



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Welcome to Worship

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**Gathering Song: I Gave My Life for Thee**

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

Pastor: Create in me a pure 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: Join All the Glorious Names**

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

## First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Donna Whiting)

### Colossians 1:15-20 Responsive

<sup>15</sup>The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

<sup>16</sup>**For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.**

<sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

<sup>18</sup>**And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.**

<sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

### 1 John 5:14-18 Responsive

<sup>14</sup>This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

<sup>16</sup>**If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that. <sup>17</sup>All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.**

<sup>18</sup>We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.

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: It Took a Miracle

## 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

(Reader: Donna Whiting)

#### I John 1:5—2:1,2 Responsive

**<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

<sup>2:1</sup>My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**<sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.**

#### Hebrews 10:26-39 Responsive

<sup>26</sup>If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, <sup>27</sup>but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

**<sup>28</sup>Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. <sup>29</sup>How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?**

<sup>30</sup>For we know him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” and again, “The Lord will judge his people.” <sup>31</sup>It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

**<sup>32</sup>Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. <sup>33</sup>Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated.**

<sup>34</sup>You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. <sup>35</sup>So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

**<sup>36</sup>You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. <sup>37</sup>For,**

**“In just a little while,  
he who is coming will come  
and will not delay.”**

<sup>38</sup> And,

“But my righteous one will live by faith.  
And I take no pleasure  
in the one who shrinks back.”

<sup>39</sup> **But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are save**

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**Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon: The Unpardonable Sin**

Dr. James N. McGuire

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **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**

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against 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.

<sup>5</sup>Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup>Surely you desire truth in the inward parts;  
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

<sup>7</sup>Cleanse 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**

#### **† Hymn: In Christ There is No East or West**

#### **† Responsive Litany** (2 Corinthians 5:17,21; Romans 8:35,37-39, ESV)

**Pastor:** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**People:** **For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

**Pastor:** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**People:** **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

**Unison:** **For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

#### **† Benediction**

### **Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers**

**Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor**

# **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

## **Easter Lilies**

We have begun 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  
 Regina 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: \$3,780**  
**Giving to General Fund in March: \$13,649**  
**Giving to Mortgage in March: \$1,860**

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.

**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.