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

**OCTOBER 16, 2022**

**Gathering Song: Fairest Lord Jesus**

**† Call to Worship** (from Psalm 118 ESV)

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Pastor: Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.

**People: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

**Unison: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

**†Hymn: How Firm a Foundation**

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

## First Scripture Readings

### Psalm 119:1-8 Responsive

<sup>1</sup>Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,  
who walk according to the law of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**Blessed are those who keep his statutes  
and seek him with all their heart—**

<sup>3</sup>**they do no wrong  
but follow his ways.**

<sup>4</sup>You have laid down precepts  
that are to be fully obeyed.

<sup>5</sup>**Oh, that my ways were steadfast  
in obeying your decrees!**

<sup>6</sup>**Then I would not be put to shame  
when I consider all your commands.**

<sup>7</sup>I will praise you with an upright heart  
as I learn your righteous laws.

<sup>8</sup>**I will obey your decrees;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

### John 6:41-63 Responsive

<sup>41</sup>At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

<sup>43</sup>**"Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. <sup>44</sup>"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.**

<sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. <sup>46</sup>No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.

<sup>48</sup>**I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. <sup>50</sup>But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."**

<sup>52</sup>Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

<sup>53</sup>**Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.**

<sup>55</sup>For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood

remains in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

**<sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.**

<sup>60</sup>On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

**<sup>61</sup>Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! <sup>63</sup>The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.”**

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: Jesus Calls Us**

## **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**Pianist: Linda Johnson**

### **† 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**

### **Colossians 3:1-17 Responsive**

<sup>1</sup> Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> You used to**

**walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.**

<sup>8</sup>But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

**<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

<sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

**<sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

### **Luke 14:25-32 Responsive**

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

**<sup>28</sup>“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’**

<sup>31</sup>“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

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

### **Sermon: Counting the Cost**

Dr. James N. McGuire

### **Pastoral Prayer**

† Hymn: I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

**Responsive Litany (Philippians 2:8-11)**

Pastor: And being in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

**People: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,**

Pastor: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**Unison: and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**Benediction**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers**

**Please Note**

After a necessary postponement, the date has been re-set for a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing church officers. This meeting will be held following our worship service **Today, October 16, 2022**. Members are urged to attend and participate in choosing new officers. Only members may vote.

**Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor**

**For Your Information**

### **Please Note**

Until further notice there will be no refreshments after church. We remind you also to avoid hugging until our congregation is free of infections.

### **Ladies' Bible Study**

The Ladies' in-person Bible study is underway and will continue weekly on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The study guide is titled Images of Christ. If you would like to join, see Judy Dellinger for a book.

### **Ladies' Zoom Study**

The Zoom lesson, the study of Genesis, is headed by Elaine Clay. Contact Elaine if you would like to participate.

**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.**

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12**

**In Need of Prayer**

Elaine Clay, and daughter, Liz  
 Brenda's brother, Bernard, kidney failure  
 Care of Bunny Rector  
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor  
 Jen Freese, new Covid  
 Janet Young, assisted living  
 Alberta Weaver, home  
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta  
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain  
 Scott, son of Jim and Patty MacKenzie  
For those who grieve:  
 Bunny Rector, husband  
 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, recent hip surgery  
 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>

**General Fund giving last week: \$2,650**

**Giving in October: \$7,450**

We join in the joy of a new baby in the Higgs family. Baby girl Eloise (Ellie) Reginia Higgs was born October 6 to Stephen and Erin Higgs, thus giving Reginia her first grandchild. Alberta Weaver is delighted to be the great-grandmother. Congratulations!

**Heidelberg Catechism Q.81.** Who are to come to the Lord's Table? **A.** Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continued weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgement on themselves.