



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

† Call to Worship (Psalm 51:10-12, 15-17)

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

People: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

People: Open my lips, LORD, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Pastor: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

Unison: My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, you, God, will not despise.

†Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings
Genesis 22:15-18 Responsive

¹⁵The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶and said,

“I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.

Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

Psalm 105:1-11 Responsive

¹Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

²**Sing to him, sing praise to him;**
tell of all his wonderful acts.

³**Glory in his holy name;**
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴**Look to the LORD and his strength;**
seek his face always.

⁵Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

⁶you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

⁷He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

⁸**He remembers his covenant forever,**
the promise he made, for a thousand generations,

⁹**the covenant he made with Abraham,**
the oath he swore to Isaac.

¹⁰**He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,**
to Israel as an everlasting covenant:

¹¹**“To you I will give the land of Canaan**
as the portion you will inherit.”

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: Tell Me the Old, Old Story

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: 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

Galatians 3:10-14 Responsive

¹⁰For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.

¹¹Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.” ¹²The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, “The person who does these things will live by them.”

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”

¹⁴He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Hebrews 6:13-20 Responsive

¹³When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, ¹⁴saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.” ¹⁵And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

¹⁶People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument.

¹⁷Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.

¹⁸God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged.

¹⁹We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Why Did God Swear?

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (see next page for litany)

† Hymn: Freely, Freely

† Responsive Litany (Hebrews 10:19-35)

Pastor: Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

People: and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

Pastor: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Unison: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

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

¹Have 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 inward 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

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

Linda Szczepanek, multiple family deaths
 Jen Freese
 Patty Bodnar
 Cheryl Stevenson
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Regina Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney
 Brenda's sister, Joyce, Covid
 Don Rende's brother, Bob; nephew, Chris
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Gary, Marion, Dan, friends of L.Szczepanek
 Dot, friend of Cheri Boone
 Carmen and Grace, injuries, per Gail N.
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Kelly Vincent, daughter of Bert Schwab
 Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer
 Kelly's friends, John, and Jeff
 Metzner family, multiple deaths in family
 Sue Work, full healing while in FL
 Linda Johnson's care of mother, dementia

In Need of Prayer

Judy Dellinger, surgery on February 1.
 Katalee Deighton, surgery on February 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
 Jerome, friend of Clays, needs a job
 Donna Whiting in loss of friend, pray for husband, Jeff
 Karen Isles' brother-in-law, Lance, anxiety, loss of job
 Ray Boone's brother-in-law, Leroy, shingles.
 Karen Isles, sister-in-law, beginning chemo for cancer

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: \$4,395
Giving to General Fund January: \$20,800
Giving to Mortgage in January: \$3,780

We have several people in our congregation who have lost loved ones. Remember to pray for God's comfort and peace as they mourn.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 51. How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?
A. First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out his gifts from heaven upon us his members. Second, by his power he defends us and keeps us safe from all enemies.