



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: In Times Like These

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 86)

Pastor: Hear me, LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. You are my God; have mercy on me, LORD, for I call to you all day long.

People: You, LORD, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you. Hear my prayer, LORD, listen to my cry for mercy.

Pastor: When I am in distress, I call to you because you answer me.

People: Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart that I may fear your name.

Unison: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me.

†Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

1 Peter 1:13-25 Responsive

¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

¹⁴ **As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”**

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

¹⁸ **For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.**

²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²² **Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For,**

“All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.

And this is the word that was preached to you.

1 Timothy 6:3-19 Responsive

³ If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, ⁴ they are conceited and understand nothing.

They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions ⁵ and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

⁹ **Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.**

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹³ **In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made**

the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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: Be Thou My Vision

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Guest Pianist: Joanna Perumalla

† 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

1 Corinthians 9:24—10:13 Responsive

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

²⁵**Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.**

²⁶Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.²⁷No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

^{10:1}**For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.**

³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were

scattered in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.”

⁸We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes.

¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!

¹³No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Hebrews 10:19-25 Responsive

¹⁹Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not 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.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: The Full Assurance of Faith

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: May the Mind of Christ My Savior

† Responsive Litany (Hebrews 12:1-4)

Pastor: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

People: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Pastor: For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Unison: Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Your Deacons invite you to join them for a short meeting after the service today. We will be blessed to have Melinda Tarpinian here to help us understand and serve more effectively in caring for individuals and families affected by dementia or Alzheimer's.

Melinda has had extensive experience in her family and has taken the time to learn more about the condition and ways to make these situations easier. This will be the introduction to what she has to share. No obligations on your part; just come to learn. We will try to keep the length at about 30 minutes. Come to Fellowship Hall.

Easter Lilies

Today we begin to accept orders for Easter lilies for the sanctuary. You will find an order sheet in your bulletin. You may take your plant home following the Easter service. Please see Caroline Milam to complete your order.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

On Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022, we will have our Tenebrae Service, a Service of Shadows. It will begin at 6 p.m. and focuses on Christ's death on our behalf.

Easter Sunday is April 17. Come and rejoice in the reality of Christ's resurrection, sing the joyous hymns and hear again the Word of God

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

Janet Young, in rehab after a fall
 Sean Murphy, for improved health
 Linda Szczepanek, multiple family deaths
 Jen Freese, pain
 Patty Bodnar
 Cheryl Stevenson
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney
 Brenda's brother, Bernard
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, poor health
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Gary, Marion, Dan, friends of L.Szczepanek
 Dot, friend of Cheri Boone
 Grace, injuries, per Gail N.
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer
 Sue Work, full healing while in FL
 Karen Isles, legal deposition
 Boone's friend caring for invalid, age 102
Pray for the Persecuted Church

In Need of Prayer

Chuck Krueger, son of Carolyn Krueger, knee surgery/fall
 Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
 Katalee 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, Wilson's 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
 Scott MacKenzie, son of Jim & Patty MacKenzie
 Rose, friend of Boone's, COVID complications
 First responders & Border Patrol for safety & wisdom
 Karen Isles' brother-in-law, Lance, anxiety, loss of job
 Karen Isles, sister-in-law, beginning chemo for cancer
 Delilah, young relative of the Isles family
 Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia
 Pam Paglino's friend, relatives in Ukraine
 Pray for your elders and deacons
Pray for the war in Ukraine

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: \$2,504
Giving to General Fund in March \$9,869
Giving to Mortgage in March: \$1,600

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jack and Senie Engebretson on the death of their daughter, Cindy, on March 19, 2022. Cindy is also survived by her husband, Frank Bemis. Service Monday at RG Harris, Livonia.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 57. How does "The Resurrection of the Body" comfort you? A. Not only my soul will be taken immediately after this life to Christ its head, but even my very flesh, raised by the power of Christ, will be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body.