



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: At the Name of Jesus

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 57)

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge.

People: I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.

Pastor: I cry out to God Most High, to God, who vindicates me.

People: I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Unison: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

†Hymn: Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Amos 8:1-12 Responsive

¹This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: a basket of ripe fruit. ²"What do you see, Amos?" he asked.

"A basket of ripe fruit," I answered.

Then the LORD said to me, "The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

³**"In that day," declares the Sovereign LORD, "the songs in the temple will turn to wailing. Many, many bodies—flung everywhere! Silence!"**

⁴Hear this, you who trample the needy
and do away with the poor of the land, ⁵saying,

**"When will the New Moon be over
that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath be ended
that we may market wheat?"—**

**skimping on the measure,
boosting the price
and cheating with dishonest scales,**

⁶**buying the poor with silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
selling even the sweepings with the wheat.**

⁷The LORD has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done.

⁸"Will not the land tremble for this,
and all who live in it mourn?
The whole land will rise like the Nile;
it will be stirred up and then sink
like the river of Egypt.

⁹**"In that day," declares the Sovereign LORD,**

**"I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight.**

¹⁰**I will turn your religious festivals into mourning
and all your singing into weeping.**

**I will make all of you wear sackcloth
and shave your heads.**

I will make that time like mourning for an only son
and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹“The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign LORD,
“when I will send a famine through the land—
not a famine of food or a thirst for water,
but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD.

¹²People will stagger from sea to sea
and wander from north to east,
searching for the word of the LORD,
but they will not find it.

Psalm 15 Responsive

A psalm of David.

¹LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?
Who may live on your holy mountain?

²**The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;**

³whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;

⁴**who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the LORD;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;**

⁵who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

**Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.**

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: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

† 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

Luke 10:38-42 Responsive

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.

⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Hebrews 4: 13—5:10 Responsive

¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

¹⁶Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

5:1 Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

²He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

"You are my Son;
today I have become your Father."

⁶And he says in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

⁸Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

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

Sermon: Let Us Come Boldly

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

† Responsive Litany (Hebrews 12:1-4)

Pastor: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

People: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Pastor: For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Unison: Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music

Reminders and Announcements

From Pastor McGuire: As we see another surge of Covid, please remember to take precautions to protect yourself and others in public places by refraining from hugging, wearing your mask, keep spacing distance in our seating. Many among us are frail, so think of how best to serve them in love. *Philippians 2:4,5 "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...."*

The Ladies Bible study will resume on Tuesday, January 11, at 10 am. The focus of our study this time will be the book of Joshua. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and maintain distance seating. New people welcome. Call Judy Dellinger for more information.

Winter brings slippery roads and parking lots. We do our best to clear our parking lot, but we hope you will be very careful. You may want to discharge your passengers at the overhang of the Sanctuary entrance.

Our Music Director, Eric Roth, is preparing some special music for later in January. Don't miss it!

One more thing: If you know of persons who would be good at spending a few hours a week with an elderly person so the caregiver can be free to do errands or just have a break, please let Bev Thompson know. We are aware of several needs.

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. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

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

In Need of Prayer

Renate & Peter Hartig
 Cheryl Stevenson
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney
 Brenda's sister, Lois, in AZ, 82years, Covid
 Jen Freese, surgery on 1/19
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, nephew Chris
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Gary, Marion, Dan, friends of L.Szczepanek
 Linda Szczepanek, health, grief
 Dot, friend of Cheri Boone
 Dan, friend of Chet Doak
 Carmen, & Grace injuries, per Gail N.
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Kelly Vincent, daughter of Bert Schwab
 Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer
 Norman, neighbor of Linda S, with cancer
 Metzner family, multiple family deaths
 Karen Isles' brother-in law, Lance, anxiety
 Sue Work, full healing while in FL

In Need of Prayer

Judy Dellinger, pain and preparation for surgery
 Lucy McGuire's brother, Covid & Pneumonia
 Richard Abraham, son-in-law of Hartigs, improving
 Judy Carr, foot, plus sister's long term care decisions
 Margaret, Wilsons' friend, brain tumor
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer
 Christopher, son of Ray Boone, heart
 Keely, daughter of Linda Johnson, husband at sea 6 months
 Gail Nastwold, for health, tests this week
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma
 Darlene Little, heart health.
 Nancy, friend of Doaks, recurrence of cancer
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer
 Liz, granddaughter of Carolyn Krueger
 Scott MacKenzie, son of Jim & Patty MacKenzie
 Rose, friend of Boones, Covid complications
 First Responders & Border Patrol for safety & wisdom
 Cassandra, friend of Elaine, cancer
 Family of 15 y/o Talon, death of cancer
 Donna Whiting, death of friend, pray for husband, Jeff
 Derome, friend of Clays, needs a job

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

Our Military: Metzner's grandson; and Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq. *William, co-worker of Krystal Murphy, recently deployed overseas.*

Monthly Need: \$18,333
Giving to General Fund January: \$9,440
Giving to Mortgage in January: \$120

Our sincere sympathy to Linda Szczepanek and family in the unexpected death of her son, William, on January 4.
We have several people in the midst of recent griefs.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q.48. If his humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other? **A.** Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity he has taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.