



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

ALL SAINTS DAY

† Gathering Hymn: For All the Saints

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 103:8,9,13-17 ESV)

Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

People: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower in the field,

Pastor: for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

Unison: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children.

† Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Jack Engebretson)

Revelation 7: 9-17 Responsive

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

**“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”**

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

**“Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!”**

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore,

**“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.**

¹⁶**Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.**

**The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.**

¹⁷**For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;**

**‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’
‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”**

Philippians 1:21:30 Responsive

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!

²³ **I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.**

²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

²⁷ **Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.**

This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.

²⁹ **For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.**

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: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Offertory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

He Leadeth Me

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: Jack Engebretson)

1 John 3:1-3 Responsive

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.

But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 Responsive

¹ For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ²Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, ³because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

⁴For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

⁵Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷For we live by faith, not by sight.

⁸We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon: What Do We Gain by Dying?

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

† The Apostles Creed Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-7) Unison

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

²Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved right when you speak
and justified when you judge.

⁵Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

⁶Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Receive the Elements of the Lord's Supper

† Hymn: The Love of God

Responsive Litany (From Romans 8)

Pastor: What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: **He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?**

Pastor: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

People: **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?**

Unison: **For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

† 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
Bunny Rector
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
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
Mark, cousin of Elaine Clay

CeCe, friend of Elaine Clay, lupus and cancer
Jackie Whiting (Covid) mother-in-law of Donna
Priscilla Smith, spine problem
Brenda's sister, healing from eye surgery
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
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, Linda Szczepanek, grief
Family of Anna, died complications of childbirth

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: \$5,075

Giving to general fund in Oct: 17,200

Giving to mortgage in Oct: \$2,450

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.



Don't forget to Vote!

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 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. 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.