



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

† Call to Worship (Psalm 24:7-10)

Pastor: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Pastor: Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Unison: Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

† Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Brenda Cook)

Mark 11: 1-11 Responsive

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

⁴**They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.**

⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.

⁹**Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,**

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Responsive

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

² **Let Israel say:**

“His love endures forever.”

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ **I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

²³ the LORD has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Second Scripture Readings

(Reader: Brenda Cook)

Philippians 2:5-11 Responsive

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶**Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.**

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹**Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

John 12:1-11 Responsive

¹ Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

³**Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.**

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."

⁶**He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.**

⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

⁹**Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.**

¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, ¹¹ for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: A Beautiful Thing

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King

† Responsive Litany (from 2 Thessalonians 2)

Pastor: We always thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

People: He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: So then, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you.

Unison: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music



Spring is coming!
And with it are new opportunities at CPC.

Palm Sunday

Today, we celebrate the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem, with joy in our hearts for the glory of Christ on this day before his Passion.

We also rejoice in a milestone day for our congregation, as we celebrate the fifth anniversary of worshiping together in this building.

Tenebrae Service, April 1, 2021

You are invited to attend our Maundy Thursday Service, our first since 2019. The Tenebrae Service is always a meaningful time of reflection on Christ's suffering as He approached the Cross. Come, if you can, on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at **6:00 pm**. We will still need to observe the Covid precautions of masks and distance seating.

Easter, April 4, 2021

We look forward to a joyous celebration of our Lord's Resurrection!
Don't miss it! He is risen!

Today, March 29 is the final opportunity to purchase a Lily to enhance the front of the church on Easter Sunday. If you are interested, please see Cheri Boone. The cost is \$10 and you may give it in honor or memory of someone special in your life.

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 the guest book in the narthex and allow us to greet you. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

In Need of Prayer

Charlie Wilson, surgery Friday 3/26
Sam Hutson, Covid 19
Bert Schwab
Bill Rector
Brenda Cook, health
Cindy Taaffee
Jen Freese, health, grief, training of new therapy dog
Dennis & Ellen Dorman
Kent's sister, Lori
George Donoian and family
Gail Nastwold's family with Covid & Ray dying, cancer
John Dellinger's sister, Nancy
Don Rende's brother, Bob
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
Mark, cousin of Elaine Clay, cardiac rehab
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepaneks
Linda Szczepanek
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger
Janet Evans

Yvonne Ray, assisted living
Alberta Weaver for stability
Ken, Bev's son-in-law, back pain
Anastasia, for continuing pregnancy
Alanna, auto accident, more surgeries, rehab
Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray Johnson's daughter
Keely & Josh, daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson
Julie, dear friend of Chernenkoffs
Nicki, Donna's neighbor, new cancer
Brenda's sister, Joyce
Kelly Rende's co-worker, new cancer
Grieving families with recent loss of loved ones: Kelly Rende, Linda Szczepanek, Sam Hutson, Dormans
April's friend Kristen, Kristen's mom with brain cancer---for comfort, salvation
Baby Jase, mom Lindsay, friends of Linda Johnson
Cindy Bemis (Engebretsons' daughter)
Tony, co-worker of Bruce, with bladder cancer
Lyndsey Sharpe
Suzanne with depression, friend of Clay family

Healthcare Workers: Ray Johnson, Angie O'Dell, Karen Isles, Krystal Murphy, Claudine Sordyl—for protection from Covid; strength for the long hours, and opportunities for sharing Christ.

Please also pray for people who are struggling over mental health issues, particularly brought on by the stresses of Covid-19, unemployment, etc.

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

Our Military; Metzners' grandson Bryan; and relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.

Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.

Monthly need: \$17,083.00

Giving to general fund last week: \$3,375

Giving to general fund in March: \$13,399

Giving to mortgage in March: \$550

Heidelberg Catechism: Q 5. Can you live up to all this (God's law) perfectly?

A. No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.