



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: See Amid the Winter's Snow

† Call to Worship (Isaiah 55:6-9 ESV)

Pastor: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts.

People: Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Pastor: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

Unison: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

† Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Carolyn Sharpe)

1 Samuel 3:1-10 Responsive

¹The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

²**One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called Samuel.**

Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸**A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."**

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down **in his place.**

¹⁰**The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"**

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Responsive

¹ Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

²**Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—**

³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,

⁴**who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶**The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.**

¹³As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

Second Scripture Readings

(Reader: Carolyn Sharpe)

John 1:43-51 Responsive

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴**Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.** ⁴⁵**Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."**

⁴⁶"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

⁴⁸**"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.**

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹**Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."**

⁵⁰Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." ⁵¹He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

1 Corinthians 6:9-20 Responsive

⁹Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹**And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

¹²"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything.

¹³**You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.** ¹⁴**By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.**

¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never!

¹⁶**Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."**¹⁷**But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.**

¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

¹⁹Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

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

Sermon: Honor God with Your Body

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Song for the Nations

† Responsive Litany (Titus 2:11-14 ESV)

Pastor: For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

People: It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self – controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Pastor: while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Unison: who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

† 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

Bill Rector
Brenda Cook
Cindy Taaffee
Jen Freese, health, Maya's health,
Dennis & Ellen Dorman
Cindy Bemis
Kent's sister Lori
George Donoian and family
Gail Nastwold
Mark, cousin of Elaine Clay
Lyndsay, daughter of the Sharpes
Don Rende's brother, Bob
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
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
Paglino's neighbors, Covid

Donna Whiting's cousin, Jim, very sick w/Covid
Donna's dear friend Sharon with Covid
Anastasia, grand-daughter of Metzners
Alanna, daughter of Bruce Terras's manager. Auto
accident, severe injuries
CeCe, friend of Elaine Clay, lupus and cancer
Joyce, Brenda's sister
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
Tim, cancer, nephew of Janet Young
Kelly Rende's co-worker, new cancer
Jim, Kelly Rende's good friend. Loss of mother
Kelly Rende, Linda Szczepanek, Sam Hutson, and
Dormans: grief
Kristen, Clay family friend, for successful pregnancy
John Dellinger's friend with Parkinson's

Healthcare Workers: Ray Johnson, Angie O'Dell, Karen Isles, Krystal Murphy—for protection from Covid; strength for the long hours, and opportunities for sharing Christ.

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>

Our Military; Metzners' grandson Bryan; and relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.

Our sympathy to Ron Isles and family on the death this week of his brother, Larry, in Colorado

Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.

Monthly need: \$17,083.00

Giving to general fund last week: \$5,890

Giving to general fund in January: \$8,025

Giving to mortgage in January: \$310

Heidelberg Catechism: Q 124. What does the fourth request in the Lord's Prayer mean? A. *Give us this day our daily bread* means, Do take care of all our physical needs so that we can come to know that you are the only source of everything good, and that neither our work and worry nor your gifts can do us any good without your blessing. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and to put trust in you alone.



The Ladies' Bible Study will meet again in this new year, practicing social distancing, on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. A new study of *2 Peter and Jude* will begin **January 10, 2021**. Contact Judy Dellinger for details. In addition, if you are unable to attend the in-person study, Elaine Clay is leading the same study, via Zoom, Wednesday afternoons. If you want to join the group, contact Elaine.

Pray for the persecuted church around the world.



Stories abound about the restrictions and physical persecution of our Christian brothers and sisters in many places throughout the world. They need the strength of our prayers. Check it out!

- The most oppressive country in the world for Christians is North Korea. Please pray especially for those in prison camps, suffering from Covid-19 and a dire shortage of food. It is estimated that there are 300,000 believers in N. Korea.
- Churches in China, India, and Nigeria continue to be under increasing stress and persecution, especially pastors.
- African and South American countries are experiencing severe pandemic effects with limited resources.

Pray for those we support: the Fogelbachs, Tim North, Marcus Liew, Enrique Cepeda, as well as Lisa Johanan.