



CHRIST
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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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Gathering Song: Wonderful, Merciful Savior

† Call to Worship (Psalm 103:8,9,13-17 ESV)

Pastor: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

People: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field,

Pastor: for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and the place knows it no more.

Unison: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children.

†Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Exodus 19:10-13 Responsive

¹⁰And the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes ¹¹and be ready by the third day, because on that day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

¹²**Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, ‘Be careful that you do not approach the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain is to be put to death.**

¹³They are to be stoned or shot with arrows; not a hand is to be laid on them. No person or animal shall be permitted to live. Only when the ram’s horn sounds a long blast may they approach the mountain.”

Psalm 97 Responsive

¹The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;
let the distant shores rejoice.

²Clouds and thick darkness surround him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

³Fire goes before him
and consumes his foes on every side.

⁴**His lightning lights up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵**The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.**

⁶**The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all peoples see his glory.**

⁷All who worship images are put to shame,
those who boast in idols—
worship him, all you gods!

⁸**Zion hears and rejoices
and the villages of Judah are glad
because of your judgments, LORD.**

⁹**For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.**

¹⁰Let those who love the LORD hate evil,
for he guards the lives of his faithful ones
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹Light shines on the righteous
and joy on the upright in heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,
and praise his holy name.**

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: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

JS Bach: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Guest Pianist: Yuto Sugano

† 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

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 Responsive

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

¹⁴ **For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.** ¹⁵ **According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.**

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ **After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.**

Hebrews 12:18-29 Unison

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.” 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, ²⁴to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See 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?

²⁶At 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.” ²⁷The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

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

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God

Sermon: The City of God

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (See page 7)

† Hymn: Wonderful, Merciful Savior (stanza 1)

Responsive Litany (Titus 2:11-14)

Pastor: For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

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 glorious appearing 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

Nominations for Church Officers

Elders, Deacons, Trustees

Nominations for these offices are being accepted from members through August 28.

Be sure to speak with the person you wish to nominate and get their agreement to be nominated. Then fill out the appropriate form and give it to an Elder or Pastor McGuire.

Nomination forms can be found in the Narthex.

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, on oxygen, 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
 Jenn Freese, pain, surgery August 12
 Jenn's parents with Covid
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Reginia 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
 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
 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, dialysis
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family
 Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia
 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, home now. Family also.

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.

Giving to General Fund last week: \$6,775
 Giving in July to date: \$22,435

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ as the Persecuted Church throughout the world. Many face beatings, lack of housing and food, alienation from family and more. In some countries, churches are burned, pastors jailed.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 74. Should infants, too, be baptized? **A.** Yes, infants as well as adults are in God's covenant and are his people. They no less than adults, are promised the forgiveness of sins through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit who produces faith. Therefore, by baptism, the mark of the covenant, infants should be received into the Christian church and should be distinguished from the children of un-believers. This was in done in the Old Testament by circumcision, replaced in New Testament by baptism.

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 that you are proved right when you speak
and justified when you judge.

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

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

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

Receiving the Elements of the Supper