



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: Thy Word

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 46)

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way, and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

People: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Unison: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

† Hymn: The Church's One Foundation (page 8)

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Kelly Rende)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Responsive

¹ Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³ **Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.**

⁴ Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.”

⁵ **The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.**

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Psalm 62:5-12 Responsive

⁵ Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.

⁶ Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

⁷ **My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.**

⁸ **Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.**

⁹ Surely the lowborn are but a breath,
the highborn are but a lie.

If weighed on a balance, they are nothing;
together they are only a breath.

¹⁰ **Do not trust in extortion
or put vain hope in stolen goods;
though your riches increase,
do not set your heart on them.**

¹¹ One thing God has spoken,
two things I have heard:
“Power belongs to you, God,

¹² and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”;
and, “You reward everyone
according to what they have done.”

Mark 1:14-20 Responsive

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

¹⁵**“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”**

¹⁶As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

¹⁷**“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”** ¹⁸**At once they left their nets and followed him.**

¹⁹When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets.

²⁰**Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.**

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

Sermon: What Kind of People Does God Choose?

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

† Responsive Litany (1 Corinthians 1:4-9)

Pastor: I always thank my God for you because of his grace given to you in Christ Jesus.

People: For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

Pastor: Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly await for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

People: He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Unison: God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ 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

Bert Schwab, in hospital
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, heart surgery
John Dellinger's sister, Nancy
Don Rende's brother, Bob
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepaneks
Linda Szczepanek
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger
Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende
Nancy Tipton, Florida, stroke, friend of Elaine Clay
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, for continuing pregnancy
Alanna, daughter of Bruce Terras's manager
CeCe, friend of Elaine Clay, lupus and cancer
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
April's friend Kristen, Kristen's mom with brain
cancer---for comfort, salvation

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, on January 11, 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: \$4,905

Giving to general fund in January: \$12,730

Giving to mortgage in January: \$425

Heidelberg Catechism: Q 126. What does the fifth request in the Lord's Prayer mean? A. *And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors* means, because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.

Study Guide for Ladies' Bible Study: LifeChange 2 Peter & Jude

Ordering a study guide can be made on Amazon or from Judy Dellinger

In Person Tuesday, January 26th, 2021

Bible Study lesson 3 is "Eyewitnesses and Prophets (2 Peter 1:12-21)"

Zoom Wednesday, January 27th, 2021

Bible Study lesson 2 is "A Fruitful Life (2 Peter 1:1-11; Jude 3)"

Call Elaine Clay to be added on the email list to receive **Zoom** link each week.
Please speak with Judy Dellinger if you would like a guide for the Bible Study.



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.
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Pray for those we support: the Fogelbachs, Tim North, Marcus Liew, Enrique Cepeda, CDC, Open Door, Methodist Children's Home, and more.

Pray for a local ministry, **Central Detroit Christian Community Development (CDC)** serving the poor in Zip code 48202. Fikre Prince is the new director; Lisa Johanan is now housing director. This is a wonderful ministry to little ones, all ages of children, as well as adults, providing tutoring, a medical clinic, help with housing, training teens in job skills, a laundromat, fresh produce, and more.

Open Door is a ministry to homeless and hungry centered at Fort Street Presbyterian. They serve hundreds of meals, a place for a shower, and warm clean clothes for destitute in the area.