



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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† Gathering Hymn: Oh, to See the Dawn

† Call to Worship (Psalm 9:1,2,7-10)

Pastor: I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

Pastor: The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

People: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Unison: Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

† Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Ralph Klein)

Exodus 32:1-14 Responsive

¹When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

²**Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me."** ³**So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.**

⁴He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

⁵**When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD."** ⁶**So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.**

⁷Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'

⁹**"I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."**

¹¹But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?"

¹²**Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.**

¹³Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'"

¹⁴**Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.**

Isaiah 25:1-9

¹ LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness
you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.

²**You have made the city a heap of rubble,
the fortified town a ruin,
the foreigners' stronghold a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.**

**³Therefore strong peoples will honor you;
cities of ruthless nations will revere you.**

⁴You have been a refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the storm
and a shade from the heat.

**For the breath of the ruthless
is like a storm driving against a wall
⁵and like the heat of the desert.**

**You silence the uproar of foreigners;
as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is stilled.**

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

**⁷On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.**

**The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.**

The LORD has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say,

**“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”**

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: In Christ Alone

Offertory
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
When Morning Gilds the Skies
Prayer of Thanksgiving
arr: Mark Hayes

† 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

(Reader Ralph Klein:)

Matthew 22:1-14 Responsive

¹ Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Philippians 4:1-9

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

²**I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.**

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

⁶**Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

⁹**Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.**

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

Sermon: What Can I Do to Have Joy?

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: The Love of God

Responsive Litany (Romans 5:1-5)

Pastor: Therefore since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

Pastor: And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

People: Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Unison: And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music

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 the guest book in the narthex and allow us to greet you. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

In Need of Prayer

Dennis Dorman, tests for cancer
Bunny Rector, surgery recently
Cindy Bemis
Bruce Hartley, employment
Kent's sister Lori
George Donoian and family
Pat Grad's grandson, Luke age 12
Gail Nastwold
Jen Freese, lungs. Maya, and new service dog
Sally Freese, shingles pain
Brett Johnson, Nancy's son
Lyndsay, daughter of the Sharpes
Don Rende's brother, Bob
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
Bruce, friend of the Clay family
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepaneks
Linda Szczepanek and other family members
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger
Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende
Nancy, friend of Doaks
Yvonne Ray, assisted living
Carolyn Schmierer, assisted living
Janet Young

In Need of Prayer

Gene (in ICU) & Linda Szczepanek
Jack & Senie Engebretson
Janet Young
Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray Johnson's daughter
Nicki, Donna's neighbor, new cancer
Keely & Josh, daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson
Julie, dear friend of Chernenkoffs
Alberta Weaver, at home
Reginia Higgs
Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowki
Ben, student with Covid19, Bodnar nephew
Carol, Bev Thompson's cousin
Tracy, friend of Bunny Rector
Randy, friend of Bodnars
Tim, cancer, nephew of Janet Young
Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
Kelly Rende's co-worker, new cancer
Unbelieving children in our families
Kelly Rende, grief
Family of Anna, died complications of childbirth
Relatives of Tom/Carol Metzner, who have Covid-19

Please also pray for people who are struggling over mental health issues, particularly brought on by the stresses of Covid-19, unemployment, etc.

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

Monthly need: \$17,083.0

Giving to general fund last week: \$4,665

Giving to general fund in October: \$4,665

Giving to mortgage in October \$1,100

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

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

Heidelberg Catechism: Q 113. What is God's will for us in the tenth commandment? **A.** That not even the slightest thought or desire contrary to one of God's commandments should ever arise in my heart. Rather, with all my heart, I should always hate sin and take pleasure in whatever is right.



The Ladies' Bible Study has begun but new ladies are welcome. We meet in the Fellowship Hall to for social distancing. Weekly meetings are on Tuesdays at 10 am. The topic will be Minor Prophets, Book Two. Please speak with Judy Dellinger if you would like to order a guide (\$10).

Remember to pray for all of our church members, some of whom are reluctant to come to our worship service. We miss them and pray that they will remain well.

Angel Tree Goes Virtual

To comply with the changing mandates, Angel Tree, a ministry to children of incarcerated parents, is going virtual this year. The new process will eliminate the need (and joy) of shopping for a child this year. Here is how it works. The coordinators of Angel Tree will call all the caregivers of our list of children. They will explain to them how this new process will work.

This is what you need to know:

The child's caregiver will receive a gift card to do the purchasing of clothing/toys instead of us. Our church will be given a list of our children to sponsor through a website. Angel Tree coordinators will send us a password to open the website. Then you will be able to choose a child you would like to sponsor.

Once you have selected a child, you may then purchase the gift card on-line, paying for it by Pay-pal or your credit card. The amount of the gift is set at \$42.00 per child. Two dollars of that money is used to cover mailing the materials and the gift card. You may share the cost with a friend as long as one of you pay the \$42.00.

If you do not computer access or have questions about this, Cheri Boone is available to help you by phone, or you can schedule to meet with her while social distancing.

