



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

† Call to Worship (Psalm 100 ESV)

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

Pastor: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

Unison: **For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

† Hymn: All Hail the Power

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Justin Isles)

Genesis 9:8-17 Responsive

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth.

¹¹I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

¹⁴Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind.

Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

¹⁷So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

Psalm 25:1-15 Responsive

¹In you, LORD my God,
I put my trust.

**²I trust in you;
do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.

**⁴Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.**

⁵Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

**⁶Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.**

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;

Second Scripture Readings

(Reader: Justin Isles)

1 Peter 3:18-22 Responsive

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

¹⁹After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built.

In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.

It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Hebrews 9:11-15, 24-28 Responsive

¹But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation.

¹²He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

¹³The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean.

¹⁴How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

¹⁵For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

²⁴For 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. ²⁵Nor 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.

²⁶Otherwise 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.

²⁷Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸so 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 those who are waiting for him.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: One Time and No More, Ever

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Freely, Freely

† Responsive Litany (Hebrews 4:14-16 ESV)

Pastor: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

People: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Unison: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

† 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, rehab
Bill Rector
Brenda Cook, health/medication adjustment
Cindy Taaffee
Jen Freese, health, Maya's health,
Dennis & Ellen Dorman
Kent's sister, Lori
George Donoian and family
Gail Nastwold
John Dellinger's sister, Nancy
Don Rende's brother, Bob
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
Mark, cousin of Elaine Clay, post-op infection
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepaneks
Linda Szczepanek
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger
Cindy Bemis
Yvonne Ray, assisted living
Alberta Weaver, at home
Ray Boone's friend, Marvin, back surgery

Ken, Bev's son-in-law, severe back pain
Anastasia, for continuing pregnancy
Alanna, daughter of Bruce Terras's manager
Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray Johnson's daughter
Keely & Josh, daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson
Julie, dear friend of Chernenkoffs
Nicki, Donna's neighbor, new cancer
Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowki
Brenda's sister, Joyce, surgery 2.18.21
Kelly Rende's co-worker, new cancer
Grieving families with recent loss of loved ones: Kelly Rende, Linda Szczepanek, Sam Hutson, Dormans
Kristen, Clay family friend, for successful pregnancy
April's friend Kristen, Kristen's mom with brain cancer---for comfort, salvation
Brenda's nephew, Stephen. His friend committed suicide
Baby Jase, mom Lindsay, friends of Linda Johnson
Renata, friend of Elaine, auto accident injuries
Carl (wife Darlene), Roger, end of life, by Judy Carr

Healthcare Workers: Ray Johnson, Angie O'Dell, Karen Isles, Krystal Murphy, Claudine Sordyl—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.

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: \$5,045
Giving to general fund in February: \$9,435
Giving to mortgage in February: \$200

Heidelberg Catechism: Heidelberg Catechism: Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and death? **A.** That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Q.1 continued next week