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CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

JANUARY 2, 2022

Communion Sunday

Gathering Song: O Morning Star

† Call to Worship (Psalm 100)

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

People: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Unison: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues for all generations.

†Hymn: Once in Royal David's City

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

1 Kings 17:8-16 Responsive

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹“Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.”

¹⁰**So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?”** ¹¹As she was going to get it, he called, **“And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”**

¹²“As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

¹³**Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.** ¹⁴**For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’”**

¹⁵She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

Psalm 95 Responsive

¹Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

³**For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.**

⁴**In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

⁵**The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

⁶**Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**

⁷**for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

Today, if only you would hear his voice,

⁸“Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,
as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,

⁹ where your ancestors tested me;
they tried me, though they had seen what I did.

¹⁰ **For forty years I was angry with that generation;
I said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they have not known my ways.’**

¹¹ **So I declared on oath in my anger,
‘They shall never enter my rest.’”**

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

† Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
world without end. Amen, Amen.

† Hymn: See, Amid the Winter’s Snow

Offertory

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
In the Bleak Midwinter
Vocalist: Pastor McGuire**

arr: Lloyd Larson

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Second Scripture Readings

Luke 6:46-49 Responsive

⁴⁶ “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷ As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like.

⁴⁸ **They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.**

⁴⁹But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

Hebrews 3:12—4:11 Responsive

¹²See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

¹³**But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. ¹⁴We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. ¹⁵As has just been said:**

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts
as you did in the rebellion.”

¹⁶**Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? ¹⁷And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness?**

¹⁸And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who dis-obeyed? ¹⁹So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

^{4:1}**Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. ²For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed.**

³Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said,

“So I declared on oath in my anger,
‘They shall never enter my rest.’”

And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. ⁴ For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “On the seventh day God rested from all his works.” ⁵ And again in the passage above he says, “They shall never enter my rest.”

⁶ Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience, ⁷ God again set a certain day, calling it “Today.” This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted:

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

⁸**For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day.**

⁹**There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.**

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Getting the Rest You Need

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

† The Apostles Creed Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-7) Unison

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

²Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved right when you speak
and justified when you judge.

⁵Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

⁶Surely you desire truth in the inward parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Receiving the Elements of the Lord's Supper

† Hymn: My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

† Responsive Litany (from Colossians 1)

Pastor: We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will

People: so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way:

Pastor: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

People: and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

Unison: For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music

To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome here among us. Please sign our guest book. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

In Need of Prayer

Teresa Lisowski
 Sue Work
 Cheryl Stevenson
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney
 Jen Freese, training therapy dog, illness
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, nephew Chris
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Gary, Marion, Dan, friends of L.Szczepanek
 Linda Szczepanek, health, grief
 Dot, friend of Cheri Boone
 Dan, friend of Chet Doak
 Carmen, & Grace injuries, per Gail N.
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Kelly Vincent, daughter of Bert Schwab
 Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer
 Norman, neighbor of Linda S, with cancer
 The Metzner family with 2 recent deaths and Covid illnesses.

In Need of Prayer

Lucy McGuire's brother, Covid & Pneumonia
 Richard Abraham, son-in-law of Hartigs, improving
 Judy Carr, foot, plus sister's long term care decisions
 Margaret, Wilsons' friend, brain tumor
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer
 Christopher, son of Ray Boone, heart
 Keely, daughter of Linda Johnson, husband at sea 6 months
 Gail Nastwold, for health, wound healing
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma
 Darlene Little, heart health.
 Nancy, friend of Doaks, recurrence of cancer
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer
 Liz, granddaughter of Carolyn Krueger
 Scott MacKenzie, son of Jim & Patty MacKenzie
 Suzanne, friend of Clay family, for wholeness
 Rose, friend of Boones, Covid complications
 First Responders & Border Patrol for safety & wisdom
 Family of Cyndi Taffee's friend, sudden loss of loved one
 Cassandra, friend of Elaine, cancer
 Family of 15 y/o Talon, death of cancer
 People in South, victims of massive tornado

Audio Sermons can be heard on the church website: <http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org>

Our Military: Metzner's grandson; and Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq. *William, co-worker of Krystal Murphy, recently deployed overseas.*

Monthly need: \$17,083.00
Giving to general fund Dec: \$20,861
Giving to mortgage in Dec: \$4,945

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Linda Faye Davis on the recent death of her dear cousin, Mike.

Heidelberg Catechism Q 46. What do you mean by saying "He ascended into Heaven?"
A. That Christ, while his disciples watched, was lifted up from the earth to heaven and will be there for our good until he comes again to judge the living and the death.