



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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† **Gathering Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness**

† **Call to Worship** (Psalm 66:1-5,8)

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

People: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

Pastor: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

People: Come and see what God has done; he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

Unison: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard.

† **Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

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

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Brenda Cook)

Psalm 145:8-14 Responsive

⁸ The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

⁹ **The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.**

¹⁰ **All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.**

¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,

¹² so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.**

¹⁴ **The LORD upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

Romans 7:15-25a Responsive

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.

¹⁷ **As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.**

¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ **So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.**

²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: All Creatures of our God and King

Offertory	Presentation of Tithes and Offerings America the Beautiful Prayer of Thanksgiving	arr: Joel Raney
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† 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 11:16-19, 25-30 Responsive

¹⁶ “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

¹⁷ “‘We played the pipe for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ **"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.**

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Psalm 19:1-14 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.**

¹⁰ They 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.**

¹³ Keep 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: What Do You See?

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

¹ Have 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.

Receiving the Elements of the Lord's Supper

† Hymn: Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him

† Responsive Litany (from Ephesians 5 ESV)

Pastor: Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ love us
and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

People: **Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true)**

Pastor: And try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

People: **Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,**

Unison: **Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

†Benediction

Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire

Music Director: Dr. Eric Roth

To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you are blessed to share this time with us. We would be happy to hear from you.

In Need of Prayer

Cindy Bemis, Engebretson's daughter, surgery 7/23
Kelly, Pat Grad's daughter
Priscilla Smith, Pat's sister
George Donoian and family
Carolyn Krueger's son, Chuck
Yvonne Ray
Pat Grad's grandson, Luke age 12
Gail Nastwold
Jen Freese's family
Jen's 100 y/o friend, Adele
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
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger
Cheri Boone's sister's family
Bruce Hartley, employment
Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende
Belinda Williams, beginning her internship in NY

In Need of Prayer

Julie, dear friend of Chernenkoffs
Judy All, relative of Chernenkoffs, in hospice
Gloria, sister of Bev Thompson
Alberta Weaver, at home
Reginia Higgs
Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowki
Carol, Bev Thompson's cousin
Julia Rende
Tracy, friend of Bunny Rector
Andrew, friend of Bodnars, Guillain-Barré syndrome
Randy, friend of Bodnars
Tim, cancer, nephew of Janet Young
Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
Kelly Rende's friend Rich, family care burden
Unbelieving children in our families
Jim Paglino
Sam Hutson, grief
Carolyn Schmierer, assisted living
Ella, age 10, diabetes. friend of Metzners

Karen Isles, Ray Johnson, Krystal Murphy, Angie O'Dell, Claudine Sordyl, Manuel & Astrid Valdivieso, and all healthcare and first responders

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

Monthly need: \$17,083.00

Giving to general fund last week: \$3,295

Giving to date in June: \$17,050 (correction)

Giving in June to mortgage fund: \$600 (correction)

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 100. Is blasphemy of God's name by swearing and cursing really such serious sin that God is angry also with those who do not do all they can to help prevent it and forbid it? **A.** Yes, indeed. No sin is greater, no sin makes God more angry than blaspheming his name. That is why he commanded the death penalty for it.



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We had planned to resume worshipping together in person today. However, there were concerns about the safety of our people in view of some increases in infections. Be assured that the Session will continue to monitor the situation, and we will notify you of the new date as soon as possible. Meanwhile we can still worship together on-line: YouTube or Facebook.

The **new church directories** were delivered just about the time the lockdown began. They will be distributed as soon as we can meet together in person. You may instead pick yours up at the church. Call Bev for new office hours.

Included with our directory is the use of an online directory for your PC and/or smart phone. If you did not receive your personal code and instructions, or if you need assistance please call Bev Thompson @ 734-664-2033.