



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: To God Be the Glory

† Call to Worship (Psalm 61:1-5, 8)

Pastor: Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

People: From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

Pastor: For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

People: I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

Pastor: For you, God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

Unison: Then I will ever sing in praise of your name and fulfill my vows day after day

† Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Genesis 50:15-26; Exodus 13:17-19; Joshua 24:32 Responsive

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died:

¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.' When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

²² Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years ²³ and saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees.

²⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." ²⁵ And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."

²⁶ So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Exodus 13:17-19

¹⁷ When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." ¹⁸ So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.

¹⁹ Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place."

Joshua 24:32

³² And Joseph's bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph's descendants.

Psalm 105:16-25 Responsive

¹⁶ He called down famine on the land
and destroyed all their supplies of food;

¹⁷ and he sent a man before them—
Joseph, sold as a slave.

¹⁸ **They bruised his feet with shackles,
his neck was put in irons,
¹⁹ till what he foretold came to pass,
till the word of the LORD proved him true.**

²⁰ The king sent and released him,
the ruler of peoples set him free.

²¹ He made him master of his household,
ruler over all he possessed,

²² to instruct his princes as he pleased
and teach his elders wisdom.

²³ **Then Israel entered Egypt;
Jacob resided as a foreigner in the land of Ham.**

²⁴ **The LORD made his people very fruitful;
he made them too numerous for their foes,**

²⁵ **whose hearts he turned to hate his people,
to conspire against his servants.**

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: Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

Acts 7:1-16 Unison

¹Then the high priest asked Stephen, "Are these charges true?"

²To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran. ³'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.'

⁴"So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Harran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living. ⁵He gave him no inheritance here, not even enough ground to set his foot on. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child.

⁶God spoke to him in this way: 'For four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated. ⁷But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.'

⁸ Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.

⁹"Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him ¹⁰and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt. So Pharaoh made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace.

¹¹"Then a famine struck all Egypt and Canaan, bringing great suffering, and our ancestors could not find food. ¹²When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our forefathers on their first visit. ¹³On their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was, and Pharaoh learned about Joseph's family. ¹⁴After this, Joseph sent for his father Jacob and his whole family, seventy-five in all. ¹⁵Then Jacob went down to Egypt, where he and our ancestors died. ¹⁶Their bodies were brought back to Shechem and placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought from the sons of Hamor at Shechem for a certain sum of money.

Hebrews 11: 24-28 Responsive

²⁴By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

²⁶ **He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.**

²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

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Sermon: Rereading Your Life: Joseph at 110

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: In Christ There is No East or West

† Responsive Litany (Romans 15:8-10, 12,13)

Pastor: For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written:

People: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles: I will sing hymns to your name."

Pastor: Again, it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

People: And again, Isaiah says, The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him."

Unison: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

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

In Need of Prayer

Karen Isles, recovering from surgery, 6/8
 Janet Young, in rehab after falls
 Cheri Boone's friend Dot, fall injuries
 Janet Evans, adjustment to move to AZ
 Felicia, new diagnosis breast cancer
 Relative of Sean Murphy
 Jen Freese, pain, possible surgery
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Regina Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor
 Brenda's brother, Bernard, kidney failing
 Brenda's sister, Joyce, eye cancer
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, poor health
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Dan, friend of L.Szczepanek
 Grace, injuries from a fall, per Gail N.
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer
 Boone's friend caring for invalid, age 102
 Son of Jim and Patty MacKenzie

In Need of Prayer

Mark (18) a-fib, Justin (16) knee surgery, grandsons of
 Linda Szczepanek
 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, sister-in-law, completing chemo for cancer
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family
 Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia
 Salvation for Edward, Laura, Nick
 Ken, son-in-law of Bev, Parkinson's, pain, walking problem
 Peter and Renate Hartig, comfort in their grief
 Jane Kirkpatrick
 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.

Our deepest sympathy to Eleatrice Woods in the sudden death of her sister, Angela, on June 7, 2022 .

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 68. How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally? **A.** In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, in other words, all my sins.

“All we have accomplished, you have done for us, O LORD,” Isaiah 26:12.

Dear Christian people,

An extraordinary thing has happened to us this week: the Lord has allowed us to pay off our Church mortgage several years early. We are debt free! With the favor of our Heavenly Father, you gave generously, mostly gifts in small amounts, which we steadily paid on the principal of the loan. All our facilities are in good working condition, and are kept in order by your volunteer efforts.

We are not a large church, but we have a large heart. Only our Heavenly Father’s will can create such a Church, so we give thanks to Him alone through Whom every good and perfect gift comes.

Many among us contracted COVID which took the lives of too many family and friends. The last two years have been difficult for everyone and even crushing for some. But we who remain join together in work and worship to sing of the saving grace of our Lord and His everlasting love.

Let us sing of His mercies to sinners, for He has poured out His unfailing love on us through Jesus Christ, and tell of all His wonderful deeds.