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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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Gathering Song: Come, Thou Almighty King

† Call to Worship (1 Chronicles 29:10b-13 NIV)

Leader: Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father, Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

**People: Your, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.**

Leader: Your, Lord is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.

People: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Unison: Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name.

†Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

John 1:1-14 Responsive

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 3:13-21 Responsive

¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”¹

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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: Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Prelude in B minor” by J. S. Bach/arr. A. Siloti.

Pianist: Yuta Sagano

† 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 Corinthians 13 Responsive

¹If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

¹¹When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹²For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 15:12-31 Responsive

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

²⁹ Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them? ³⁰ And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? ³¹ I face death every day—yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God

Sermon: The One of First Importance, Part 2

Elder Kelly Rende

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: There's Something About That Name (page 9)

Responsive Litany (1 Peter 1:3-6)

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Leader: and into an inheritance which can never perish, spoil, or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,

People: who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Unison: In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

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

Gail Nastwold, passed away 9/28/2022
 Bill Rector, illness and pain
 Care of Bunny Rector
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor
 Jen Freese, recovering from surgery
 Janet Young, assisted living
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Regina Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Scott, 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, tests and possible chemotherapy
 Patty Bodnar, shoulder and knee pain. improving
 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
 Benita's friend, Rachael, flare up of Lupus
 Wilsons' friend, Margaret, with brain tumor
 Darlene Little, heart and dialysis
 Karen Isles, started new nursing position
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family
 Domingo, needs transplants, LaShell, cancer.
 Emily, friend of Isles, salvation, employment
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, failing health
 Hout family, recent loss his mother, adopting baby
 Newborn with colic, pray for bonding with the dad

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.

General Fund giving last week: \$5,150

Giving in September: \$12,170

Q.80. How does the Lord's Supper differ from the Roman Catholic Mass?

A. The Lord's supper declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ which he himself finished on the cross once for all. It also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father where he want us to worship him. (continued next week.)