word. In all of it, we must remember that only the Spirit can give spiritual life to those to whom we witness. Thus prayer must especially undergird all of our witness and ministry.

Noon *Fellowship lunch*

1:15 pm, Afternoon Worship Service

About the Speaker



The Rev. Dr. Alan D. Strange

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Professor Strange served Providence Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Glassboro, New Jersey, for over nine years before coming to Mid-America. He is an associate pastor at New Covenant Community Church (OPC) in Joliet, Illinois, frequently preaching there or speaking in other church and conference settings.

Dr. Strange is active in the Presbytery of the Midwest and serves on or chairs various OPC committees, including the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, the Psalter-Hymnal Special Committee, the Committee on Christian Education and the Board of Trustees of Great Commission Publications. He served as chairman of the Committee on Creation Views and as vice-chairman of the Justification Committee, producing substantial reports for both of those study committees. He teaches the course for the Ministerial Training Institute of the OPC on the Form of Government and has written extensively on church polity. He also served as the Moderator of the 75th OPC General Assembly (2008).

Professor Strange has done extensive youth and college student work over the course of his ministry and has published historical works for use in Christian education and home schooling. He has published articles on colonial American intellectual history and the history of American Presbyterianism, and has been a frequent contributor to the OPC denominational magazine *New Horizons*, *Ordained Servant* and to the *Mid-America Journal of Theology*. He has also written for and serves as a contributing editor to *The Confessional Presbyterian*. He has contributed essays to several volumes and has recently published *The Doctrine of the Spirituality of the Church in the Ecclesiology of Charles Hodge* (P&R). Another book on *The Imputation of the Active Obedience of Christ at the Westminster Assembly* (RHB) is forthcoming. He is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the Conference on Faith and History, and the American Society of Church History.