



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: The Lord Is King, Enthroned in Might

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 92)

Pastor: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

People: proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

Pastor: For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.

People: How great are your works, LORD, how profound are your thoughts!

Unison: You, LORD, are forever exalted.

†Hymn: Wonderful Grace of Jesus

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Acts 2:22-36 Responsive

²²“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

²⁵**David said about him:**

“‘I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

²⁶**Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;**

my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷**because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,**

you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸**You have made known to me the paths of life;**

you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹**Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.**

³⁴For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

³⁵**until I make your enemies**

a footstool for your feet.’”

³⁶**“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”**

2 Peter 1:3-11 Responsive

³His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

⁴**Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.**

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

Hebrews 10:1-18 Responsive

¹The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.

²**Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins.**

³But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. ⁴It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵**Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:**

**“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;**

**⁶with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.**

**⁷Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, my God.’”**

⁸First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.”

He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

¹²**But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.**

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

¹⁶“This is the covenant I will make with them
after that time, says the Lord.

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds.”

¹⁷**Then he adds:**

**“Their sins and lawless acts
I will remember no more.”**

¹⁸**And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.**

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

Sermon: Recommending Christ

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Thank You, Lord

† Responsive Litany (Hebrews 10:19-25)

Pastor: Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

People: **and since we have a great priest over the house of God,**

Pastor: let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

People: **Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.**

Unison: **And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

† 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, hospice
 Sean Murphy, for improved health
 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, poor health
 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
 Sue Work, full healing while in FL
 Karen Isles, legal deposition

Pray for the Persecuted Church

In Need of Prayer

Liz, granddaughter of Carolyn Krueger
 Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
 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
 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
 Pam Paglino's friend, relatives in Ukraine

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: \$3,730

Giving to General Fund in March \$7,576

Giving to Mortgage in March: \$1,240

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. 56. What do you believe concerning "The Forgiveness of Sins"? **A.** I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins, nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle with all my life. Rather in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.