



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free

† Call to Worship (Psalm 66:1-5, 8 ESV)

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give him glorious praise!

People: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

Pastor: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

People: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

Unison: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

† Hymn: Come, Thou Almighty King

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Ephesians 3:7-12 Responsive

⁷I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.

⁸**Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.**

¹⁰His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

¹²**In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.**

Romans 5:1-11 Responsive

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

³**Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.**

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹**Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!**

¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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.

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Sermon: Our Eternal Freedoms in Christ

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

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

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

²Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right when you speak
and justified when you judge.

⁵Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

6 Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Receiving the Elements of the Lord's Supper

† Hymn: Freely, Freely

† Responsive Litany (Romans 11:33-36)

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

Pastor: Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?

People: "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?"

**Unison: For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.**

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music

SEED SOWING NEWS

Volume 26 Issue 2

"He (Christ) was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterward. Now, he is seated in the place of highest honor besides God's throne in heaven." Hebrews 12:2

Dear Friends, I pray your hearts are at peace and firmly established in the faith of our risen Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ; seated from eternity at the Father's right hand. From there he makes prayers and intercession for us in the Holy Spirit, "with groanings that cannot be expressed in words." Romans 8:28

In these days of trouble, distress and open rebellion against God and His Christ, what a comfort it is knowing that Christ is 'seated' at God the Father's right hand, having accomplished all that the Father had asked him to do namely; proclaiming the coming his eternal kingdom established through his own blood, and after willingly shedding his blood on the cross, he victoriously rose again proving He has all authority in heaven and on earth to forgive sins and to give eternal life to anyone who by faith would believe on Him.

Other Local News

I thank God for the start of our summer semester two weeks ago at the English Language Center and for my 9 students. We pray for all 58 students in attendance and their continued language progress. Also, we ask God's Holy Spirit for many open hearts to hear and believe in God's good news in the Savior, Jesus the Lord.

Thank you for your prayers for my student Malaak and her family in the death of her father. Malaak and her brother returned to class this semester and we pray for God's continued comfort, healing and perfect salvation for each member of this precious family.

We thank God for the Hope Clinic, for the doctors, nurses and other volunteers serving the physical and spiritual needs of the around 60 needy and refugees visiting each week.

May God continue to lead and inspire each of us in our neighborhoods as Christ, our Great High Priest and Good Shepherd, leads us into all those good works He has prepared for us from before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 2:10)

Sincerely, Tim North

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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

Sue Work, hospitalized
 Stella, 8 years old
 Brenda Cook, health, esp. kidney
 Patty Bodnar
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, cancer
 Jen Freese, grief, training of therapy dog
 Dennis (Ellen) Dorman, cancer
 Kent's sister, Lori
 George Donoian
 Don Rende's brother, Bob
 Don Rende's nephew, Chris
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Gary, Marion, friends of L. Szczepanek
 Alberta Weaver, for stability
 Reginia Higgs, strength caring for Alberta
 Linda Szczepanek
 Renata, Elaine's friend, wrist surgery
 Pat Grad's daughter Kelly, hip surgery
 Linda Szczepanek's grandson, Justin
 Dot, friend of Cheri Boone
 Pam Paglino's friend, recurrence of cancer

In Need of Prayer

Bill Rector
 Gail Nastwold
 Charlie Wilson's cousin Christine, death of her daughter
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma
 Donna Whiting
 Anastasia, high risk pregnancy, Baby girl
 Alanna, auto accident, more surgeries & rehab
 Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray's daughter
 Keely & Josh (USN), daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson
 Nicki, Donna's neighbor, new cancer
 Grieving families with recent losses of loved ones:
 Kelly Rende, Linda Szczepanek, Sam Hutson, Dormans
 Ray Johnson, Karen Isles, Angie O'Dell, Krystal Murphy, Claudine Sordyl, and other healthcare workers to keep well
 Danny, brother-in-law of Donna Whiting, pain
 Bruce's co-worker, Tony, bladder cancer
 Christopher, Pat Grad's cousin, Covid
 Joni, Philip, Christian workers in Myanmar, protection
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer
 Dan, friend of Chet Doak

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

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

Monthly need: \$17,083.00
 Giving to general fund last week: \$3845
 Giving to general fund in July: \$8,580
 Giving to mortgage in July: \$200

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

Pray for those of our church who worship on-line, that they will sense the love and care we have for each other.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 21. What is true faith? A. True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything that God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.