

The Prattmont Church of Christ is just what the name suggests, a church that belongs to Christ. We are not a denomination; we are simply a group of Christians trying very hard to practice the teachings of our Head, Jesus Christ. The New Testament offers a complete pattern for what each local church should be like—its organization, its worship, its work, etc. We are committed to following that pattern. We cordially invite you to attend our services. We would also welcome any comments or questions about this bulletin.

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
 Worship 10:00 A.M.
 Training Class 5:00 P.M.
 Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

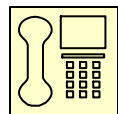
Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

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Who Will Follow Jesus? I Will!

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Let me tell you about the invitation Jesus has extended to me. It's the same one He issued to Peter and Andrew (Matthew 4:19), to James and John (Matthew 4:21), to Matthew (Matthew 9:9), Philip (John 1:43), and the rich young ruler (Matthew 19:21). The invitation, simply put, is follow Me!

I'm not ashamed to say I have decided to follow Jesus, and here are just a few reasons why:

I follow Him, because I believe in Him—that He is everything He claims to be. I believe that He is the Christ, the Son of God (John 20:31), because the evidence is just too strong to believe otherwise. And because I believe that He is the Son of God, I believe every other claim He makes about Himself. I believe that...

He is eternal—the One “who is and who was and who is to come,” the “First and the Last,” the “Beginning and the End,” the “Alpha and Omega” (Rev. 1:4, 8; 2:8).

He is the “Lord of lords and King of kings” (1 Tim. 6:15).

He is “Faithful and True” (Rev. 19:11)

He is the “Light of the world,” the “Way, the Truth, and the Life” (John 8:12; 14:6)

He is the “Lamb of God,” the Savior of my soul (John 1:29, 36; 4:42)

He is “the Judge of the living and the dead” (Acts 10:42; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

Who else, in my right mind, would I follow? (John 6:68). Jesus, because of who He is, is worthy of my complete trust and devotion.

I follow Him, because I believe He “loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). No one **took** His life (John 10:18), for as the song says, “He could have called ten thousand angels” (see Matthew 26:53). I was one of His sheep who had gone astray (1 Peter 2:25), and so as the good shepherd, He **laid down** His life for me (John 10:17-18). He did this, despite my unworthiness (Romans 5:6-8). After all, it was my sins that nailed Him to the cross. How can I refuse someone who did that for me? “Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.”

I follow Him, because I believe His promises, promises described as “exceedingly great and precious” (2 Peter 1:4). If I commit to following Him...

He will take away my sins, or save me from my sins (John 1:29; Matthew 1:21).

He will give me rest for my soul (Matthew 11:28-30).

He will give me a new life, an abundant life, a life as a child of God (John 3:3-5; 10:10; 1:12).

He will give me food for my soul, food that endures to everlasting life (John 6:27).

He will be with Me, and He will never cast me out (John 14:23; 6:38; 10:27).

He will give me peace in a world full of tribulation (John 16:33; 14:27).

He will give me joy that no one can take from me (John 16:22; 15:11).

He will come again, and give me eternal life—in a place He has prepared for me (John 6:54; 14:1-3).

How can I turn my back on such wonderful promises? I follow Jesus, because only He can give me what my soul truly needs; only He can give me eternal life.

If I’m foolish and choose not to follow—He will give me none of these things, and in the end, He will take vengeance on me and punish me with everlasting destruction from His presence (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). How could I possibly choose a fate such as that?

I have decided to follow Jesus. Have you?

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be -
3. Tho' none go with me, I still will fol - low, Tho' none go -
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus; Will you de - cide now to fol - low

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with me, I still will fol - low, Tho' none go with me, I still will
cide now to fol - low Je - sus; Will you de - cide now to fol - low

Je - sus, No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back,
fore me; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back,
fol - low, No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back,
Je - sus; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.