



CHRIST
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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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Gathering Song: Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Hearts

† Call to Worship (Psalm 66:16-20)

Pastor: Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

People: I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

Pastor: If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

People: but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.

Unison: Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

†Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings
Psalm 32 Responsive

- ¹Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.
- ²Blessed is the one
whose sin the LORD does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.
- ³**When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.**
- ⁴**For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.**
- ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the LORD."
And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶**Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
will not reach them.**
- ⁷**You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.**
- ⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
- ⁹Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.
- ¹⁰**Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.**
- ¹¹**Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

Galatians 3:1-14 Responsive

¹You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. ²I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard?

³Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? ⁴Have you experienced so much in vain—if it really was in vain? ⁵So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? ⁶So also Abraham “believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

⁷Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. ⁸Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” ⁹So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

¹⁰For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” ¹¹Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.” ¹²The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, “The person who does these things will live by them.”

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.” ¹⁴He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

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: O Worship the King

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

Luke 12:13-21 Responsive

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

¹⁶And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

¹⁸“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

²⁰“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Hebrews 12:14-29 Responsive

¹⁴Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

¹⁵See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

¹⁶See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. ¹⁷Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

¹⁸You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.”¹ ²¹The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

²²But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven?

²⁶ **At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.”** ²⁷ **The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.**

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our “God is a consuming fire.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Making the Most of God’s Grace

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: When the Sun

Responsive Litany (Colossians 1:15-20 ESV)

Pastor: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

People: **For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.**

Pastor: And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

People: **And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.**

Unison: **For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N McGuire, Pastor

A Letter from Missionary Tim North

July 22 Newsletter

"And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But, the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village." Luke 9:52-56

Dear Friends, I pray that our hearts might be instructed and encouraged by our Lord's word and example, as we prayerfully call our acquaintances and neighbors to repentance and faith in Christ. Not to be drawn into earthly power-struggles, as James and John desired, and in seeking the destruction of Christ's enemies.

Other Local News

I am grateful to the Lord for our recent completion of the Summer semester at our English language center and our students' progress. Now, we have a month and a half break before the fall semester begins in September.

We also thank God for the chance to bless our neighbors through the Hope Clinic as we continue to serve and tell the Good News to the patients coming and seeking medical care. They always have many more needs than our limited resources can provide, so we pray God would supply ALL their needs in Christ Jesus.

Personally, I recently learned during a visit to the doctor's that I have torn the rotator cuff in my right shoulder that requires surgery. However, my doctor did not recommend that I have the surgery here but wait until I am back in the US.

Since I have to do quite a bit of driving upon visiting family and partners, I have decided to delay my visit to the US by six months and visit next spring of '23.

This will allow me to have the surgery and physical therapy follow-up while avoiding the occasionally unpredictable Midwest fall and winter driving conditions.

Thank you for your prayers for my neighbors that God would mercifully draw them to himself through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for your prayers and faithful service out in our Lord's harvest fields.

Sincerely, Your Brother in Christ Jesus

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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 in the narthex. We invite you to join us for light refreshments after worship in Fellowship Hall, turning left and through the double doors.

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

In Need of Prayer

Bill Rector, in Rehab
 Brenda's brother, Bernard, Covid
 kidney failing Brenda Cook, blood
 pressure, kidney poor
 Janet Young, assisted living
 Cheri Boone's friend Dot, fall injuries
 Linda Szczepanek, multiple deaths in
 family
 Felicia, new diagnosis breast cancer
 Relative of Sean Murphy
 Jen Freese, pain, August surgery
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Regina Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda's sister, Joyce, eye cancer
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, poor health
 Dan, friend of L.Szczepanek
 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
 Senie's sister-in-law, Blodwynn, grief

In Need of Prayer

Donna Whiting's sister, Judy, husband, Dan, in AL
 Patty Bodnar, shoulder and knee pain
 Ray Boone
 Marlene, relative of Gail Nastwold, eye cancer
 Chris, stage 4 cancer, neighbor of Linda Szczpanek
 Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
 Alanna, recovering from 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
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family
 Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia
 Salvation for Edward, Laura, Nick
 Peter & Renate Hartig in their grief
 Electrica Woods in her continued grief
 Emily, friend of Isles, salvation; employment
 Family of Chet Doak's friend, recent death of his friend
 Grace, 15 yrs, psychosis, hospitalized. Family also.

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

Monthly budget need: \$18,333
 Giving to General Fund last week: \$4,735
 Giving in July to date: \$15,660

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

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 73. Why then does the Holy Spirit call baptism the washing of new birth and the washing away of sins? **A.** God has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ wash away our sins just as water washes away dirt from our bodies. But more important, he wants to assure us, by his divine pledge and sign, that the washing away of our sins spiritually is as real as physical washing with water.