



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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† **Gathering Hymn: O Word of God Incarnate**

† **Call to Worship** (Psalm 24:1,3-6 ESV)

Pastor: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

People: **Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?**

Pastor: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

People: **He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

Unison: **Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

† **Hymn: O Worship the King, All Glorious Above**

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

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Carolyn Sharpe)

Exodus 20:1-7 Responsive

¹And God spoke all these words:

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³**"You shall have no other gods before me.**

⁴"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷**"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.**

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²**"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.**

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴**"You shall not commit adultery.**

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶**"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b}If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷**But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.**

I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

¹⁰**I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his**

sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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: God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory **Guest Pianist** **Linda Johnson**
Prayer of Thanksgiving

† 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: Carolyn Sharpe)

Matthew 21:33-46 Responsive

³³“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place.

³⁴**When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.**

³⁵“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way.

³⁷ **Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.**

³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ **“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”**

⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴² **Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:**

**“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”**

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

⁴⁵ **When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.**

Psalm 19 Responsive

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ **It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.**

⁶ **It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.**

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

⁹**The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.**

**The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.**

¹⁰They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹**By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.**

¹²**But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.
may they not rule over me.**

¹³Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴**May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

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

Sermon: The Two Voices of God

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

† Hymn: My Soul, Praise the Lord

Responsive Litany (from Ephesians 2)

Pastor: As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world.

People: **We were by nature deserving of wrath.**

Pastor: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

People: **God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.**

Unison: **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.**

† 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

Bunny Rector, surgery recently
Dennis Dorman, being tested for cancer
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, new puppy selection
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
Janet Young
Carolyn Schmierer, assisted living
Yvonne Ray, assisted living

In Need of Prayer

Gene & Linda Szczepanek
Jack & Senie Engebretson
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

Our sympathy is extended to Linda Davis in the death of her cousin, Patrick, and to the Szczepanek family in the death of Joy Kull.

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: \$3,590

Giving to general fund in Sept: \$16,420

Giving to mortgage in Sept: \$5,115

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 112. What is God's will for us in the ninth commandment? **A.** (Part 2) In court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind; these are devices the devil himself uses, and they would call down on me God's intense anger. I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it. And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.



Today, our congregational meeting will be held following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is for the election of church officers. Members are reminded to attend this part of the life of our church. *See the enclosed leaflet for nominees.*

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 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. You can schedule to meet with her while social distancing.

