



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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† **Gathering Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

† **Call to Worship** (Psalm 28:6-9 ESV)

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD! For he heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

People: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped.

Pastor: My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

People: The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Unison: Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

† **Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

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

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Cathie Cheslak)

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14, 15 Responsive

¹Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

²**Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.**

³But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants.

¹⁴**"Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.**

¹⁵But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Psalm 70 Responsive

¹Hasten, O God, to save me;
come quickly, LORD, to help me.

²**May those who want to take my life
be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin
be turned back in disgrace.**

³**May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.**

⁴But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving help always say,
"The LORD is great!"

⁵**But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
LORD, do not delay.**

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: Abide With Me

Offertory

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
My Lord, What a Morning
Prayer of Thanksgiving**

arr: Larry Shackley

† 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: Cathie Cheslak)

Matthew 25:1-13 Responsive

¹ “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

³ **The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.**

⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

⁷ **“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’**

⁹ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

¹⁰ **“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.**

¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

¹² **“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’**

¹³ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Responsive

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

¹⁴ **For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.**

¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ **For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.**

¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸ **Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

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

Sermon: Taking Comfort in the Coming of the Lord Jesus

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Jesus Lives and So Shall I

Responsive Litany (Hebrews 9:24, 26b, 27, 28 NIV)

Pastor: For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

People: But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Pastor: And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

Unison: so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

† 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	CeCe, friend of Elaine Clay, lupus and cancer
Bunny Rector	Jackie Whiting (Covid) mother-in-law of Donna
Cindy Bemis	Priscilla Smith, spine problem
Bruce Hartley, employment	Brenda's sister, healing from eye surgery
Kent's sister Lori	Janet Young
George Donoian and family	Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray Johnson's daughter
Pat Grad's grandson, Luke age 12	Nicki, Donna's neighbor, new cancer
Gail Nastwold	Keely & Josh, daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson
Jen Freese, lungs. Maya, and new service dog	Julie, dear friend of Chernenkoffs
Sally Freese, shingles pain	Alberta Weaver, at home
Lyndsay, daughter of the Sharpes	Reginia Higgs
Don Rende's brother, Bob	Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowki
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee	Carol, Bev Thompson's cousin
Bruce, friend of the Clay family	Tracy, friend of Bunny Rector
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepaneks	Randy, friend of Bodnars
Linda Szczepanek and other family members	Tim, cancer, nephew of Janet Young
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger	Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende	Kelly Rende's co-worker, new cancer
Nancy, friend of Doaks	Unbelieving children in our families
Yvonne Ray, assisted living	Kelly Rende, Linda Szczepanek, grief
Carolyn Schmierer, assisted living	Family of Anna, died complications of childbirth
Mark, cousin of Elaine Clay	

Our sympathy and prayers are extended Linda Szczepanek and family in the death of her husband, Eugene, on October 25, 2020

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: \$5,790

Giving to general fund in November: \$5,790

Giving to mortgage in November: \$115

Our Military: Justin, stateside; 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 115. No one in this life can obey the ten commandments perfectly; why then does God want them preached so pointedly? **A.** Second, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God's image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.

Remember to pray for all 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, a ministry of Prison Fellowship has a new procedure this year to accommodate the Covid-19 restrictions. It will be simple to participate, but you will need directions. [You will find printed instructions below.](#) If you need assistance, or you do not use a computer, please contact Cheri Boone.

Angel Tree is a worthwhile ministry to children whose parents are incarcerated. This kind gift you give is tagged as coming from the parent and is a way to keep the families connected. The cost per child will be \$42.

Help with cleaning the church is still needed. Generally, the tasks are limited to vacuuming and dusting. Gail Hershenzon can tell you what is needed and how to do it safely. Email her at gdh148@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your faithful giving throughout this year, despite the pandemic inconvenience. We have been able to meet our budget and successfully re-finance our mortgage at a lower interest rate. God bless you!

CPC VIRTUAL ANGEL TREE 2020

Your Organization's URL: <https://vat.angeltreetool.org/c9a8d238-a084-43bb-8596-a38ab6e799ce>

Your Organization's Access Code: VCZX0

Procedure:

- 1 Above copy Access Code number
- 2 Go to the link that is listed above (URL). You should arrive at the Angel Tree Virtual system
- 3 Paste in the copied Access Code

The children will come up for you to view. Go through pick a girl or boy at ages provided.

Just pick out the child you want

5 Click choose on your child, it will turn green, siblings may or may not appear. You may Choose one or all for the siblings for extra \$42.00 per child. Tapping Choose will unselect the child.

6 Then head to check out.

7 Enter your payment information. Once confirmed you will receive an e-mail receipt.

Please call Cheri Boone if you have any problems.

Thank you for supporting Angel Tree.