



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Welcome to Worship

**FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

**Gathering Song: I Cannot Tell**

**† Call to Worship** (Psalm (9:1,2, 7-10)

**Pastor:** I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of your wonderful deeds.

**People:** I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

**Pastor:** The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

**People:** The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**Unison:** Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

**†Hymn: The Church's One Foundation**

**† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

## First Scripture Readings

### Genesis 14:11-20 Responsive

<sup>11</sup> So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. <sup>12</sup> They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.

**<sup>13</sup> Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram.**

<sup>14</sup> When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. <sup>15</sup> And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus.

**<sup>16</sup> Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.**

<sup>17</sup> After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). <sup>18</sup> And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) <sup>19</sup> And he blessed him and said,

**"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
Possessor of heaven and earth;  
<sup>20</sup> and blessed be God Most High,  
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"**

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

### Hebrews 7:1-10 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, <sup>2</sup> and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything.

**He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. <sup>3</sup> He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.**

<sup>4</sup> See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils!

**<sup>5</sup> And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. <sup>6</sup> But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.**

<sup>7</sup> It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. <sup>8</sup> In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives.

**<sup>9</sup> One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, <sup>10</sup> for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.**

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: I Am His and He is Mine

**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** **Psalm 110**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD sends forth from Zion  
your mighty scepter.  
Rule in the midst of your enemies!**

<sup>3</sup>Your people will offer themselves freely  
on the day of your power,  
in holy garments;  
from the womb of the morning,  
the dew of your youth will be yours.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD has sworn  
and will not change his mind,  
“You are a priest forever  
after the order of Melchizedek.”**

<sup>5</sup>The Lord is at your right hand;  
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

<sup>6</sup>He will execute judgment among the nations,  
filling them with corpses;  
he will shatter chiefs

over the wide earth.

**<sup>7</sup>He will drink from the brook by the way;  
therefore he will lift up his head.**

### **Hebrews 7:11-28**

<sup>11</sup>If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? <sup>12</sup>For when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also.

**<sup>13</sup>He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar.**

<sup>14</sup>For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. <sup>15</sup>And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, <sup>16</sup>one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. <sup>17</sup>For it is declared:

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

<sup>18</sup>The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless <sup>19</sup>(for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

<sup>20</sup>And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath, <sup>21</sup>but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him:

**“The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind:  
‘You are a priest forever.’”**

**<sup>22</sup>Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant.**

<sup>23</sup>Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. <sup>25</sup>Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

**<sup>26</sup>Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.**

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**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon: The New Priest and the New Way**  
Dr. James N. McGuire

## Pastoral Prayer

### † Hymn: Grace Greater Than All Our Sin

### † Responsive Litany (Hebrews 9:24-28)

Pastor: For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one: he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.

**People: Nor, did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.**

Pastor: Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

**Unison: Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to all who are waiting for him.**

### † Benediction

### Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

**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**

Cindy, Engebretson's daughter, in hospital  
 Judy Dellinger, recovering from surgery.  
 Katalae Deighton, recovering from surgery  
 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; 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: \$2,470**  
**Giving to General Fund February: \$2,470**  
**Giving to Mortgage in February: \$110**

**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. 52.** How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you? **A.** In all my distress and persecution I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. (Part two of this answer will appear next week.)