



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: Listen to My Cry, Lord

† Call to Worship (Psalm 9:1-2, 7-10)

Pastor: I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart: I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

Pastor: The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

People: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Unison: Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

†Hymn: My Soul, Praise the Lord

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Job 38:1-7, 34-41 Responsive

¹Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

²“Who is this that obscures my plans
with words without knowledge?

³Brace yourself like a man;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?
Tell me, if you understand.

⁵Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!
Who stretched a measuring line across it?

⁶On what were its footings set
or who laid its cornerstone—

⁷while the morning stars sang together
and all the angels shouted for joy?

³⁴“Can you raise your voice to the clouds
and cover yourself with a flood of water?

³⁵Do you send the lightning bolts on their way?
Do they report to you, ‘Here we are’?

³⁶Who gives the ibis wisdom
or gives the rooster understanding?

³⁷Who has the wisdom to count the clouds?
Who can tip over the water jars of the heavens

³⁸when the dust becomes hard
and the clods of earth stick together?

³⁹“Do you hunt the prey for the lioness
and satisfy the hunger of the lions

⁴⁰when they crouch in their dens
or lie in wait in a thicket?

⁴¹Who provides food for the raven
when its young cry out to God
and wander about for lack of food?

Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 33-35 Responsive

¹ Praise the LORD, my soul.

LORD my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

² The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment;
he stretches out the heavens like a tent

³ and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

**He makes the clouds his chariot
and rides on the wings of the wind.**

**⁴He makes winds his messengers,
flames of fire his servants.**

**⁵He set the earth on its foundations;
it can never be moved.**

**⁶You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.**

**⁷But at your rebuke the waters fled,
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;**

**⁸they flowed over the mountains,
they went down into the valleys,
to the place you assigned for them.**

**⁹You set a boundary they cannot cross;
never again will they cover the earth.**

**²⁴How many are your works, LORD!
In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

**³³I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

**³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the LORD.**

**³⁵But may sinners vanish from the earth
and the wicked be no more.**

Praise the LORD, my soul.

Praise the LORD.

**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: Before the Throne of God Above

Offertory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Depth of Mercy by Chad Cates & Tony Wood
Soloist: Mezzo Soprano, Elaine Clay

† 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

Mark 10:35-45 Responsive

³⁵Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

³⁷They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

³⁸"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

³⁹"We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.⁴²Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Hebrews 5:1-10 Responsive

¹Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness.

³This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people.

⁴And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,
“You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.”

⁶And he says in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

⁸Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

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

Sermon: What Makes Jesus the Only Source of Our Salvation?

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: It is Well with My Soul

† Responsive Litany (Romans 8:31-34b)

Pastor: What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Pastor: Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

Unison: Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music

Reminders and Announcements

From Pastor McGuire: As we see another surge of Covid, please remember to take precautions to protect yourself and others in public places by refraining from hugging, wearing your mask, keep spacing distance in our seating. Many among us are frail, so think of how best to serve them in love. *Philippians 2:4,5 "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...."*

The Ladies Bible study has resumed on Tuesday mornings at 10 am. The focus of our study this time is on the book of Joshua. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and maintain distance seating. New people welcome. Call Judy Dellinger @734-454-5661 for more information.

Winter brings slippery roads and parking lots. We do our best to clear our parking lot, but we hope you will be very careful. You may want to discharge your passengers at the overhang of the Sanctuary entrance.

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

Jen Freese, surgery on 1/20
 John Donoian & mother, Covid
 Patty Bodnar
 Cheryl Stevenson
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney
 Brenda's sister, Lois, in AZ, 82 years, Covid
 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
 Metzner family, multiple family deaths
 Karen Isles' brother-in law, Lance, anxiety
 Sue Work, full healing while in FL

In Need of Prayer

Judy Dellinger, pain, and preparation for surgery on Feb. 1
 Katalie Deighton, surgery on Feb. 2
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer
 Richard Abraham son-in-law of Hartigs, improving
 Judy Carr, foot, plus sister's long term care decisions
 Margaret, Wilsons' friend, brain tumor
 Christopher, son of Ray Boone, heart
 Keely, daughter of Linda Johnson, husband at sea 6 months
 Gail Nastwold, for health, tests last week
 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
 Rose, friend of Boones, Covid complications
 First Responders & Border Patrol for safety & wisdom
 Cassandra, friend of Elaine, cancer
 Family of 15 y/o Talon, death of cancer
 Donna Whiting, death of friend, pray for husband, Jeff
 Derome, friend of Clays, needs a job

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: \$18,333

Giving to General Fund last week: \$3,785

Giving to General Fund January: \$13,255

Giving to Mortgage in January: \$770

Our sincere sympathy to Lucy and Jimmy McGuire on the death of her brother, Tim.

We have several people in the midst of recent griefs.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q.49. How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us? **A.** First, he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven—a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to himself in heaven. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.