



**CHRIST**  
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**WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD**

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**Gathering Song: Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder**

**† Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1,2,6,7)**

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

Pastor: Come, let us bow down and worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

**Unison: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

**† Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

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

## First Scripture Readings

### Psalm 71:1-6 Responsive

<sup>1</sup>In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup>In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;  
turn your ear to me and save me.

<sup>3</sup>**Be my rock of refuge,  
to which I can always go;  
give the command to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.**

<sup>4</sup>Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

<sup>5</sup>**For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD,  
my confidence since my youth.**

<sup>6</sup>**From birth I have relied on you;  
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.  
I will ever praise you.**

### Isaiah 58:9b-14 Responsive

"If you do away with the yoke of oppression,  
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,  
<sup>10</sup>and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,  
then your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your night will become like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup>**The LORD will guide you always;  
he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land  
and will strengthen your frame.**

**You will be like a well-watered garden,  
like a spring whose waters never fail.**

<sup>12</sup>Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins  
and will raise up the age-old foundations;  
you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,  
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

<sup>13</sup>**"If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath  
and from doing as you please on my holy day,  
if you call the Sabbath a delight**

and the LORD's holy day honorable,  
and if you honor it by not going your own way  
and not doing as you please or speaking idle words,  
<sup>14</sup>then you will find your joy in the LORD,  
and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land  
and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob."

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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: I Am Not Skilled to Understand**

**Offertory**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling     Guest 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  
Matthew 12:1-14 Responsive**

<sup>1</sup>At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. <sup>2</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath.

**<sup>3</sup>He answered, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? <sup>4</sup>He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests.**

<sup>5</sup>Or haven’t you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? <sup>6</sup>I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. <sup>7</sup>If you had known what these words mean, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent. <sup>8</sup>For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

**<sup>9</sup>Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, <sup>10</sup>and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”**

<sup>11</sup>He said to them, “If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? <sup>12</sup>How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

**<sup>13</sup>Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. <sup>14</sup>But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.**

### **Luke 13:10-17 Responsive**

<sup>10</sup>On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup>and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

**<sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” <sup>13</sup>Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.**

<sup>14</sup>Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

**<sup>15</sup>The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? <sup>16</sup>Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”**

<sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

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

**Sermon: The Sabbath Proofs of God’s Reconciling Love**

Dr. James N. McGuire

## Pastoral Prayer

### Hymn: He Leadeth Me

### Responsive Litany (Hebrews 10:19-25)

Pastor: Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place, by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

**People: and since we have a great priest over the house of God,**

Pastor: let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

**People: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.**

**Unison: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

## Benediction

### Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

## Nominations for Church Officers

### Elders, Deacons, Trustees

For your prayerful consideration: Nominations for church officers are being accepted from members through next Sunday, August 28. Be sure to speak with the person you wish to nominate and get his/her 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.

### Up-Coming Congregational Meeting

**Members of Christ Presbyterian will meet for the purpose of electing officers for the next three years. The meeting will follow our worship service on September 11, 2022. All members are encouraged to attend.**

**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**

Brenda's brother, Bernard, home oxygen  
 Bill Rector, home  
 Care of Bunny Rector  
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor  
 Jen Freese, recovering from surgery  
 Janet Young, assisted living  
 Alberta Weaver, home  
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta  
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain  
 Son of Jim and Patty MacKenzie

For those who grieve:

Kelly Rende, wife  
 Ellen Dorman, husband  
 Sam Hutson, wife  
 Linda Szczepanek, multiple deaths in family  
 Engebretsons, daughter, sister  
 Hartigs, son  
 Teresa Lisowski, mother  
 Electrica Woods, sister  
 Bill Sackett, grief for Marylyn

**In Need of Prayer**

Linda Szczepanek, Injuries in a fall  
 Donna Whiting's sister, Judy, and brother-in-law Dan, in AL.  
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, young mom, cancer  
 Ray Boone  
 Patty Bodnar, shoulder and knee pain  
 Felicia, new breast cancer, relative of Sean Murphy  
 Marlene, eye cancer, relative of Gail Nastwold  
 Chris, stage 4 cancer, neighbor of Linda Szczepanek  
 Dan, friend of Linda Szczepanek  
 Keely, young mom, husband at sea, L. Johnson's daughter  
 Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia  
 Wilsons' friend, Margaret, with brain tumor  
 Darlene Little, heart and dialysis  
 Vince, dialysis, friend of Judy Carr  
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family  
 Domingo, needs transplants, LaShell, cancer.  
 Emily, friend of Isles, salvation, employment  
 Grace, 15, mental health, friend of Eric/Karen Roth  
 Cheri Boone's friend Dot, fall injuries  
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, failing health  
 Hout family, recent loss his mother, adopting baby

**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: \$4,705  
 Giving to date in August: \$7,155

**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.75.** How does the Lord's Supper remind you and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his gifts. **A.** Part 2: Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of him who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.