



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Welcome to Worship

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### **Gathering Song: O Jesus Christ, Grow Thou in Me**

#### **†Call to Worship (from Psalm 119)**

Pastor: May my cry come before you, Lord; give me understanding according to your word.

**People: May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees.**

Pastor: May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous.

**People: May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.**

Pastor: I long for your salvation, Lord, and your law gives me delight.

**Unison: Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me.**

### **†Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

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

## First Scripture Readings

### Genesis 6:13-22 Responsive

<sup>13</sup> So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.

<sup>14</sup> **So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out.**

<sup>15</sup> This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. <sup>16</sup> Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks.

<sup>17</sup> **I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.** <sup>18</sup> **But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.**

<sup>19</sup> You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. <sup>20</sup> Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. <sup>21</sup> You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

<sup>22</sup> **Noah did everything just as God commanded him.**

### Matthew 24:36-44 Responsive

<sup>36</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son] but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

<sup>38</sup> **For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away.**

That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

<sup>42</sup> **"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.**

<sup>43</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.

<sup>44</sup> **So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.**

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: The Wonder of It All

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Pianist: Ellen Van Noord

### † 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

#### 2 Peter 3:3-18 Responsive

<sup>3</sup>Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. <sup>4</sup>They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”

<sup>5</sup>**But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. <sup>6</sup>By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.**

<sup>7</sup>By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

<sup>8</sup>**But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**

<sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.<sup>11</sup>Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?

**You ought to live holy and godly lives <sup>12</sup>as you look forward to the day of God and speed its**

**coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. <sup>13</sup>But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.**

<sup>14</sup>So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. <sup>15</sup>Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

<sup>16</sup>**He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.**

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position.

<sup>18</sup>**But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen**

### **Hebrews 11:1-7 Responsive**

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup>**By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.**

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

<sup>5</sup>**By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.**

<sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

<sup>7</sup>**By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.**

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

**Sermon: An Unsinkable Faith**  
Dr. James N. McGuire

## Pastoral Prayer

### † Hymn: I'll Fly Away

### † Responsive Litany (Titus 2:11-14)

Pastor: For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

**People: It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,**

Pastor: while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

**Unison: who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.**

## 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. You are invited to join us for light refreshments after the service turning left as you leave the sanctuary and through the double doors.**

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

<p><b>In Need of Prayer</b>          Janet Young, in rehab after falls          Cheri Boone's friend Dot, fall injuries          Linda Szczepanek, multiple deaths in family          Janet Evans, adjustment to move to AZ          Eric Evans, Janet's son, Covid          Felicia, new diagnosis breast cancer              Relative of Sean Murphy          Jen Freese, pain          Alberta Weaver, home          Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta          Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor          Brenda's siblings, Bernard and Joyce          Don Rende's brother, Bob, poor health          David, friend of Cindy Taaffee          Marion, Dan, friends of L.Szczepanek          Grace, injuries from a fall, per Gail N.          Ed Steele for mobility, back pain          Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer          Karen Isles, hip pain          Boone's friend caring for invalid, age 102</p>	<p><b>In Need of Prayer</b>          Mark (18) a-fib, Justin (16) knee surgery, grandsons of              Linda Szczepanek          Judy Dellinger, recovering from surgery          Marlene, relative of Gail Nastwold, eye cancer          Chris with stage 4 cancer, neighbor of Linda Szczpanek          Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski          Alanna, serious surgery for auto injuries          Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer          Richard Abraham, son-in-law of Hartigs, improving          Margaret, Wilsons' friend, brain tumor          Keely, daughter of Linda Johnson, husband at sea 6 months          Darlene Little, heart health          John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer          Karen Isles' brother-in-law, Lance, anxiety, loss of job.          Karen Isles, sister-in-law, beginning chemo for cancer          Delilah, young relative of Isles family          Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia          Salvation for Edward, Laura, Nick          Ken, Bev's son-in-law, intolerable pain, depression          Susie, friend of Cathie Cheslak, heart surgery 5/9          Pray for safety for pro-life ministries</p>
<p><b>Audio Sermons</b> can be heard on the church website: <a href="http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org">http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org</a></p>	<p><b>Our Military:</b> Metzner's grandson; Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.</p>
<p><b>Monthly Budget Need: \$18,333</b>          Giving to General Fund last week: \$2,290          Giving to General Fund in May: \$5,405          Giving to Mortgage in May: \$170</p>	<p><b>Please pray for Peter &amp; Renate Hartig in the recent death of their 38 year old son, Gregor.</b>   <b>Remember to pray for others still grieving losses as well.</b></p>
<p><b>Heidelberg Catechism: Q.64.</b> But doesn't this teaching make people indifferent and wicked?  <b>A.</b> No. It is impossible for those grafted into Christ by true faith not to produce fruits of gratitude.</p>	

# Upcoming Events:

**Covid-19** was hard on our Church Life, but we are now happy to resume important activities that **encourage** us in the knowledge of the scriptures and in **fellowship** with one another. You will find again that it is worth the effort.

**Adult Sunday School:** Begins each Sunday Morning at 9:30 am. Pastor McGuire is teaching from the book of Genesis. Discussion encouraged.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study:** Do you know the riches in the book of Malachi? Come at 6 p.m. each Wednesday and get to know Malachi.

**We invite you to remain after today's service for light refreshment and fellowship.**

**Clean the Church Day:** We are a volunteer-driven church and we invite you to join with others to help with cleaning. We are thankful for those who come faithfully each week, but it is time for some Spring Cleaning!

We need people to dust, vacuum, clean fingerprints, bathrooms, etc., and several to re-open the kitchen.

Save the day: **May 21 from 9-12 noon. Please sign up in the Narthex.**