



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: This is My Father's World

†Call to Worship (Psalm 104;24, 27-28, 31, 33-34)

Pastor: How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.

**Unison: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.**

†Hymn: O Worship the King

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings
Genesis 1:1-3; 2:1-9 Responsive

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ **And God said, “Let there be light” and there was light.**

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

² **By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.** ³ **Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.**

⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵ **Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground,** ⁶ **but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.**

⁷ Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

⁹ **The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**

John 1:1-5 Responsive

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² **He was with God in the beginning.** ³ **Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.**

⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

⁵ **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

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: All Things Bright and Beautiful

Offertory

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Morning Has Broken
Pianist: Linda Johnson**

arr: Floyd Cramer

† 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 8 Responsive

¹ LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory
in the heavens.**

² **Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

⁵ **You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.**

⁶ **You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:**

⁷ all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
⁸ the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

⁹ LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Hebrews 11:1-3 Responsive

¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³**By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.**

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon: By Faith We Understand

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: I Gave My Life for Thee

† Responsive Litany (from Colossians 1)

Pastor: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. All things have been created through him and for him.

People: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Pastor: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 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.

People: Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your mind because of your evil behavior.

Pastor: But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

Unison: if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

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

Janet Young, in rehab after falls
 Linda Szczepanek, multiple family deaths
 Janet Evans, recent injuries
 Jen Freese, pain
 Patty Bodnar
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, poor kidney
 Brenda's siblings, Bernard and Joyce
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, poor health
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Gary, Marion, Dan, friends of L. Szczepanek
 Cheri Boone's friend, Dot, fall w/injuries
 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, hip pain
 Boone's friend caring for invalid, age 102

**Pray for the Persecuted Church
 Pray for the war in Ukraine**

In Need of Prayer

Linda Davis, sudden death of sister-in-law
 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
 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
 Salvation for Edward, Laura, Nick

Audio Sermons can be heard on the church website: <http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org>

**Monthly Budget Need: \$18,333
 Giving to General Fund last week: \$6,122
 Giving to General Fund in April: \$15,832
 Giving to Mortgage in April: \$350**

Our Military: Metzner's grandson; Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq. William, co-worker of Krystal Murphy, recently deployed overseas.

Please pray for those who have had recent losses in their family, for God's comfort and peace.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 61. Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God? **A.** It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God. And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

Upcoming Events:

Covid-19 was hard on our Church Life, but we are now happy to resume important activities that **encourage** us in the knowledge of the scriptures and in **fellowship** with one another. You will find again that it is worth the effort.

Adult Sunday School: Begins each Sunday Morning at 9:30 am. Pastor McGuire is teaching from the book of Genesis. Discussion encouraged.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Do you know the riches in the book of Malachi? Come at 6 pm each Wednesday and get to know Malachi.

Remain after today's service for light refreshment and fellowship.

Clean the Church Day: We are a volunteer-driven church, but you know the old saying, only 20% do all the work. We are thankful for those who come faithfully each week, but it is time for some Spring Cleaning!

We need people to dust, vacuum, clean fingerprints, bathrooms, etc., and several to re-open the kitchen.

Save the day: **May 21 from 9-12 noon. Please sign up in the Narthex.**