



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Welcome to Worship

**MARCH 13, 2022**

**Gathering Song: I Love the Lord**

**† Call to Worship** (from Psalm 116)

Pastor: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

**People: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

**People: The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

**Unison: Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.**

**†Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy**

**† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

## First Scripture Readings

### I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Responsive

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

**<sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.**

<sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

**<sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

### John 6:27-40 Responsive

<sup>27</sup> Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

**<sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"**

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

**<sup>30</sup> So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"**

<sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

**<sup>34</sup> "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."**

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.

**<sup>37</sup> All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.**

<sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

**<sup>40</sup> For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."**

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: O God Our Help in Ages Past

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Guest Pianist: Linda Johnson

## † 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

### 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 Responsive

<sup>50</sup> I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

<sup>51</sup> **Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.**

<sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup> **“Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?”**

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup> **Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.**

### Hebrews 9:23-28 Responsive

<sup>23</sup> **It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.**

<sup>24</sup> For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence. <sup>25</sup> Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the

high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. <sup>26</sup>Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world.

**But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.**

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**Thanks be to God!**

## **Sermon: The Appointment You Must Keep**

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**

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against 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.
- <sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup>Surely you desire truth in the inward parts;  
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.  
<sup>7</sup>Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

### † Hymn: Be Still My Soul

#### † Responsive Litany (Revelation 21:1-5)

Pastor: Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

**People: I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.**

Pastor: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

**People: “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”**

**Unison: He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”**

### † Benediction

#### Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

**Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor**

**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**

Cindy, Engebretson's daughter, in rehab  
 Sean Murphy, for return to work  
 Linda Szczepanek, multiple family deaths  
 Jen Freese, pain  
 Patty Bodnar  
 Cheryl Stevenson  
 Alberta Weaver, home  
 Regina Higgs as caregiver to Alberta  
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney  
 Brenda's brother, Bernard  
 Don Rende's brother, Bob; nephew, Chris  
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee  
 Gary, Marion, Dan, friends of L.Szczepanek  
 Dot, friend of Cheri Boone  
 Grace, injuries, per Gail N.  
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain  
 Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer  
 Metzner family, multiple deaths in family  
 Sue Work, full healing while in FL  
 Pray for your Elders and Deacons

**Pray for the Persecuted Church**

**In Need of Prayer**

Liz, granddaughter of Carolyn Krueger  
 Kelly Vincent, daughter of Bert Schwab, recovering surgery  
 Katalee Deighton, recovering from surgery  
 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, Wilson's friend, brain tumor  
 Keely, daughter of Linda Johnson, husband at sea 6 months  
 Gail Nastwold, for health  
 Darlene Little, heart health  
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer  
 Scott MacKenzie, son of Jim & Patty MacKenzie  
 Rose, friend of Boone's, COVID complications  
 First Responders & Border Patrol for safety & wisdom  
 Jerome, friend of Clay's, needs a job  
 Donna Whiting in loss of friend, pray for husband, Jeff  
 Karen Isles' brother-in-law, Lance, anxiety, loss of job  
 Karen Isles, sister-in-law, beginning chemo for cancer  
 Delilah, young relative of the Isles family  
 Linda Johnson's care of Parents in FL

**Pray for the war in Ukraine**

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

**Our Military:** Metzner's grandson; 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: \$3,635**  
**Giving to General Fund in March \$3,635**  
**Giving to Mortgage in March: \$160**

**We have several people in our congregation who have lost loved ones. Remember to pray for God's comfort and peace as they mourn.**

**Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 55.** What do you understand by "The Communion of Saints"? **A.** First that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and all his treasures and all his gifts. Second, that each member should consider it his duty to use his gifts readily and cheerfully to the service and enrichment of the other members.