



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

† 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 might 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: Crown Him with Many Crowns

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Ephesians 1:15-23 Responsive

¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

2 Peter 1:3-11 Responsive

³His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

⁴Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

¹⁰Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, ¹¹and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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 the Way My Savior Leads Me

Offertory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Guest Pianist: John Beresford

† 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

Philippians 1:3-11 Responsive

³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Hebrews 5:11—6:12 Responsive

¹¹We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. ¹²In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

¹³Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

^{6:2}Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, ²instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³And God permitting, we will do so.

⁴It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age ⁶and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

⁷Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. ⁸But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.

⁹Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are convinced of better things in your case—the things that have to do with salvation. ¹⁰God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

¹¹We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. ¹²We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promise

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Sermon: It's Time to Grow Up

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Satisfied

† Responsive Litany (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

Pastor: For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

People: **The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.**

Pastor: On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

People: **We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God,**

Unison: **And we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

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 has resumed on Tuesday mornings at 10 am. The focus of our study this time is on the book of Joshua. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and maintain distance seating. New people welcome. Call Judy Dellinger or Elaine Clay 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.

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

Jen Freese
 Patty Bodnar
 Cheryl Stevenson
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney
 Brenda's sister, Lois, in AZ, 82 years, Covid
 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
 Metzner family, multiple family deaths
 Sue Work, full healing while in FL

In Need of Prayer

Judy Dellinger, pain, and preparation for surgery on Feb. 1
 Katalee Deighton, surgery on Feb. 2
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer
 Richard Abraham son-in-law of Hartigs, improving
 Judy Carr, foot, plus sister's long term care decisions
 Margaret, Wilsons' friend, brain tumor
 Keely, daughter of Linda Johnson, husband at sea 6 months
 Gail Nastwold, for health
 Darlene Little, heart health.
 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
 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
 Ray Boone's brother-in-law with shingles.
 Karen Isles' brother-in law, Lance, anxiety

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 last week: \$3,180
Giving to General Fund January: \$16,405
Giving to Mortgage in January: \$3,570

We have several people in the midst of recent griefs.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q.50. Why the next words: "and sitteth at the right hand of God"? **A.** Christ ascended to heaven, there to show that he is the head of his church, and that the Father rules all things through him.